

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28th, 2016

Council present: Michael Perkins, Chairman
Donald Borman
Mark Fisher
Dana Wrigley
Byron Wrigley, Sr.

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager
Robert Ellis, Code Enforcement Off
Raymond Brickett
Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Jerome Boulette

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley and voted 5-0 approving the minutes of the meeting held August 24th, 2016, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Ellis, discussed his annual visits to the six (6) licensed auto graveyards/junkyards. Mr. Ellis recommended that all six (6) of the above yards receive approval and be re-licensed for the year (Oct 1st thru Sept 30, 2017).
3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to accept a \$2000.00 donation, from the entire Facility Evaluation Committee, to the town to be used to fund the Audio Visual equipment for the Cascade Room.
4. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Byron Wrigley and voted 4-0-1(Dana abstained) to appoint Dana Wrigley as the voting delegate to vote at the MMA business meeting scheduled for 10/5/16 @ 1:30pm in Ballroom 5 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, Maine.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley, Sr., and voted 5-0 to approve the second reading on General Assistance Ordinance with amendments.
6. Mr. Ellis, Code Enforcement Officer, addressed the progress being made for property located on the Smithfield Road owned by Bruce O'Clair. Ellis said that Mr. O'Clair has removed many of the items from his front yard and disposed of a number of vehicles. Mr. Ellis stated that Mr. O'Clair, at this time, isn't breaking any town ordinance relative to his property.

Manager's report:

1. Councilors received the August Library Report.
2. Councilors agreed that should a problem arise from allowing fireworks during this dry period of weather the Fire Chief could/would determine if there would be a need to amend the current ordinance to prohibit the permit(s) during dry weather.
3. The Town Manager asked for Council input on the future arrangements for the Parks and Recreation Department, Code Enforcement and Assessing Departments. The

Council agreed that we have the current space in the town office to accommodate those departments. Suggested future discussion would include:

The RSU is currently conducting their assessment of buildings in the district. Would there be possible space for the recreation department in one of those buildings?

Should the current Facilities Committee be involved in the study to come up with a long term solution?

At this time Councilors agreed to move the Recreation Director into the former Council Chambers. Currently Eric Seekins is in a space that serves as a hallway coming in the back door of the building.

4. Councilors received a copy of a letter dated September 19, 2016 from Mr. Waterbury's of the MMA Risk Management Services. The Leader score has increased slightly from 4.7 out of a maximum of 5.0 this year. The information gathered during the visit has been forwarded to the Underwriting Dept. for review and will calculate the overall Leader Credit.

Other:

1. An open house for the Police Department will be held on Friday, October 7th.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley and voted in favor of entering into executive session at 6:35 pm., per- 1-MRSA, Section 405(6)(A). Acquisition of real property or economic development; and -Personnel Matters: 1-MRSA, Section 405(6)(A)

It was moved, seconded and voted to come out of executive session at 6:58 pm. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to sign an addendum on 21 Railroad Avenue.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to extend the town manager's contract for one (1) year.

Adjournment: It was moved by Byron Wrigley seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:01 pm.

