

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 12th, 2021

Roll Call:	Michael Perkins David Groder	Dana Wrigley Donald Borman	Robert Nutting
Others:	Gari Bowman, Town Manager Kelly Roderick	Janice Porter, Town Clerk Jon Cox	

Business Agenda:

1. Councilors voted by secret ballot on the Council Chairman and Vice Chairman positions. Michael Perkins was elected Chairman and Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman, for the ensuing year.
2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approving the minutes from December 29th, 2021, Council meeting and to sign the disbursement warrant.
3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 approving the nomination for the 2022 Spirit of America Award.
4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approving the "Remote Meeting and Participation Policy" for the town. Said policy allows the town to conduct remote meetings with participation from the public. Remote methods would include internet-based video conferencing platform that allows for screen sharing.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 authorizing the Town Manager to continue with the action plan set forth for Memorial Hall. The Manager indicated that she believes the largest expenditure will be installing a fire alarm system for the inside of the building. Gari will be meeting with Scott Stevens to discuss the plan, which includes items for which Scott must adhere to in order to continue utilizing the building for dance instruction.
6. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-1(David Groder opposed) to table the request for adopting Juneteenth as a recognized holiday.
7. Council members signed the Town Manager's evaluation form.
8. There was no action taken on the proposed vaccination policy.

Manager's Report:

Gari reported that he had received communication asking for the use of a portion of the Wrigley Recreation property for parking, for those users of ATVs and snowmobiles, that would be utilizing the new rail to trail system.

Councilors agreed that the parking area would not be a good fit for this property. Excessive traffic coming in and out of the property along with the noise would be unfair to the abutters of the town property. Along with town plans for baseball fields, holding OakFest at this location and possibly locating the town office at this location.

Councilor Wrigley stated that there is currently a parcel of land for sale, located out of town on Fairfield Street, which borders the tracks. Possibly this might be a viable option.

The Manager will respond to the request from Brian Bronson.

Adjournment – It was moved by David Groder seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:25 pm

