

MINUTES
CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers, 290 Tuttle Road
Monday, March 12, 2007

7:00 p.m. – CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chairman Moriarty, Councilors Copp, Damon, Storey-King, Turner, and Porter.
Councilor Stiles arrived at 7:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 26, 2007

Motion by Councilor Turner; seconded by Councilor Copp, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0 (Councilor Stiles in at 7:05 p.m.)

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Nomination papers available March 19th; must be returned by April 30, 2007. Two At Large seats open on the Town Council and SAD Board of Directors.
- Heavy truck registrations – town expects to offer registrations for trucks weighing up to 26,000 pounds beginning late summer to early fall.
- Rabies clinic – Town and Coastal Humane Society are offering a rabies clinic on Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 9 – 11 am at Val Halla. Clerk's staff will be on hand to offer 2007 dog licenses.
- Online tax payments – service became available today.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Pamela Harwood, Cumberland Farmers Market, stated 2007 begins the market's 11th year offering locally grown meats, flowers, produce. Cumberland's municipal contribution has supported its marketing efforts and she requested continued support of the \$1,000 contribution. Councilor Porter clarified that the proposed FY '08 municipal budget contains \$1,500 and added "we certainly support the work you're doing."

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

07 – 031. Public Hearing to consider and act on a Contract Zone with Cumberland Center Group, LLC to construct three two-unit senior housing condominium buildings located at 317 Main Street.

Chairman Moriarty explained this hearing marks the fifth time this issue has been considered, providing a brief review of the prior deliberations. The version before the council this evening contains one change which relates to the statement for preference to Cumberland residents. "The town shall require preference for all units be given first to present Cumberland residents, immediate relatives of current Cumberland residents, and former Cumberland residents, in that order." The developer and future owners shall notify the Town Manager of a sale at least 30 days prior to listing. The town shall maintain a residence preference list and notify those on the list of the intent to sell, similar to the current process utilized at the town's senior housing complex.

Councilor Turner spoke to the buffering provision of the contract. Page 4 states a vegetated buffer shall be planted along the northern property line and "approved by the Planning Board." Councilor Turner noted concerns have been raised suggesting buffering may be sparse. He feels the Planning Board is "able to fine tune the buffering to make the project fit more harmoniously."

REBROADCAST SCHEDULE ON REVERSE

Mr. Bob Coulliard, 55 Lower Methodist Road, Planning Board member, responded that the original contract zone required a chain link fence and asked for the council's opinion on "something that would fit more in the character of the neighborhood." Chairman Moriarty noted the contract requires "a vinyl coated chain link fence or approved equivalent shall be installed on both property lines abutting the High School." Councilor Storey-King also noted that the current fence is six feet.

Melissa Gattine, 325 Main Street, believes the recent comprehensive plan survey responses show that "of all the people who supported zoning changes, the people least likely to support this type of change on Main Street were 65 years and over" to which Councilor Porter concurred "they support it less" when compared to other resident groups, but "It's a semantic difference."

Councilor Damon commended Mr. Chase and Mr. Wortley for their responsive efforts. "They have bent over backwards." Councilor Damon stated she has received a high level of input regarding this development and "The more I've thought about it" and "after looking at the lot this evening, it's too much density and too small an area. I just can't do it. If this were off in a field far away, I wouldn't think anything of it. But in that particular location I just think it's too much."

Carolyn Currie, 321 Main Street, believes it "overwhelming to have that kind of construction right there. There is such an impact on our daily life by that school. I just don't know that that's an appropriate place to put retired people. I would urge you to do four (units) if you've got to put something in there, and not do six."

Doug Currie, 321 Main Street, "this lot is not an ideal lot...and the impact to the people who are going to be living there is not inconsequential. Then there's the issue of cars, buses, traffic. Our opinion is valid because we know what it's like to be near the school."

Bill Follett, 371 Main Street, Comprehensive Plan Survey Committee member, cautioned the town to "get through the zoning...and look at the process as a whole. Maybe there's a better alternate use for that property. Just because we can contract zone now doesn't mean we have to."

Maura Nolin, 13 Farwell Avenue, feels "The site is unique, bordered on two sides by the school. It's a bottleneck...exactly where this is being placed" and requested information on the available property once housing the flower shop on Main Street. She is bothered the most by whether consideration would be given to a development that does not provide affordable senior units on a one acre lot. "For me, it feels like it's a way in to get around things. If it were not for seniors, you would not be considering it." Chairman Moriarty explained Contract Zoning requires a "public benefit" and believes the preference and affordability collectively satisfies the public benefit provision of the contract zone ordinance. "That has been the thrust of the comment from the council up to this point." Councilor Porter added that the town's 30 senior housing units located off Tuttle Road are currently "as close as these units are going to be" with three times the number of units. .

After considering input, Councilor Turner expressed "it all boils down to density and what your view of density is. I heard nothing about the aesthetic quality of these units." He added that many communities support density of this type because they believe it "contributes to the sense of community."

Carolyn Currie, 321 Main Street, questioned "How did we get to this point?" She referred to the Planning Board's February 6, 2007 vote to oppose the contract zone. Chairman Moriarty responded that the council forwarded the request to the Planning Board after its January 8, 2007 public hearing, seeking an "advisory recommendation. It doesn't control up or down." The council considered the project again at a public hearing held February 12, 2007. Another public hearing was scheduled for February 26, 2007 and tabled until this evening due to noticing requirements. Councilor Copp added that a site walk was also held, noting "That was the most informational" step in the process for him. "They're being generous offering two of these units at an affordable price. They could only do one."

Councilor Storey-King stated her initial density concern related to number of bedrooms, which the developers reduced after the first public hearing. Councilor Porter noted that 1/3 of the units are affordable. The project started at five with one designated affordable, and now two of the six are designated affordable. “That’s a big movement. The developer is going a lot further than we did when we did our own affordable housing.”

Chairman Moriarty addressed the issue of location for seniors. These units will be purchased “with open eyes; it’s a matter of personal choice.” This lot “lends itself to something out of the norm. To the extent we have something to offer...in the Center, I think it’s a good location. I think it’s a good idea and I think it’s a good location. Public testimony concluded at 8:08 pm

Councilor Porter moved; seconded by Councilor Copp, to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Contract Zoning Agreement, with Exhibits A, B and C attached, with Cumberland Center Group, LLC, to construct three two-unit senior housing condominium buildings located at 317 Main Street, Map U13, Lot 111.

VOTE: PASSAGE 6-1 (Councilor Damon)

Councilor Porter reiterated the chair’s statements regarding “smart growth. I like the idea of having homes built where the services are. I don’t believe the traffic is going to be a major issue,” noting that 130 cars will no longer utilize Main Street as a result of the reconfigured school entrance. Councilor Storey-King asked about the accessibility particulars of these units. Mr. Wortley responded “I think that’s in our best interest. All the units will have first floor bedrooms and bathrooms with doors wide enough for wheelchairs...and the entry door would be wider than that.” Speaking in particular to the neighbors, Councilor Storey-King explained she has advocated “for the details; however, I think seniors will make good neighbors.” 62% of the people who currently live in town could not afford a median priced home in this town” based on income data and market data. “It’s a mixed use Main Street” with a lot of character. The Chair explained the next step is a public hearing by the Planning Board on March 20, 2007.

A short break was taken at 8:20 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

07 – 032. Public hearing to consider and act on purchase of property at 56 Forest Lake Road, Forest lake, Cumberland, Map U22, Lot 13C.

The Chair provided introductory remarks explaining that a site walk was held in December; a Workshop meeting held on January 15, 2007; and a televised meeting held February 12, 2007. Cumberland Lands & Conservation Commission has recommended the purchase of the property with considerations, in particular, recommending the formation of a volunteer Forest Lake Advisory Committee, to include a Cumberland member of the Forest Lake Association. The chair provided examples where a citizen’s advisory committee was formed: Twin Brook – there was “vocal opposition” to the purchase when presented. A vote was taken in 1992, and in April, 1996, the Twin Brook Advisory Committee “came forward with a plan “that you see there today; nearly four years after the council voted to buy the property.” Rines Forest: A July, 2003 council vote, followed by a 2006 trail system opening to the public. Between 2003 and 2006 a “volunteer committee did the work necessary to develop the trail system.” Doane property: a council vote occurred in August, 2000 and “Literally nothing has been done with that property” in these years. “Should this purchase go forward tonight I think we’re going to follow the same pattern.”

The Town Manager spoke to the negotiation process, which resulted in a recommendation for purchase at a price of \$318,000. He noted that the terms of the sale were posted on the town’s web site Thursday and shared with the Forest Lake email list on Friday. The Manager recommended using the Chebeague Island secession funds for the purchase of this property. He recommends the facility be gated at the property entrance to restrict vehicular access until a plan is in place. He anticipates the council appointed advisory committee to begin working within 30 days of the purchase to develop a Facility use Policy; all use prior to the adoption of the policy must be approved by the town council. The purchase will be delayed as a result of a petition process. However, because a vote by the council occurring at a date beyond this evening would likely create the need for a special election, the Manager requested the council vote on the purchase this evening.

Chairman Moriarty clarified that a referendum is “not automatic. It is subject to a referendum on petition.” The petitioners have 30 days to submit signed petitions with the required number of signatures, and the council is required to hold a public hearing within 30 days of the petition certification. At that time an election date is set. A municipal election is scheduled for June 12, 2007. The Chairman opened the public hearing at this time giving Cumberland residents the first opportunity to speak. 8:45 p.m.

Bob Simonds, Bruce Hill Road, asked if the council is prepared to put restrictions on the use of the property before formation of the advisory committee. Chairman Moriarty responded that it “wouldn’t be accessible by any vehicles.” “I think it’s great that the town is looking at providing access for the recreational uses there” added Mr. Simonds, noting his support for lake access by kayaks and carry-in boats. However, the town “should not allow motor boats to impact the entire lake.” He further requested the council consider restricting access to trailers.

Frank DeWolfe, Orchard Road, expressed his belief that the town had a “preconceived decision” to purchase the property. Important to him is that the residents on the lake receive “a clear intent” on the town’s use of the property. The Chair explained the committee meetings are open to the public and a determination would need to be made regarding restricting access to Cumberland residents only. Enforcement will be the responsibility of the police department. “I just want to assure you that the issues have been flagged for us. The comments are in the written record. They’re all valid and legitimate.” Mr. DeWolfe requested more time be provided to seek petition signatures. Chairman Moriarty explained “we are bound by what the charter says.” Councilor Storey-King suggested “there is not a more opportune time” to purchase than now due to the anticipated income from the Chebeague secession. “This is money we don’t have to add to taxes.” Mr. DeWolfe questioned if “this the best use of the money. You’re not going to get enough impact” from this purchase to benefit the entire town of Cumberland. “Spend it on something that’s going to benefit a lot more than just a few.”

Scott Wyman, Crossing Brook Road and a Zoning Board of Appeals member, encouraged the council to buy the property, suggesting the money from Chebeague is “a transfer of assets” for losing waterfront. “This decision is for the next generation of Cumberland residents to come. The Forest Lake Association has been excellent stewards” and the town has been a fine steward of land as well. “I think we can work together and cohabitate as great neighbors.”

Ted Chadbourne, Stockholm Drive and Land & Conservation Commission member, feels most strongly about the right of Cumberland residents to vote on the purchase. It’s “wholly appropriate” to have such a referendum procedure for purchases of this size, “but...you would be serving your constituents better...to voluntarily put forward a referendum.” He commended the council, chairman and manager for obtaining this option. But, it’s important for residents to understand this “is not a swimmable place.” He suggested a “very active role” in the management of the site by the Forest Lake Association, questioning if an option was investigated to sell a house lot, reserving a right-of-way for public access.

Mary Maloney, Maloney’s Ridge Way, encouraged the town council to purchase this property and provide a small boat landing.

Rob Gauvin, Old Gray Road, has lake property but no waterfront access. He is provided access to the lake by a waterfront owner in order to launch his 16 foot boat with 25 hp motor. He “would love” to have public access in order to take his boys fishing, and suggested that milfoil can be introduced by the boats of lake residents who visit other lakes and unknowingly bring it back to Forest Lake. He requested the size of the ramp be limited and parking be provided.

Jim Lynch, Blackstrap Road, believes a 10 hp limit “is not gonna hurt the lake.” Jet skis will hurt the loons. The development around the lake is more detrimental to the water quality in his opinion. Milfoil can be introduced by a bird. “It’s a good opportunity.” He does not support a carry in/out restriction.

Mark Ranalletti, Island Avenue, thanked the council for their attention to the concerns of the association. He questioned whether a committee could be established to “deal with how we spend that 1.3 million” and to prioritize the use of these funds. “Do you really consider this to be an essential town service, or a nice to have?”

Councilor Storey-King noted that the budget process is under way; however, there has been very little public attendance. “We’d like to have more input to the budget.” Councilor Damon added that “We’re not just talking about 1.3 million in the settlement.” Additional monies will be forthcoming over the next fourteen years as part of the settlement, and another \$1.7 million is “going to SAD 51 as part of the settlement.” Additionally, the town will receive half of the property taxes from the outer islands over the next 50 years. As part of the settlement, all of the public land on Chebeague Island is accessible to Cumberland residents. “There’s a lot of money that’s coming to the mainland.”

Bob Heyner, Forest Lake Road, reaffirmed his prior statements that grant money was awarded through a competitive process by the DEP. “Most all the grant money must be matched by volunteer hours. There were 4,364 volunteer hours expended” already. Another grant is expected. “Should you decide to purchase the property, we hope that your discussions and decisions in the future will lead you to use of the property in a way that minimizes all the risks to the lake. It clearly can not be left to the ad hoc committee without some professional help from the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District and the DEP. At a minimum, we would expect you to protect the lake” by: proper buffering at lake side, clearly limiting the site to carry-in, carry-out of small craft, canoes and kayaks; large boulders to prevent cars and trailers from getting close to the edge of the lake; placement and maintenance of trash receptacles and porta pottie; installation of a water diversion to ensure water does not flow unimpeded to the lake access point; support from police department to assist warden monitoring, stand alone signage and kiosk re: warning of deep water drop-off and thick vegetation along the shoreline. “We believe (canoes and kayaks) will be less risky for milfoil getting into the lake than any kind of motorized craft.”

Randy Copp, Skillins Road, commented “we all have rights to the lake.” The survey also asks about “hunting in town.” He feels a referendum would likely repeal the ability to hunt. “If you don’t like it don’t do it, but don’t take my right away.” He would not restrict the boat launch to hand carry due to the need to access the lake “for safety reasons.”

Alex Brown, Forest Lane, thanked the council for their time. He asked about the charitable contribution and asked how it would be carried out. The Manager explained the “money paid out of pocket is \$318,000 and the gift letter is for tax purposes. There’s nothing that will come out of the pocket of the residents of the town of Cumberland.” Mr. Brown asked whether it should reflect \$379,000 as the acquisition price on the ballot. The Manager replied no, “Because we’re not going to pay that.” Councilor Damon noted this was also done with the Curit property purchase. It was sold for \$200,000 and a letter was provided for the difference of the appraised value. “It’s the actual money that changes hands.”

Teresa Maloney-Kelly, Maloney’s Ridge Way, described herself as a “low impact taxpayer. What am I getting” for my taxes? “This is a valuable resource; a great return” on tax dollars.

Bartley Parker, Island Avenue, questioned the purchase, suggesting the town is “overpaying for something that’s been on the market for a year and a half. There is no market for it because it hasn’t been sold.” There are other properties for sale for those who want access to the lake. “The American way” is to buy it rather than the town purchasing it “for you.” Councilor Porter responded the appraisal came in at \$330,000; the purchase price is \$318,000. The protection of the quality of the lake is “so much more difficult” with open access, Mr. Parker believes. Councilor Damon spoke “philosophically about public access” stating the State has public lands that “everyone benefits from.” The Lands For Maine’s Future is “overwhelmingly funded over and over again. Unfortunately, in Cumberland all we have is mud flats.” Mr. Parker questioned “public access points” on the lake now owned by the town; i.e. paper streets. The Manager noted that they are “not very responsible points” of access due to their narrow width.

Bill Follett, Main Street, commended the council for finding this site and said it should be done “because everyone had access, and now they don’t.”

Bill Brown, Greely Road, does not support the purchase. “I have seen other parcels bought by the town” with more money added at a later time. He would prefer the money go to tax reduction.

Nancy Heyner, Forest Lake Road, asked at what point the council must inform the residents about the additional costs beyond the purchase price, such as demolition, etcetera. “How much more of that comes out of the 1.3 million?”

Chairman Moriarty responded the public is informed “at the time it is spent” and highlighted the SAD improvements, Rines property and Twin Brooks as examples. At the time of the purchase the council doesn’t yet know what those costs will be. This figure represents the “cost of acquisition.” Councilor Storey-King added “the town doesn’t spend any money in secret.” Ms. Heyner also believes this project has been put “on the fast track,” especially when compared to the earlier Main Street condominium project. “It seems like we’re being hurried. I feel it was very rushed.” Councilor Porter replied “we’ve had two workshops with the Forest Lake Association, which is unusual. This is our fourth meeting. I don’t think that’s rushed at all.” Councilor Storey-King added that the survey return date was also extended.

Alex Brown asked about the timeline for a special election.

Robert Maloney, Maloney Ridge Way, supports the purchase. He “survived” several purchases by the town. “This is as good a piece of property as you’ll ever find. It is public property.”

Ron Copp, Skillins Road, strongly urged the council to buy this property. “This property will be twice as much in ten years; it’s certainly not a poor investment.” He is opposed to restrictions and recommended waiting to see if there will be issues.

Bob Coulliard, Lower Methodist Road and Route 100 committee member, stated “I wish we had this amount of people come to our committee meetings. The uses can be controlled by the advisory committee. He supported the purchase.

Duncan Smith, Island Avenue, commended the council for their work. He opposes this purchase because he has seen what happens “when people get on the lake that don’t care about it. I wonder how anybody can think all this added traffic isn’t going to do the same thing.” How are you gonna keep people off it in the winter time?

Jeanine Gorham, Forest Lane, stated that it is a personal issue for him; “this is my backyard. Please take into consideration the people that do live on the lake.”

Rick Campbell, Old Rd, Gray, feels over 300 homes will be affected by this project. He is an advanced rescue diver and suggested the town petition the Copp’s to launch rescue boats off the Copp property. “It’s more dangerous to launch” from this property. We’ve cleaned up a lot of stuff from that lake. The property values will be negatively impacted by milfoil infestation possibly caused by additional boaters. Mr. Campbell claimed “there are remains on the property.” “There used to be a gravestone there, but it got removed when the for sale sign went up.” Mr. Campbell also mentioned two sunken boats off the shoreline of this property.

Tina Leblanc, 19 lakeside Drive, Windham, asked if the two town mgrs have been spoken with. She feels there should be a long discussion between the three towns. “Our taxes are affected as well. I just don’t feel the caring is there. That’s my big concern.” It is one of the worst places to learn to kayak due to the shallowness of the lake.

Pauline Ossander, 1 Hill Street, Cumberland, mentioned the number of large turtles. “There are wildlife..I wouldn’t want my kids to...fall off the boat. The turtles are everywhere.”

Francis Brautigam, Regional Fisheries Biologist, to support the council in acquiring this property. The department has identified Forest Lake as a priority for public access. They are willing to provide financial support and technical expertise. “We have some skills to bring forward to assist the town.” They are also interested in pursuing a stocking program. Mr. Brautigam offered his assistance to the advisory council. The issues raised “are way too complex and require a lot more discussion. I just want to remind you...this is a public water of the state.”

Jackie Bailey, Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic plants, presented power point slides addressing invasive water plants. The presentation was entitled “Maine’s Eleven Most Unwanted.” Maine currently has four of the invaders. Variable water-milfoil is in 26 Maine water bodies, including Cumberland county water bodies. Infestations are primarily in the southwestern part of the state.

Nancy Heyner, Forest Lake Road, clarified that to the best of her knowledge there are cremated remains on the property. She was personally shown a headstone, which “is no longer there.” She believes the cement “pad” does still exist on the property.

Alex Brown referenced the safety of the leaf barrier below the surface of the water, “which can act almost as a quicksand” to a small child, and requested the council consider the safety issues. The swimming cove to the west of the access can also be a hazard from motor boats. “In light of some of these revelations” he requested the item be tabled for further consideration as a result of these items raised this evening.

Bob Heyner, Forest Lake Road, addressed the issue of float planes, stating there were 3 float planes on the lake 2-3 years ago. It’s been about two years since we’ve seen a lot of float plane activity. But, “it’s always a possibility...and it is a safety issue that needs to be watched.”

Duncan Smith, Island Avenue, pointed out that most of the boats on that lake do not go in and out. Councilor Copp stated he has had numerous occasions where his property was used for launching. There are other that don’t ask permission; however. Public comments ended at 10:50 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Porter; seconded by Councilor Copp; to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Darrell Plummer, Peter Plummer, Ralph Plummer, Charles Dews, and Linda Harvey for property located at 56 Forest Lake Road, Map U22, Lot 13C, at a purchase price of \$318,000 and written acknowledgement of a charitable contribution equal to \$12,200 per seller.

Council discussion: Councilor Damon and her family have spent time on the lake in the past. Her husband grew up on the shore of Auburn Lake. There’s no swimming in Lake Auburn, but fishing, kayaking and canoeing occurs. “I see lakes as being an asset, but I think it is something you have to protect. This town has a history of doing due diligence. If it goes forward we should have all different representation on that committee. This is a better option than developing the paper streets. This is an opportunity to not have the tax base impacted. This is something that we should do.”

Councilor Porter added there are issues that still need to be addressed. “I think the Forest Lake Association has done a wonderful job bringing the lake to the quality level it is. I am not one who believes in private lakes; this is not a private lake. I’m concerned about those that are abusing the lake now... and when that occurs; I want to hear about it. You’ve raised some valid concerns this evening. Hopefully, this will end the opposition piece, except for maybe going forward with the referendum.” He encouraged the association to utilize the referendum process. “I encourage a good healthy debate going forward.” I think after we move forward...there is a way for us to come to common ground. Our differences aren’t that great.”

Councilor Turner agreed, “With some difference. I’m not at all apologetic about being all for this acquisition.” The importance of the way that access is handled is vital. We’re gonna have quite a bit of discussion” on access and possible restrictions, but “the benefits way outweigh the burdens. In a broad sense...we all own these lakes.”

Chairman Moriarty thanked the members of the association for their input and participation. “You’ve educated me in a lot of issues of which I was marginally aware. This is a unique and unprecedented opportunity...the likes of which we may not see again...or at this price. This is an opportunity to be taken advantage of in a responsible, deliberate, and carefully thought out way, as we have done with the other opportunities that we have seized in the past. I support the purchase. We strive to be responsive to people’s needs. We strive to be visionary and far-sighted in the work that we do. The view down the long road isn’t always clear.”

Councilor Stiles added that by purchasing the property without accepting state monies it allows the town “to control our own destinies. By buying it ourselves we haven’t lost that option.”

Councilor Copp has spent “as much time on this lake as anybody in this room.” On any given day” there were 300 people down there. “You wouldn’t want to see that again, nor would I. People were slobs. The town of Cumberland

wants to be a good neighbor. It's a great opportunity for young kids in this community who don't have anyplace that they can go to do that. I think the town of Cumberland will bend over backwards to try to help you guys and to be good neighbors."

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 7-0
11:08 p.m.

07 – 033. Set a public hearing date of March 26, 2007 to consider and act on a wharf application by Katherine Pope for additional floats at 19 Sturdivant Road, Map U05, Lot 7D.

Motion by Councilor Damon; seconded by Councilor Turner, to set a public hearing date of March 26, 2007 to consider and act on a wharf application by Katherine Pope for additional floats at 19 Sturdivant Road, Map U05, Lot 7 D.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 7-0

07 – 034. Set a public hearing date of March 26, 2007 to consider and act on the Twin Brook shelter and maintenance project and to proceed with Planning Board and DEP construction documents and approvals.

Motion by Councilor Porter; seconded by Councilor Damon, to set a public hearing date of March 26, 2007 to consider and act on the Twin Brook shelter and maintenance project and to proceed with Planning Board and DEP construction documents and approvals.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 7-0

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Copp – blasting is occurring on Skillins Road and the road has been tied up. A bad fire in Gray a week ago today – he commended the Cumberland fire department - the first responders.

Councilor Damon – Chebeague Island has advertised for town staff and “is really coming along with our job applications”; commended the clerk, chair and manager for their assistance in the process.

Councilor Storey-King – thanked the department heads for their time during Saturday budget meetings; they all “take this very seriously.”

Councilor Turner – congratulations to the Greely hockey team; everyone deserves credit.

Chairman Moriarty – the budget workshop for this Sat has been canceled, and there will be no workshop next Monday evening.

Councilor Stiles – as Chair of the budget committee, he reported the process is “doing very well;” Chief Small will be recognized at the March 26th meeting for his title of Executive Fire Officer bestowed by the National Fire Academy.

Chairman Porter – Fire Department annual dinner March 24, 2007; thanked residents for their emails.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Copp; seconded by Councilor Damon, to adjourn.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 7-0

TIME: 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadeen Daniels, CMC
Town Clerk

March 12, 2007