

MINUTES
CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Cumberland Town Council Chambers
Monday, August 13, 2007

6:00 p.m. – Circuit Breaker Program Committee Meeting (televised)
Councilors Stiles, Copp, and Storey-King
7:00 p.m. – CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chairman Porter, Councilors Copp, Storey-King, Turner, Moriarty and Stiles. Excused: Councilor Perfetti.

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- II. **MANAGER’S REPORT**
- III. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
- IV. **LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

07 – 105 To administer Oath of Office to Fire Department Officers.

The Manager deferred to Chief Small who explained, “This is a very exciting evening for us. This is a new tradition for the Cumberland Fire Department - swearing in our new officers.” The Chief recognized officers Rawnsley and Harmon for their years of service. “We are very pleased to have their history with us ... to help mentor these new officers.”

The Town Clerk provided the oath of office to the following officers: Captains Craig Rawnsley, Scott Morgan and Brian Brooks; Lieutenants David St. Clair, Robert Hodson, and Norman Dutil; and Deputy Fire Chief Daryl Rawnsley.

Each officer received a uniform badge which was pinned by a family member. A celebration followed at fire headquarters.

07 – 106 To set Public Hearing date to fill Committee/Board vacancies (August 27th).

Chairman Porter recommended an August 27, 2007 meeting date. He also noted that one public and one council appointee to the School Consolidation Committee are needed by 9/15. The Doane Committee openings will be filled in the fall.

Motion by Councilor Stiles; seconded by Councilor Moriarty, to set a date of August 27, 2007 to fill certain committee and board vacancies.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0

07 – 107 To set waste disposal dates:

- **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, September 8th (Yarmouth)**
- **Universal Waste, October 6th**
- **Bulky Waste Pick-up Week, October 15th -19th**

The Manager explained these programs occur annually. The Household Hazardous Waste Day will occur from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm at the North Road Fire Station in Yarmouth. The Universal Waste Day will occur in Cumberland, for Cumberland residents only, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Universal waste items include commuter monitors and keyboards. A list of acceptable items is available on the town's website. Bulky waste items should be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. Unacceptable bulky waste includes appliances containing refrigerants, tires with rims and wood products or construction debris. Residents may dispose of these items at the Portland Riverside Landfill. Chair read through the items that can be accepted curbside during heavy item week.

Paul Weiss, asked if universal waste products could be left at a drop-off site until they are collected, and the Manager explained the town does not have the resources to manage early drop-off and collection. It is his hope to provide this service twice a year in the future, however. Mr. Weiss also volunteered to serve on the Conservation Commission.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King; seconded by Councilor Turner, to set the following waste disposal dates: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day – September 8th; Universal Waste Day - October 6th; and Bulky Waste Pick-Up Week – October 15th to 19th.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0

07 – 108 To hold a public hearing to consider and act on a Mass Gathering Permit and Victualer's License for the Cumberland Fair, Cumberland Fairgrounds, September 23rd – 30th, 2007.

The town clerk's office worked with the fairgrounds staff to "expedite" the victualer's licensing process this year. Chairman Porter announced he would be working at the Lions Club booth and Councilor Stiles mentioned his membership in the fair association.

Motion by Councilor Copp; seconded by Councilor Moriarty, to approve a Mass Gathering Permit and Victualers Licenses for the Cumberland Fair, Cumberland Fairgrounds, September 23rd – 30th, 2007.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0

07 – 109 To set Public Hearing date to amend the Property Tax Assistance Ordinance (August 27th).

The Manager explained the circuit breaker subcommittee met in workshop prior to this evening's meeting and taped their presentation for rebroadcast on Channel 2.

Motion by Councilor Stiles; seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to set a date of August 27, 2007 to consider and act on amending the Property Tax Assistance Ordinance.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Porter – received notice from MDOT re: public meeting re: replacement of the Doughty Bridge over Piscataquis River; to be held in council chambers 8/28 at 7 pm.

Councilor Moriarty – spoke to project he began as Chairman re: locating framed pictures of former councilors/selectpersons in town hall; Librarian Thomas Bennett can reproduce these photographs without a negative through a high-resolution scanner. “We’ve got 20 years worth of photos which we will produce and frame uniformly;” will discuss with councilors later where to place the photos in town hall. “I think it would be a nice addition to the town hall.”

Councilor Stiles – received a letter from Lois Stailing commenting on Morrison Hill Cemetery – surprised to see the stones cleaned and straightened; great that cemetery work is being noticed “they’re all looking very good;” new law re: mandatory Right To Know training for newly elected officials; Manager explained he will provide training through MMA sometime in October. Councilor Stiles very pleased to see Cumberland receive dividends from MMA for our workers comp program.

Town Manager – re: MDOT work on Doughty Bridge - there will also be a two week bypass of traffic from Route 100 onto Blackstrap Road; some confusion around single stream recycling - our split packer truck now also collects recyclables. We’ve had single stream for two years - suggested a “newsletter if you will” to notify residents of upcoming events. Spoke to the increase in our recycling rates - ten years ago at 421 tons and today at 894 tons of recyclable material; a 31% increase since implementation of PAYT three years ago. “It’s phenomenal...and something we should be very proud of.” Every ton saves \$150 in avoided costs. PAYT “is working for us.”

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilor Stiles; seconded by Councilor Copp, to recess to Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405(6)(D) re: police contract negotiations, and §405(6)(C) re: use of real estate.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0
TIME: 7:50 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Stiles; seconded by Councilor Moriarty, to return from Executive Session.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0
TIME: 8:38 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Stiles; seconded by Councilor Turner, to authorize the Town Manager to offer the transfer to and adoption of Plan 2C of the Maine State Retirement System for existing and future employees, effective July 1, 2007.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0
TIME: 8:39 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Moriarty; seconded by Councilor Stiles, to adjourn.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS PASSAGE 6-0
TIME: 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadeen Daniels, CMC
Town Clerk

