

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, February 27, 2017

5:30 P.M. Budget Workshop

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

5:30 P.M. WORKSHOP re: FY'18 Budget

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

Present: Councilors Copp, Gruber, Stiles, Storey-King and Turner

Excused: Councilors Bingham and Edes

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to accept the February 13, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane said that nomination papers will be available on March 20th for 2 School Board seats and 2 Town Council seats. They must be returned to the Town Clerk by April 27th. If anyone is interested in running for School Board or Town Council, they can see the Town Clerk on March 20th to get the paperwork.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

17 – 024 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a wharfing out permit for 30 Ferne Lane, Map U06/Lot B16, as recommend by the Coastal Waters Commission.

Town Manager Shane explained that the Coastal Waters Commission has met on this permit and Chairman, Lew Incze is here this evening to explain the Commission's recommendation.

Mr. Incze said that this pier is located in the upper part of Broad Cove where it is quite shallow during most of the tide, and part of the design will include a wing off the pier with a boat lift. Some of the Commission members were a little concerned that there might be some objection by the neighbors to the appearance of the boat lift. Nobody from the public attended the site walk or the Public Hearing to voice their objection and there is nothing in the ordinance to prohibit this type of structure. Since the area is so shallow, this design is better for the boat and for the shallow area. The Coastal Waters Commission made the following motion in regard to the application:

To approve as presented with the stipulations present below:

- 1. The access ramp will be built on an area with low slope and will inevitably affect the underlying vegetation. We want to reiterate our concern that the structure does not lead to development of an erosional gully.*

2. *The diagram of the pier does not explicitly show the elevation of the pier structure above the marsh vegetation near the head of tide. The application says this is 6' (complies with DEP requirements regarding shading of intertidal plants). We want to ensure that a person walking along the shore can reasonably proceed underneath the pier while walking along the shore at or near mean high water; that the structure does not create an unreasonable barrier to such movement.*

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Chairman Turner opened the Public Hearing.

Public Discussion: None

Chairman Turner closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to approve the wharfing out permit for 30 Ferne Lane, Map U06/Lot B16, as recommend by the Coastal Waters Commission.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

17 – 025 To consider and act on granting a one-time waiver to allow the Cumberland Lacrosse Club to hold their annual Boys Youth Lacrosse Jamboree on Sunday, June 11th beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Twin Brook Recreation Facility.

Town Manager Shane explained that consistent with the Twin Brook Use Policy, Sunday activities before 1:00 p.m. have not been allowed. The Lacrosse Club is here this evening to request a waiver for their event. He said that it would be best if these types of requests be considered by the new Parks & Recreation Commission and they can make a recommendation to the Town Council.

Jonathan Becker, President of the Cumberland/North Yarmouth Youth Lacrosse said that the club is requesting Sunday this year because of the large turnout at past events and need for high school officials who are generally busy with playoff games on Saturday's.

Councilor Stiles said that he would prefer to send this request to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a recommendation.

Town Manager Shane said that the Parks & Recreation Commission is scheduled to meet on March 9th.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to table this item to March 13, 2017.

VOTE: 5-0 UNINAMOUS

17 – 026 To consider and act on authorizing the Town Manger to execute a 3-year contract with DSCI, LLC for a new telephone system for Town Hall and Prince Memorial Library.

Town Manager Shane explained that that we have been looking at replacing the current phone systems for over a year. Our current system is well over 20 years old and has become difficult to maintain. The new system uses computer lines and will be much more user friendly.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Copp, to authorize the Town Manger to execute a 3-year contract with DSCI, LLC for a new telephone system for Town Hall and Prince Memorial Library.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

17 – 027 To set a Public Hearing date of March 13th to consider and act on a liquor license renewal for Rachel's On the Green from March 30, 2017 to March 29, 2018.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Copp, to set a Public Hearing date of March 13th to consider and act on a liquor license renewal for Rachel's On the Green from March 30, 2017 to March 29, 2018.

VOTE: 5-0

UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Gruber – The Food Pantry served over 40 families last week. The Town Manager is always there helping out. Thank you Mr. Town Manager for that.

Baseball season is coming. He received his umpiring schedule and will be umpiring a lot of varsity games this season.

Councilor Storey-King – Greely has a new State Champion track team. The girl's team won the state title last week. Boy's hockey will play a tournament game tomorrow evening. Congratulations to Axle Lindsey who won first place in Class A downhill skiing. Congratulations to the Western A Champion boys who play Saturday afternoon in Augusta.

Greely Drama Club is about to kick off their spring play.

Audrey Hankinson completed a Girl Scout project where she got some benches built and placed at the school playground. She is working on her Gold Award, in which she will make sure that homes in Cumberland are properly numbered and marked clearly for emergency services. Councilor Storey-King will be her sponsor and help her through the process of this important project.

Chairman Turner – He thinks there is a little spring fever going on out there. He has run into quite a few situations where people are blowing their horns at each other, driving fast and tailgating. We need to calm down while driving and not take our frustrations out on other drivers.

Councilor Stiles – He has a new granddaughter. Aislin Elaine Stiles was born on February 23rd. That makes 15 grandchildren.

The Cumberland/North Yarmouth Joint Standing Committee met recently and authorized Penny Asherman of the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust to complete a grant application for trail signs and benches for the Knight's Pond Reserve.

The Central Fire Station Building Committee also met and have finalized the plan for the new fire station.

He thanked Councilors Copp, Gruber and Turner for their donation to the 4-H auction that will benefit the food pantry.

Councilor Copp – none

Town Manager Shane – Bubba and Michelle Smith will be on the next Council agenda to request that the Council consider allowing them to transfer the ownership of Rachel's On the Green contract to their sister Patty and Celeste (who currently work at the restaurant). Patty and Celeste will do a great job and the Smith's will be missed. Mike Smith will be staying on to help Patty and Celeste.

He reminded Middle Road residents to follow up on the letter that they should have received and make their appointment to get their wells tested prior to pre-construction blasting.

The next Planning Board agenda will have the site plan application for the new fire station, the Sign Ordinance amendments (including allowing LED Signs in the Town Center District), and lot line change in the Village Green subdivision where the old landfill's property line slightly crosses over onto Village Green's property. It does not impact anything, it is simply a housekeeping issue.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Copp, to adjourn.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary

Ordinance Committee Meeting after adjournment