

# **MINUTES**

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

**MONDAY, December 9, 2019**

## **7:00 P.M. Call to Order**

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

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Copp, to accept the November 25, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Stiles abstained)      MOTION PASSES

### **II. MANAGER'S REPORT**

The wall at the Historical Society is now fixed and is in the curing state. No official date as of yet when the building will be moved, but it will be in the spring.

### **III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Derek Trunbull and Brigitte Mitchell said that they are here this evening representing Fuller Road (the new development off Blackstrap Road). They asked the status of their road becoming a Town road. It's been 2 years.

Town Manager Shane said that he spoke to Ben Grover's attorney, Alan Wolf earlier today, and there is going to be a neighborhood meeting scheduled at Town Hall next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this. The neighborhood will be required to form a homeowners association and they will be responsible for clearing the detention basins on an annual basis, completing a small report and go through a DEP inspection every 5 years. The road is built to Town standards and is ready for acceptance. Mr. Grover has to hand over a warranty deed and a 2-year performance bond to the Town. All of this is in the developer's court. The Town is ready to accept the road once everything is in order from the developer.

Peter Rubins of Blanchard Road asked if there is any truth to the rumor that Scarborough Downs horseracing is moving to the Cumberland Fairgrounds. There is the potential of 40 to 50 races in Cumberland, which is very different from a couple of dog shows and a craft fair every year. If it is true, we need some transparency about the details.

Councilor Stiles (a member of the Cumberland Farmer's Club) said that the Farmer's Club is meeting this evening. Mike Timmons, President of the Farmer's Club is very involved in harness racing. When Scarborough Downs closes that will leave 50 race dates open. In the past, the open race dates were not all given to one track, they were spread around to different tracks. This is not a done deal, and it is likely being discussed at the Farmer's Club meeting this evening.

Cathy Wright of Skillin Road said that she is not opposed to racing at the fair grounds, but would assume that any expansion into slot machines would have to come before the Town Council. If the races are allowed, they may have to expand the mobile home housing area for the horseman.

Town Manager Shane said that would have to go before the Planning Board.

Council Stiles said that most of the horse owners and drivers live elsewhere. He does not anticipate any housing expansion needed.

Mrs. Wright said that she is concerned about the Historical Society building and the fact that it is wide open to the elements. It seems disrespectful to a historical building.

Town Manager Shane said that it is still under construction and there is still a lot of steel that has to be installed in order to prepare it for the move. Then it will be secured.

#### **IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

##### **19 – 141 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Liquor License renewal for Cumberland House of Pizza.**

Town Manager Shane said staff is recommending approval of the next 3 liquor license renewals.

Chairman Storey-King opened the Public Hearing

Public discussion: none

Chairman Storey-King closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Edes, to approve the Liquor License renewal for Cumberland House of Pizza for the period of January 17, 2020 to January 17, 2021.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

##### **19 – 142 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Liquor License renewal for Flannel Shirt Food Company, LLC d/b/a Cumberland Food Company.**

Chairman Storey-King opened the Public Hearing

Public discussion: none

Chairman Storey-King closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Edes, to approve the Liquor License renewal for Flannel Shirt Food Company, LLC d/b/a Cumberland Food Company for the period of December 27, 2019 to December 27, 2020.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

##### **19 – 143 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on Liquor License renewal for Louie's Grille.**

Chairman Storey-King opened the Public Hearing

Public discussion: none

Chairman Storey-King closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Edes, to approve the Liquor License renewal for Louie's Grille, LLC for the period of January 8, 2020 to January 8, 2021.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilor Vail** – he is very concerned about the 100 acre aquaculture lease application that was received by the Town recently. He thinks that it is time for the Town to draw in other parties for marine resources. The idea of giving someone 100 acres, for no money and no proof of insurance to conduct a business makes no sense to him. He would like the Town Manager to obtain intervenor status for us so we can have a voice at the table. It is unnecessary to take 100 acres of Casco Bay and prohibit anyone else from using it.

**Councilor Gruber** – The Lands & Conservation Commission continues to do excellent work.

The Fire Department is having their annual Christmas tree sale. He is sorry to say that he had to miss the annual pancake breakfast to benefit Toys for Tots.

Thank you to Councilor Edes for the donation of moose meat to the Food Pantry.

He had the opportunity to go to a performance of the Community Band. They were amazing and put on a great show. Former Town Councilor, Mike Perfetti is his new hero! The acoustics at the Performing Arts Center are very good.

**Councilor Edes** – the Fire Department has an entire room full of miscellaneous medical equipment that they loan out to residents. His wife is having leg surgery and Evariste Bernier of the Fire Department helped them to get some mobility equipment to use during her recovery. What a great service this is for the community.

**Councilor Stiles** – he reminded everyone that he continues his efforts to collect just \$10 from 1,000 residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth for the 4-H auction that benefits the Food Pantry with meat. Thank you to those who have donated in the past and he hopes they will consider donating again.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

**Chairman Storey-King** – she attended a Recreation Committee meeting and a Bicentennial Committee meeting last week. Both committees are very busy and focused.

She is meeting Thursday evening with the Chair of the School Board and the Chair of the North Yarmouth Select Board to set the agenda for the January 6<sup>th</sup> joint meeting.

The next Council meeting has a very light agenda and there will be an Executive Session with the Town Attorney. The start of the Council meeting will be between 7:00 and 7:30.

**Councilor Copp** – since Christmas is right around the corner, he asked the Town Manager what items the Food Pantry needs.

Town Manager Shane said that there is a list on the Food Pantry website where people can sign up to donate the needed items.

**Councilor Turner** – he echoed Councilor Edes comments about the medical equipment lending program at the Fire Department. It is phenomenal to have local access to the program. If someone

needs a piece of equipment that our Fire Department does not have, there is a large warehouse in Portland off Brighton Avenue that offers the same type of lending program.

**Town Manager Shane** – a huge thank you to the Lions Club who will be donating 30 cases of oranges to the Food Pantry. They also donated 50 pies at Thanksgiving.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore  
Council Secretary