

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, August 8, 2022

5:45 P.M. Council Photos

6:00 P.M. Workshop to review survey results

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

Present: Councilors Copp, Edes, Filson, Foster, Segrist, Storey-King and Vail

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Vail, to accept the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Filson, to accept the August 3, 2022 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

No Manager's Report

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public discussion

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

22 – 101 To appoint a member to the MSAD 51 Board of Directors.

Councilor Copp, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, explained that last Wednesday evening, the Town Council interviewed all 7 School Board candidates. The deliberation after the interviews was long and thoughtful. It was not an easy decision. He thanked all the candidates and added that they were all very qualified.

Councilor Storey-King added that it was an excellent process for the Town Council to go through and she hopes that the candidates will consider a run for either the Town Council or School Board in the future.

Councilor Vail said that he echoes the comments by Councilors Copp and Storey-King. He was looking for construction and engineering experience in the candidates. Someone who could assist the school with the process of getting ready for a referendum and then reviewing the architect's submissions for the new school. Seeing that the candidates did not have that particular skill set, he realized that he had to look at their other qualifications. He came away from the process pleased that all the candidates were well suited to fill the role and he is fully supportive of the nominee.

Chairman Foster asked for any public comment.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to appoint Jared Levin to the MSAD 51 Board of Directors.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

22 – 102 To discuss potential amendments to the Town Charter and set a Public Hearing date for August 22nd to consider and act on said amendments.

Chairman Foster explained that this is the first step in a very specific process that must be followed to amend the Town Charter.

Councilor Storey-King added that these amendments will change when a newly elected Town Councilor is sworn in from the first Monday to the second Monday of June, following the election.

Councilor Vail said that he initially brought this up and it is really a housekeeping item. If someone is stepping down from the Town Council, this gives the Town Council the opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments that they have made during their term. There also could be some unfinished business that would be concluded at the end of the fiscal year, and this would allow that Councilor to vote on an item that they had an interest in.

Chairman Foster asked for any public comment.
No public comment.

Councilor Segrist made the following motion, Councilor Storey-King seconded: Ordered that the Council set a Public Hearing date of August 22, 2022 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Article II (Town Council), Section 5 (Induction of Council into office) of the Town Charter.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Copp – he thanked all the School Board applicants and encouraged them to try to stay involved in the community.

He made his donation to the 4-H fund that benefits the food pantry and reminded everyone what a worthy cause it is.

Councilor Filson – she had a brief meeting with Police Chief Rumsey and was able to get an understanding of what we're looking at long term with the ALICE protocols (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) and putting together a workshop with the school resource officer in October. It was heartening to see the seriousness and being able to communicate how these protocols are going to make the teachers and administrators feel empowered. We all know that this is an incredibly scary topic and Chief Rumsey should be commended for the humanity that he brings to it. She is really looking forward to the workshop.

Councilor Storey-King – she will report on some interesting numbers from the Rails to Trails meetings at our next meeting.

Chairman Foster – on September 13th at 6:00 p.m., there will be a meeting between the Cumberland Town Council, the North Yarmouth Selectboard and MSAD 51 School Board in our Council Chambers. We will hear a report on the financing of the proposed new school, we will give an update on our survey results, and North Yarmouth will give an update (topic to be determined).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Vail, seconded by Councilor Segrist, to adjourn.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary

Workshop continued after adjournment.