

# MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting  
Town Council Chambers

**MONDAY, October 24, 2022**

**6:00 P.M. Workshop re: Department update from the Police Chief**

## **7:05 P.M. Call to Order**

Present: Councilors Copp, Filson, Foster, Segrist, and Vail

Excused: Councilor Edes and Councilor Storey-King

Chairman Foster said that there was a workshop prior to the Council meeting with our Police Chief and School Resource Officer to talk about ALICE, which is emergency training that is being rolled out within our school district. We also got an update on the Police Department's bodycam investment that the Town made over the summer.

## **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilor Vail, seconded by Councilor Segrist, to accept the October 10, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Copp abstained)      MOTION PASSES

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

Town Manager Shane introduced Police Chief Rumsey who presented the Chief's Award to School Resource Officer, Amie Owen. Chief Rumsey read the following:

*The Chief's Award is presented by the Cumberland Chief of Police to employees who exemplify the highest standards of service to the community by virtue of their diligence, dedication, and character. This award may also be granted to employees who develop new, innovative programs which clearly enhance the mission of the department or improve the quality of life for the citizens of Cumberland.*

*It is my pleasure to recognize you with the Chief's Award for your impressive efforts to prepare, organize, and execute a plan to train nearly 450 faculty and staff of MSAD #51 in the concepts of ALICE over a three-day period in August. You accomplished this plan with very little oversight and while displaying a high degree of competence.*

*In preparation for the roll-out of ALICE (an active shooter response training program), you worked with the district's leadership and Safety Committee to build support and buy-in for the program. You also presented the proposal for ALICE to the School Board and received their support. Further, you engaged with district leadership to carve out valuable staff time for the training and planned an aggressive schedule so that 6 ALICE instructors from the law enforcement profession could partner with trained district staff to deliver the training. This was a logistical feat, and a commendable endeavor.*

*On August 26<sup>th</sup>, you worked with Sgt. Mike Pierce of Yarmouth PD to deliver an overview of ALICE to assembled faculty and staff. There were hundreds of people in attendance and many more watching remotely. You were engaging, confident, professional and in full command of the information you presented. Following the assembly, your team of instructors broke up to begin training groups of 15-18 staff in a 2-hour block of scenarios to build on their general knowledge of*

*ALICE. By all accounts, those who attended the training found it to be empowering, confidence-building and extremely worthwhile.*

*During scenario training, you and your team demonstrated the futility of traditional lockdowns in response to an active assailant, and subsequently moved students through the concepts of enhanced lockdowns, evacuation, and counter of an active assailant. The delivery of this serious material and the handling of a myriad of questions required a firm command of the coursework. Each officer instilled confidence in district employees to make swift decisions under pressure, with minimal information to assist their students in a critical incident.*

*In addition to delivering vital information to enhance the safety of every adult and child on the MSAD #51 campus, each officer partnered with ALICE Certified Instructors from among the ranks of school faculty and staff. This pairing added a level of credibility and collaboration to the training which enhanced the experience for all those involved.*

*It is my belief that the school employees who spent time interacting with each officer on the team came away with a newfound respect for the dedication, professionalism, and preparedness of our staff to respond to and mitigate any critical incident on campus.*

*I firmly believe that the concepts taught in ALICE and actualized by scenario training over the past few days will make MSAD #51 a safer campus. This accomplishment would not have been possible without you bringing your impressive organizational talents and enthusiasm to bear. I am proud of you and know that you are well deserving of this award.*

*Congratulations, Amie!*

School Resource Officer (SRO) Amie Owen provided the following overview of a typical day in her School Resource Officer position:

Daily Responsibilities:

The SRO is a police officer in the schools. Responsible for all tasks commonly associated with policing:

- Relationship defined by a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and School District. The SRO is supervised by the Police Department and embedded in the School District to work collaboratively with school staff
- Greeting buses in the morning as visible presence / deterrent (7:45- 9:00AM)
- Patrolling the exterior and interior of campus buildings
- Gaining and maintaining familiarity with students, faculty, and staff (classroom/lunchroom visits, assemblies, events- day of welcome, fire drills)
- Giving extra attention to areas of campus and students who may need it (checking in with students, checking propped doors, parking areas)
- Building rapport with students to facilitate open communication:
  - Fosters trust and appreciation
  - Results in trust for reporting issues such as bullying, sexual assault, sexting
  - Builds trust for threat reporting
- Consulting with building admin on student issues with a nexus to school safety
- Taking initial report of criminal activity

- ✓ A collaborative process:
  - Low-level issues likely to be handled by school admin
  - Serious issues likely to be investigated by Detective Burnes
  - SRO usually will not investigate /charge – to maintain relationship
    - Collaboration necessary to avoid operating at cross purposes and for community communication when necessary
- Communicating with parents and / or conducting home visits (truancy issues, domestic violence at home, behavioral / mental health concerns)
- Working with district and building admin to update emergency plans and serve on crisis teams, safety curriculum teams, etc.
- Getting into classrooms to work with students at a small group level on various topics (consent/boundaries, school safety, inclusion)
- Monitoring buses, lots, and interior roads during student dismissal (2:30-3:30PM)

SRO is also responsible for responding and reacting to emergent issues that arise, which may include:

- Threats, 911 hang-up's, vandalism
- Reports of concern regarding students such as safety issues at home (abuse/neglect, PFA)
- Student conflict which could rise to the level of school safety
- Looped in by school admin regarding student behavioral or mental health concerns which may not rise to the level of a behavioral threat assessment but bear watching

Programmatic Responsibilities:

- Member of the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team
- Key member of MSAD#51 Safety Committee
- LE manager of ALICE program for initial / continuing training and drills
- See Something Say Something rollout
- Liaison between MSAD#51 and Cumberland Police Department (Handle with Care program)
- Community / student programs (bike rodeo, public safety summer camp)
- Liaison with Casco Bay CAN (youth substance use harm reduction)

### III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Bill Stiles of Range Road said that the way he understands it, if the school referendum passes, it will increase the average person's taxes \$200 per year for 5 years. This means that at the end of the 5 years, his taxes will have gone up \$1,000. In addition to that, the school has approximately a 5% increase in their budget, which increases property taxes even more. On top of that, he understands that there is a proposal for \$2,000,000 in improvements to one of their current buildings. He hasn't heard the Council release any information about this, as he call it, impending doom. This all has to do with our overall town budget, and he feels that more information should be out there.

Chairman Foster responded that she thinks that this Council has provided space for the School Board to partner with us and we have Town Council representatives on their Communication Committee. We have invited School Board members to join us at the Farmer's Market, which they have done. We have included information in the Town Crier. From this dais, she has announced the two public meetings that were happening. It is not our proposal to sell, but we have actively made sure that folks know where to find the information.

Councilor Filson added that there will be a mailer sent out to every registered voter with a lot of information regarding the new school project. It will be mailed out prior to election day. Also, the recording of the last School Board meeting has time stamps on it so it's easy to find the conversation regarding the referendum. The Communications Committee is available to answer any questions that anyone has.

**IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

**22 – 130 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on the 2023 Shellfish License allocations, as recommended by the Shellfish Conservation Commission.**

Chairman Foster explained that this is the annual allocation recommendation on shellfish licenses coming from the Shellfish Conservation Commission.

Mike Brown, Chairman of the Shellfish Conservation Commission explained that our fees are noticeably lower than other Towns. There is nobody else offering a free license, and the Commission decided to keep it the same this year. However, there is still a \$10 conservation fee place. The resident fee was eliminated due to the decrease and almost non-existent clam population in our flats. There were conversations about reinstating the license fee, but the Commission decided to leave it as is for this year.

Chairman Foster opened the Public Hearing.  
 No public comment.  
 Chairman Foster closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Vail, to approve the 2023 Shellfish License allocations, as recommended by the Shellfish Conservation Commission.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 131 To hear a report from the Finance Director re: End of Year and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financials.**

Finance Director, Helene DiBartolomeo, presented the following:

Town of  
 Cumberland  
 FY2022 Q4  
 Results  
 (July 1 –  
 June 30)



**General Fund  
 FY2022 Q4 Overview**

	FY2022 Budget	FY2022 YTD Actual	FY22 %	FY21 %
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (6,418,982)</b>	<b>\$ (8,276,384)</b>	<b>129%</b>	<b>125%</b>
Controllable Expenses	\$ 9,381,625	\$ 9,656,843	103%	96%
Fixed Expenses	\$ 23,837,511	\$ 23,847,397	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$33,219,136</b>	<b>\$33,504,240</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>99%</b>

## General Fund FY2022 Q4 Selected Revenues

	FY2022 Budget	FY2022 YTD Actual	FY22 %	FY21 %
Excise Tax	\$ (2,003,000)	\$ (2,260,576)	113%	139%
State Revenue Sharing	\$ (825,000)	\$ (1,554,961)	188%	207%
Permits & Impact Fees	\$ (177,174)	\$ (355,110)	200%	167%
Emergency Transport Billing	\$ (160,000)	\$ (208,470)	130%	97%

## General Fund FY2012-22 Q4 Property Tax Revenue Collection History



## General Fund FY2022 Q4 Selected Expenses

	FY2022 Budget	FY2022 YTD Actual	FY22 %	FY21 %
Police	\$ 1,552,217	\$ 1,541,221	99%	93%
Fire	\$ 1,078,586	\$ 1,015,116	94%	96%
Public Services	\$ 2,287,999	\$ 2,337,726	102%	94%

## General Fund FY2022 Q4 Val Halla Results

	FY2022 Budget	FY2022 YTD Actual	FY22 %	FY21 %
Revenue - Val Halla	\$ (699,026)	\$ (1,036,622)	148%	143%
Expenses - Val Halla	\$ 806,491	\$ 879,544	109%	104%
<b>Net (Gain) Loss</b>	<b>\$ 107,465</b>	<b>\$ (157,078)</b>		

## General Fund FY2022 Q4 Recreation Results

	FY2022 Budget	FY2022 YTD Actual	FY22 %	FY21 %
Revenue - After School	\$ (272,000)	\$ (355,420)	131%	119%
Revenue - All Other	\$ (642,230)	\$ (648,079)	101%	30%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ (914,230)</b>	<b>\$ (1,003,499)</b>	<b>110%</b>	<b>56%</b>
Expenses - Admin	\$ 392,222	\$ 461,547	118%	74%
Expenses - Program	\$ 563,070	\$ 624,562	111%	103%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 955,292</b>	<b>\$ 1,086,109</b>	<b>114%</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Net (Gain) Loss</b>	<b>\$ 41,062</b>	<b>\$ 82,610</b>		

## General Fund: FY2014 – 2022 Fund Balance



Town of  
Cumberland  
FY2023  
Q1 Results  
(July –  
September)



General Fund  
FY2023 Q1 Overview

	FY23 Budget	FY23 YTD Actual	FY23 %	FY22 %
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (6,429,394)</b>	<b>\$ (2,962,344)</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>39%</b>
Controllable Expenses	\$ 10,354,025	\$ 2,994,615	29%	26%
Fixed Expenses	\$ 25,087,066	\$ 7,106,614	28%	28%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$35,441,091</b>	<b>\$10,101,229</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>27%</b>

General Fund  
FY2023 Q1 Selected Expenses

	FY23 Budget	FY23 YTD Actual	FY23 %	FY22 %
Police	\$ 1,706,834	\$ 411,412	24%	23%
Fire	\$ 1,219,397	\$ 303,082	25%	21%
Public Services	\$ 2,501,641	\$ 588,414	24%	21%

General Fund  
FY2023 Q1 Selected Revenues

	FY23 Budget	FY23 YTD Actual	FY23 %	FY22 %
Excise Tax	\$ (2,003,000)	\$ (657,999)	33%	34%
State Revenue Sharing	\$ (1,300,000)	\$ (450,032)	35%	45%
Permits & Impact Fees	\$ (177,174)	\$ (82,782)	47%	44%
Emergency Transport Billing	\$ (160,000)	\$ (19,951)	12%	12%

General Fund  
FY2023 Q1 Val Halla Results

	FY23 Budget	FY23 YTD Actual	FY23 %	FY22 %
Revenue - Val Halla	\$ (856,140)	\$ (429,897)	50%	52%
Expense - Val Halla	\$ 922,314	\$ 394,496	43%	40%
<b>Net (Gain) Loss</b>	<b>\$ 66,174</b>	<b>\$ (35,401)</b>		

General Fund  
FY2023 Q1 Recreation Results

	FY23 Budget	FY23 YTD Actual	FY23 %	FY22 %
Revenue - After School	\$ (320,000)	\$ (56,242)	18%	21%
Revenue - All Other	\$ (694,555)	\$ (693,317)	100%	67%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ (1,014,555)</b>	<b>\$ (749,559)</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>53%</b>
Expenses - Admin	\$ 455,711	\$ 110,927	24%	26%
Expenses - Program	\$ 627,748	\$ 321,255	51%	44%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,459</b>	<b>\$ 432,182</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Net (Gain) Loss</b>	<b>\$ 68,904</b>	<b>\$ (317,377)</b>		

Questions?



Motion by Councilor Segrist, seconded by Councilor Vail, to accept the FY'22 End of Year Financial Report and FY'23 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 132 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 315 (Zoning), Section 28, of the Cumberland Code to add a new Overlay District #6 (Public Safety Telecommunications Overlay District), to include the parcels at Tax Map R03/Lots 25 & 26 and Map R07/Lot 34A, to establish areas where telecommunications facilities may be located for the proper communication by and between public safety agencies and organizations of the Town, as recommended by the Planning Board.**

Chairman Foster explained that this would allow for the erection of cell towers to be paid for with private monies, in a new overlay district.

Councilor Vail added that these two locations are the best in terms of coverage for our public safety communication.

Town Manager Shane added that this came about when the Police Chief came to the Council and asked for permission to apply for a grant for a radio communication study. That study revealed the best location for towers. Our public safety personnel cannot hear on their portable radios in many areas of our Town. Any future tower projects would go before the Planning Board for approval. The action this evening is approval of overlay districts where they would be allowed.

Chairman Foster opened the Public Hearing.

Mike Schwindt, Chairman of the Lands and Conservation Commission, voiced concern that this is not the first time that something has come before the Town Council that the Commission has not taken part in. He first heard about this when he saw the October Planning Board agenda. The Lands and Conservation Commission met in August, September, and October, and at no time was this issue ever raised apprising the Commission that this was coming. The Commission cannot do its job if we do not know what is coming.

Chairman Foster accepted and apologized that the Lands and Conservation Commission was missed in the conversation. At this point, there is no tower being erected and there is currently no lease agreement. The action this evening is to provide the overlay district, so it is a possibility in the future.

Chairman Foster closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Filson, to amend Chapter 315 (Zoning), Section 28, of the Cumberland Code to add a new Overlay District #6 (Public Safety Telecommunications Overlay District), to include the parcels at Tax Map R03/Lots 25 & 26 and Map R07/Lot 34A, to establish areas where telecommunications facilities may be located for the proper communication by and between public safety agencies and organizations of the Town, as recommended by the Planning Board.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 133 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to the Official Zoning Overlay Map of the Town of Cumberland to add a new Public Safety Telecommunications Overlay District, as recommended by the Planning Board.**

Chairman Foster explained that this is the next step in relation to the previous item to change our zoning map to add the new overlay district.

Chairman Foster opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

Chairman Foster closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Segrist, to amend the Official Zoning Overlay Map of the Town of Cumberland to add a new Public Safety Telecommunications Overlay District, as recommended by the Planning Board.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 134 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 84 (Fees & Fines), Section 16 (Rezoning or contract zone fee), C (Zoning Text Change) of the Cumberland Code.**

Chairman Foster explained that this is a fee increase to cover costs for amendments to our zoning map.

Town Manager Shane added that we are required to post out most current map, so every time there is an amendment, we have to have new maps printed.

Chairman Foster opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

Chairman Foster closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Segrist, seconded by Councilor Filson, to amend Chapter 84 (Fees & Fines), Section 16 (Rezoning or contract zone fee), C (Zoning Text Change) of the Cumberland Code.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 135 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 242 (Stormwater Management) of the Cumberland Code, to add new Articles III (Erosion and Sedimentation Control) & IV (Low Impact Development), as recommended by the Planning Board.**

Town Manager Shane explained that as we grew as a community, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) looked at us differently. When you reach a population of over 1,000 people per square mile, which we are in

the center of Town and sections for the Foreside, we are required to watch how stormwater, erosion control, and construction activities are managed and monitored. All neighboring Towns are adopting the same ordinances.

Chairman Foster opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

Chairman Foster closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Filson, seconded by Councilor Segrist, to amend Chapter 242 (Stormwater Management) of the Cumberland Code, to add new Articles III (Erosion and Sedimentation Control) & IV (Low Impact Development), as recommended by the Planning Board.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 136 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 250 (Subdivision of Land), Article 3 (Conservation Subdivision); 6.D.7; 8.D; 9.A.1; and 13.B.1 re: conservation subdivision requirements; Sections: 41 & 44 re: stormwater management; and to add Sections 38.F (Foundation Drains) and 38.G (Monumentation), of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Planning Board.**

Chairman Foster said that the Planning Board did unanimously recommend this as proposed except for a line under the Conservation Subdivision Standards section, item 7. They rejected the recommended language: *prime agricultural land of at least five contiguous acres whether or not in common ownership must be included.*

Councilor Segrist said that to him, the word “must” is redundant. If it’s five contiguous acres, whether or not common ownership, it’s already being a defined term as this is what prime high value conservation area would be.

Councilor Vail said that he is in favor of putting the word “must” back in. This is language that the Lands and Conservation Commission came up with and it has not been tested yet or rejected by any developer.

Chairman Foster opened the Public Hearing.

Mike Schwindt, Chairman of the Lands and Conservation Commission said that after considerable discussion between the Planning Board and the Lands and Conservation Commission, a subcommittee was appointed. The subcommittee met and language was agreed to. When you look at the conservation subdivision standards, under the definition of High-Value Conservation Areas, it reads:

- (1) Existing trails that connect with existing trails on Town-owned land or with existing trails on abutting land protected by a conservation easement;
- (2) Existing healthy, native forests of at least one contiguous acre;
- (3) Habitats of endangered or threatened species;
- (4) Significant wildlife habitats as defined by Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, or the municipality;
- (5) Significant natural features and scenic views such as ridge lines, peaks and rock outcroppings, particularly those that can be seen from public roads;
- (6) Archaeological sites, historic structures, cemeteries and burial grounds; and
- (7) Prime agricultural lands of at least five contiguous acres.

The reason for the five contiguous acres as he recalls, was because we are trying to save farmland so it could be used for food production if need be. He recommended adding the word “must” back in.

Chairman Foster said that she appreciated Mr. Schwindt reading the ordinance language because what she heard is that the word “must” isn’t after any of the other items. The Planning Board’s point is that if there is a plot of land

that has 4 out of 7 of these items, but that adds up to more than 50%, the “must” would say that farmland would always be the number one priority.

Councilor Vail said that it might be helpful to put it in perspective. We have only identified 900 acres. This is a small portion of the Town. To not protect those 900 acres is not the intent. We should carry through with the original intent.

Chairman Foster said that she is not opposed to putting the word “must” back in if we consider that to be a priority. She suggested that the Ordinance Committee could look at this in the future in an effort to clarify the language.

Chairman Foster closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Vail, seconded by Councilor Filson, to amend Chapter 250 (Subdivision of Land), Article 3 (Conservation Subdivision); 6.D.7; 8.D; 9.A.1; and 13.B.1 re: conservation subdivision requirements; Sections: 41 & 44 re: stormwater management; and to add Sections 38.F (Foundation Drains) and 38.G (Monumentation), of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Planning Board, and to reinstate the language: prime agricultural land of at least five contiguous acres whether or not in common ownership “*must be included*” in Section 250-6(D)(7).

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 137 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 229 (Site Plan Review), Sections: 2; 10.C.1; 10.C.2.b & c; and Appendix C, of the Cumberland Code, related to stormwater management amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board.**

Chairman Foster explained that this is related to the two previous items to reflect everything that we just put into the Ordinance.

Chairman Foster opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

Chairman Foster closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Vail, to amend Chapter 229 (Site Plan Review), Sections: 2; 10.C.1; 10.C.2.b & c; and Appendix C, of the Cumberland Code, related to stormwater management amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 138 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 30 (Boards and Commissions) to add Section IV (Parks & Recreation Advisory Board), as recommended by the Ordinance Committee.**

Chairman Foster suggested tabling this item since Councilor Storey-King is absent this evening. She is the Council Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and she would like her to be able to explain this item. There is no time sensitivity on this item.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Vail, to table.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**22 – 139 To set a Public Hearing date of November 14<sup>th</sup> to consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager to execute closing documents for the purchase of the Val Halla Banquet Center from Maine State Golf Association, Inc. for a purchase price of \$325,000.00 to be paid from the Building Reserve Fund.**

Chairman Foster said that this is just to set the Public Hearing date of November 14<sup>th</sup> on this item. There is no action other than that this evening.

Mike Schwindt, Chairman of the Lands & Conservation Commission said that he received an email from the Sustainability Subcommittee of the Lands & Conservation Commission. They are concerned that the impact this expenditure could have on the goal of conserving 30% of the Town lands by 2030 called for in the climate action plan, approved by the Town Council. They are also concerned with the potentially high cost of retrofitting the banquet center to a zero-carbon standard for new buildings, also called for in the climate action plan. The third concern is the extent to which sludge spreading at Val Halla may require remediation.

Chairman Foster said that Mr. Schwindt's comments are recognized and would expect and hope that we will have a formal recommendation from the Lands & Conservation Commission at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

Councilor Segrist requested that this be added to the Lands & Conservation Commission's November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss.

Lou Gallaudet, a member of the Housing Task Force, said that there are several entities that are interested in this purchase. The Housing Task Force is interested in the money because they are working on ways to create affordable housing and find land on which to put affordable housing. Is there anything that can be done with this space in regard to affordable housing? They would like to be part of this conversation.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Vail, to set a Public Hearing date of November 14<sup>th</sup> to consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager to execute closing documents for the purchase of the Val Halla Banquet Center from Maine State Golf Association, Inc. for a purchase price of \$325,000.00 to be paid from the Building Reserve Fund.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilor Copp** – he was absent from the last Town Council meeting, so he wasn't able to make his donation to the Food Pantry, as he does at every meeting. He donated double to make up for this. He attended the 4-H auction at the Cumberland Fair last month where the Town purchased 3 pigs and 1 steer for the Food Pantry. The auction prices were extremely high and the 4-H kids did very well.

Firearms hunting season begins this Saturday. If you're out walking, please remember to wear orange. This goes for your pets also.

He asked the Town Manager when the last day for absentee voting is.

Town Manager Shane said the last day is the Thursday before the election.

**Councilor Filson** – she gave a shout out to the folks at Pine Ridge Acres for the amazing job they did with their fall festival. It is amazing!

Regarding the upcoming school referendum and being on the communication committee for that project, thank you Mr. Stiles for the candid feedback. As we come up to election, the committee will do their very

best to streamline any final communication. If you visit msad51.org, the FAQ's have been updated, and the recording of their most recent meeting has very clear timestamps to make it easy to navigate and find exactly the information you are looking for. The communications committee is doing their very best to make this a very transparent process.

Chairman Foster encouraged folks to reach out to the School Board members to ask questions if you have any, before this very important vote.

**Councilor Vail** – no new business.

**Councilor Segrist** – The Housing Task force will meet at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow evening at Town Hall.

The Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee (which he sits on) met last month. The goal of the meeting was to identify the huge swath of issues that might potentially be on the legislative agenda. Those issues have now been whittled down. He is not certain at this point what the top issues are but will report back when he finds out.

**Chairman Foster** – the Council met in workshop after the last Council meeting to review their priorities and projects. It was a very good discussion and one of the things that was brought up was with the Town Manager's impending retirement. She requested that the Town Manager reach out to our Town Attorney and schedule a time for her to meet with the Town Council to discuss the process of hiring a new manager.

This past weekend, she had the pleasure of attending the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust (CCLT) annual meeting at the new Longwoods Preserve. It was a beautiful spot and a beautiful day. She was able to listen to the amazingly kind words in recognition of what our Town Manager has done and his support in partnership with the CCLT to preserve huge plots of land over the years. He was awarded the Bates Conservation Award from the CCLT in recognition of his 20+ years of being a steward and partner for them. Thank you for all you do, Bill!

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore  
Council Secretary