

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

Monday, March 13, 2023

6:00 P.M. WORKSHOP with the Lands & Conservation Commission re: current and future projects

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

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

Excused: Councilor Segrist

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Edes, seconded by Councilor Copp, to accept the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Deputy Town Clerk, Angela Appleton, administered the oath of office to new Police Officer, Anthony Clukey, and newly promoted Police Captain, Jacob Lachance.

Town Manager Shane reported that the Chebeague Island Transportation Company reached out and asked if the Town Council would have any objection to them installing electric vehicle charging stations at the transportation lot on Route One. The Town Council members had no objection.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Public Works employee, Dan Burr, said that during the last snowstorm, he was plowing on Tuttle Road and came across an elderly gentleman who slid off the road. He was attempting to help him when Councilor Copp came up upon them in his wrecker. Councilor Copp pulled the vehicle out and wouldn't take any money from the gentleman. He just wants to let everyone know that we still have kind people in Cumberland, like Ron Copp, who put people ahead of profit. Thank you, Ron.

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

23 – 020 To consider and act on authorizing a purchase order for a new ambulance to be delivered in FY'25.

Chairman Foster explained that this is something that we have been putting funds aside for and no money is being spent with this action. We are simply authorizing the purchase order to get the ambulance ordered for delivery in 2025.

Fire Chief Small presented the following:

Replace 2013 Ambulance

Change to 4-wheel drive pickup style chassis

Change to gasoline from diesel fuel

Stretcher lift to reduce short and long-term injuries

Equipment will be relocated from replaced unit

Two-year delivery time after contract is signed

\$425,000

Ambulance Purchase

Van



Design Change



Pick up truck

Stretcher Power Lift

- Prevents back injuries
- System will match other ambulance
- Allows safe lifting with minimal crew





Chairman Foster asked for public comment.

Kevin Balvin of Longwoods Road said he is in support of the purchase of a new ambulance. Mr. Balvin spoke about the Maine EMS rule that medical care providers (EMT's and Paramedics) are required to have a Covid-19 vaccination. He urged the Town to do something about this. There is already a serious shortage of EMT's and this situation will only make matters worse.

Town Manager Shane said that the Town is already trying to do something about this. There is a bill before the legislature and Town staff is planning to go to testify in Augusta. He urged Mr. Balvin to consider testifying as well.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Copp, to authorize the issuance of a purchase order, not to exceed \$425,000.00, for a new ambulance to be delivered in FY'25.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

23 – 021 To reappoint William Longley as Code Enforcement Officer and Dan Small as alternate from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

No public comment. No public was present.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Copp, to reappoint William Longley as Code Enforcement Officer and Dan Small as alternate from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

23 – 022 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Mass Gathering Permit for the Garden Brothers Circus to be held at the Cumberland Fairgrounds July 13th – 16th. **TABLED**

No public comment. No public was present.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to table.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

23 – 023 To set a Public Hearing date of March 27th to consider and act on a liquor license renewal for Louie's Grille LLC.

No public comment. No public was present.

Motion by Councilor Edes, seconded by Councilor Copp, to set a Public Hearing date of March 27th to consider and act on a liquor license renewal for Louie's Grille LLC.

VOTE:

23 – 024 To set a Public Hearing date of March 27th to consider and act on amending TIF 8 to construct new affordable housing.

Councilor Vail said that he feels that this is an important step that we as a Council are taking. A little over a year ago, we decided that we would form an Affordable Housing Task Force, and they came back with a number of recommendations. We have also looked at supporting our citizens and those who are less fortunate. He is happy to endorse this.

Councilor Edes said that he will be voting against this. While he commends the Housing Task Force for their work, he feels that we have missed the boat and have not considered the cost of a new school. We have no information on how this will affect the tax burden for our residents. There are too many unknowns. We listened to the Lands & Conservation Commission earlier this evening about sustainability and being able to feed our residents in case of an emergency, and now we want to add more people to our Town. He will continue to vote against any proposed additional housing projects.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Filson, to set a Public Hearing date of March 27th to consider and act on amending TIF 8 to construct new affordable housing.

VOTE: 5-1 (Edes opposed) MOTION PASSES

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Copp – He donated \$20 to the food pantry 4-H fund, as he does at every meeting.

We received a thank you letter from Councilor Storey-King's mother. It was very well received, and she is welcome.

Councilor Filson – Thank you to Mike Schwindt, who was here earlier for the workshop and talked us through the work plans for the Lands & Conservation Commission. They do amazing things.

Thank you to Denny Gallaudet. There is another grant coming our way from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership for \$4,900. This is to look at the larger health of the coastline and Broad Cove.

There is a textile recycling program coming our way in April. This organization takes all the clothing that is put in the bins and sorts it by what is donatable and what's not. What is not donatable is recycled and used for insulation. Nothing goes to the landfill.

Councilor Vail – No new business

Councilor Edes – No new business

Councilor Storey-King – Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board meets tomorrow. The library continues to be your one stop for information and offerings. There are three presentations coming up in conjunction with Lands & Conservation. If you haven't signed up for the library newsletter, you should.

An interesting item that she noticed in the last legislative bulletin was that the Maine Legislature is looking to incentivize people to go into the public safety field. Anything that we can do to get behind that initiative and support it in a way that doesn't cost us money, we should do. One of the ideas is to give them low interest loans for housing. She thinks this is a great idea.

A very happy birthday to her mom tomorrow. She will turn 90 and now considers herself old. Happy birthday mom!

Chairman Foster – Town Council budget workshops will begin right before our next 3 Town Council meetings on March 27th, April 10th and April 24th beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the culmination being Saturday April 29th starting at 8:00 a.m.

Nomination papers are available now and must be turned in by April 13th. We have 2 Town Council seats up for election as well as 2 School Board seats.

On April 12th the Town Council will hold our bi-annual meeting with MSAD 51 and the North Yarmouth Select Board. The meeting will be held at the Geiger Room at the High School and it will be broadcast and recorded.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Edes, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to adjourn.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary