

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, September 22, 2014

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

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

Excused: Councilor Edes

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Turner, to accept the September 8, 2014 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane displayed the First Place trophy that he won in the Demolition Derby at the Cumberland Fair. Competing, besides himself, were Police Chief Joe Charron (who came in second place), Police Officers Chris Woodcock, David Young, Tom Adams, and Public Services Steve Googins. The prize money that Manager Shane and Chief Charron won was donated to Casco Bay C.A.N. and the Cumberland Food Pantry 4-H auction fund.

There have been 6 site walks of the Payson Property with over 250 people attending. The Robbins family has been very gracious by allowing the site walks on their property.

October 6th will be a special Council meeting to discuss the Payson Property referendum.

October 7th is Meet the Candidates night.

October 8th will be a special Council meeting to discuss the Harris Road referendum.

The 4-H auction is taking place this Wednesday at the Cumberland Fair. It is a good cause and he hopes that a lot of people come to support the 4-H kids.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

14 – 156 To set special Town Council meeting dates of October 6th (Payson Property Referendum) and October 8th (Harris Road Referendum) and to cancel the October 13th regular meeting.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to set special Town Council meeting dates of October 6th (Payson Property Referendum) and October 8th (Harris Road Referendum) and to cancel the October 13th regular meeting.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 157 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Mass Gathering Permit for the Maine Principals Association Regional cross country meet to be held on October 25th at Twin Brook Recreational Facility.

Town Manager Shane said that all the paperwork is in order and staff is recommending approval.

Chairman Gruber opened the Public Hearing.
Public discussion: none
Chairman Gruber closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Storey-King said that the Twin Brook Advisory Committee met last week and there has been some concern about people parking in the front field. It is not healthy for the field to have that much traffic on it.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for the Maine Principals Association Regional cross country meet to be held on October 25th at Twin Brook Recreational Facility.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 158 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on authorizing bonding of up to \$740,000.00 for Senior Housing roofs and heating systems (tabled on August 25th).

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Turner, to remove this item from the table.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

Councilor Stiles explained that this bond is being brought forward by the Cumberland Housing Authority. New heating systems have to be installed into 30 units of senior housing for the natural gas conversion, and the roofs all need to be replaced. This bond will be paid by the rental income of the units.

Chairman Gruber opened the Public Hearing.
Public discussion: none
Chairman Gruber closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Stiles made the following motion, Councilor Copp seconded:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it voted, resolved, and ordered by the Town Council, the sum of up to \$740,000 is hereby appropriated, from the proceeds of the Bonds and Notes herein authorized, to finance the costs of new heating systems for 30 units and new roofs for 9 buildings at the Town owned and operated Cumberland Meadows Elderly Affordable Housing Project located at or near Tuttle Road in Cumberland, and which Bonds and Notes may also finance costs of issuance of the Bonds and Notes and capitalized interest of up to three years on the Bonds and Notes (the “Project”) and that the Town Council approved the Bond Orders distributed at this meeting, which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 159 To set a Public Hearing date (October 6th) to consider and act on a on junkyard/recycler permit renewal for Cumberland Salvage.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to set a Public Hearing date of October 6th to consider and act on a on junkyard/recycler permit renewal for Cumberland Salvage.

VOTE: 5-0-1 (Copp abstained) MOTION PASSES

14 – 160 To accept a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Police Department D.A.R.E. Program.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Turner, to accept a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Police Department D.A.R.E. Program.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Copp – there is a new traffic pattern on Route 100 at Morrison's Hill. What used to be two travel lanes is now a single travel lane with a turning lane in the middle. It will take some getting used to but will be much safer. People may not have noticed the new traffic pattern yet. The Town Manager said the DOT will be putting up signs to let people know.

Councilor Storey-King – The Cumberland business of the month (in the CMBA newsletter) is Food Stop. Mark Fortin, owner of Food Stop, has always been tremendously supportive of everything in our community. It was nice to see that business highlighted.

There was a meeting last week with the Cumberland Town Council, North Yarmouth Select Board and the M.S.A.D. 51 School Board. It was a very positive meeting. Chairman Gruber spoke and made the comment that we are losing sleep over the potential purchase of the Payson Property. She said that she is not losing sleep over it at all. For all the work that she has done while on the Town Council, this is maybe the most significant and important item and she believes it is the right thing to do.

Councilor Bingham – he agreed with Councilor Storey-King that the joint meeting last week was a good one. It was the best atmosphere he has seen with the Council, School Board and North Yarmouth Select Board all together in a meeting.

It is Cumberland Fair week. Stop by the Lions Club booth, where he will be cooking.

Chairman Gruber – he has been reaching out to the new members of the Aging in Place Committee. The first committee meeting will be taking place soon.

The natural gas line installation is going well on Route 88. He is very impressed by the subcontractors working on the project.

In response to Councilor Storey-King's comment, he explained that he does lose sleep over the Payson Property because he is fearful of it not going through and missing out on this opportunity that he is very supportive of.

Councilor Stiles – natural gas has started to flow in parts of Town and is going well. He urged people who have not done it yet to contact Summit Natural Gas to inquire.

This is the 3rd year of raising money to help the Food Pantry purchase meat from the 4-H auction. The goal this year was to raise \$10,000 in order to purchase a steer and 2 pigs. As of this afternoon, we have reached our goal of just over \$10,000. This program helps the 4-H kids out as well as the Food Pantry.

Councilor Turner – he thanked Tom Peterson for his generous donations to the Food Pantry. Tom shows up at the Food Pantry with truckloads of vegetables from his garden. Also, thank you to Karen Marden and all our community farmers for supporting the Food Pantry this summer.

In regard to the potential purchase of waterfront property, he said that over the past 30 years, he has been privy to 3 attempts to obtain waterfront property in Cumberland, and those attempts have failed. At this point, we should applaud the fact that those attempts failed because we now have an opportunity for something that would be much better than the previous locations. He urged everyone to analyze the situation and realize what the real costs are going to be. On a bond, we will pay the lowest interest rates possible and this Town will have that property in perpetuity. If this fails, there is not another option. People say that there other properties available for the Town to purchase along the shoreline. That is not true. This is the last chance and either we take advantage of 2,400 feet of ocean front property and 25 acres of land for the good citizens of Cumberland for the eternal future, or we don't.

Town Manager Shane – The Manager reviewed the trash collection events coming up:

- October 4th Confidential Shredding Service 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- October 11th Hazardous Household Waste Collection 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- October 13th – 17th Bulky Item Pickup Week
- October 18th Universal Waste Collection 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The first home was connected to natural gas last week. It will likely be toward the end of October for the majority of neighborhoods will be connected. Main Street heading north will be the first to be connected to the main line.

The second FOAA request was sent to the Wildwood neighborhood. The documents will be on the Town website for the public to see.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary