

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, March 9, 2020

6:00 P.M. Budget Workshop

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 Stiles, to accept the February 24, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Cumberland Health Officer, Anita Anderson will be at the next meeting to talk about the CDC's recommendations regarding the Coronavirus.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

20 – 012 To consider and act on sending to the Lands & Conservation Commission for a recommendation, the acceptance of a gift of land adjacent to and over Red Mill Way from approximately Meadow Lane to Hawthorne Court.

Town Manager Shane explained that Winterberry Court and Linden Court were 2 developments built back in the 80's. The third phase was supposed to be the location where Hawthorne Court sits today, but the developer never completed it and it was turned over to the bank. The Town bought it and turned it into our current senior housing development, Hawthorne Court. The section of road between Meadow Lane and Hawthorne Court was never deeded over to the Town. The problem is that since this development was built, we now have a road acceptance ordinance and this road does not meet the criteria of the ordinance. Town Manager Shane recommended that we work with the homeowner's association to gift the Town the 680 feet of road, and then we could work to create a public easement over that section of the road. At the same time, we can clean up the sidewalk easement language. He recommended that we accept the easement for the sidewalk, which is on the condo association's open space property. That will give the Town the ability to maintain the easement. All gifts of land must go before the Lands & Conservation Commission for a recommendation. Their next meeting is April 1st.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Vail – none

Councilor Gruber – the food pantry served 45 families last week. Thank you to the many volunteers who make it happen.

Last Sunday, the Aging in Place program volunteer drivers were recognized. Many thanks to them.

The Finance Committee interviewed LED streetlight companies last week. Realterm was selected. Thank you to Jen Grasso and David Witherill for their participation in the process.

Greely Boys hockey team won the state championship. It was a terrific game.

Councilor Edes – none

Councilor Stiles – he thanked the Cumberland Police Department for responding to his house when his cows got out and were on the road.

He reminded the public that he continues his efforts to collect \$10 from Cumberland and North Yarmouth residents to help raise money for the 4-H auction to provide the Food Pantry with meat products.

Chairman Storey-King – this Thursday in the Town Council Chambers, the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation will be presenting a workshop on yardscaping.

On March 24th, there will be a woodland landowner open house at the Fire Department.

On March 20th, there will be a showing of a film entitled “Farmsteads” hosted by the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust at 6:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

A friend of hers recently attended a CPR class hosted by the Cumberland Fire Department and said that it was a top notch class and was very impressed with Evariste Bernier, who was the instructor.

She attended a meeting at GPCOG last week on coronavirus. It was a very interesting meeting with a lot of discussion regarding how to inform people without alarming people.

Councilor Copp – he read a letter regarding Deputy Tax Collector (and Town Clerk) Tammy O'Donnell for completing her recertification courses as Certified Tax Collector. Kudos to all the employees in the Town Clerk's office, they do a great job.

Councilor Turner – he and his wife were scheduled to go to Southern California tomorrow, but changed their plans due to the travel warnings because of the Coronavirus.

Town Manager Shane – Deputy Town Clerk, Eliza Porter did a great job running the election last week, under the watchful eye of Town Clerk, Tammy O'Donnell. We had nearly 50% turnout, which is phenomenal.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property.
Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to recess to Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.,
§ 405(6)(C) re: real property.
VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS
TIME: 7:38 P.M.

Reconvene to regular session at 7:47 P.M.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Edes, to adjourn.
VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS
TIME: 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary