

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting
Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, September 14, 2015

6:15 P.M. WORKSHOP tour of the new trails in the Town Forest (weather permitting)

7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Edes, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to accept the August 24, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Lands and Conservation Commission will be holding an event on October 24th to officially open the new and improved trail system in the Town Forest.

At a previous meeting, a resident asked the Council to consider removing the stop sign at Blanchard and Skillin Road. The Manager spoke to the Police Chief who said that before the intersection became a 2 way stop, there were numerous accidents there and he has concerns that making Blanchard Road a straightaway, could become a problem because speeding would become a factor. The Police Chief recommended not changing the intersection to one stop sign. Chairman Bingham polled the Council to see if they wanted to move forward on this to do some engineering traffic studies, or leave it alone. The Council agreed that they would do nothing and leave the intersection as it is.

The Friend's School opened recently on Route One. They have requested a school zone from MDOT. This would mean that traffic in the morning and again in the afternoon will be slowed to 15 mph, on Route One in front of the school. DOT will have the signs up within the next few weeks. Councilor Edes said that if he had known that this would happen, he would not have been supportive of the project. To have people slow down to 15 mph on Route One is not going to be good. Councilor Copp hopes that there are no plans to put a crosswalk across Route One at the school.

Town Manager Shane asked for the Council's endorsement to post no parking signs on the new road going into the Payson Property. One side will allow parking and the other side will be posted. This will be temporary until we can get through the law suits and can get the parking lot built. The Council agreed to this proposal.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

15 – 116 To hear a report from the Aging in Place Committee Chair re: survey results.

Chairman of the Aging in Place Committee, Dale Denno presented the following report:

He thanked the Town Council for their support, both moral and tangible. He thanked the original Co-Chairs of the committee, Peter O'Donnell and Teri Maloney-Kelly. Peter had to resign because he was moving out of Town, and he (Mr. Denno) was asked to fill the Chairman position. Thank you to Tom Gruber and Peter Bingham who are very engaged Council liaisons. Thank you to Bill Shane, Brenda Moore and the Town Staff for all their hard work, and to all the Committee members who are also working very hard.

Mr. Denno explained that the primary focus of the committee is to make Cumberland a community where our residents can remain in their homes and familiar surroundings as they age, dealing with practical issues such as getting to the doctor, finding a plumber or a home care provider, or social issues such as how to avoid loneliness and isolation in a suburban environment.

The broader focus of the committee is to make Cumberland a more connected community for all ages. How can we *all* (older residents, families with children, and singles) do a better job of supporting and looking out for each other? Not just older residents asking for favors, but also offering their time, caring and wisdom to their community.

Mr. Denno reported on the results of the Survey Report (results posted *on Town Website*) noting the following items were mentioned in the survey results:

- **Property Taxes:** Very high degree of concern with property taxes, frequently mentioned in conjunction with concerns for school costs
- **Affordable Housing:** Desire for affordable housing
- **Sidewalks and trails** for exercise and access to goods and services
- **More goods and services** here in town; especially health care
- **Social and recreational programs**
- **Rides:** Primarily to medical appointments
- **Many people volunteered to help with the committee efforts**

What the committee is working on:

- **Property Taxes:** a possible optional tax cap for seniors meeting income and other criteria
- **Rides:** Looking at 2 options; can't be a Town function—would need 501© (3) status
- **Affordable Housing:** We didn't get support on the \$15M senior affordable housing bill; Bill, Tom and Peter are looking at options
- **Social/Health Programs:** We're working directly with Cumberland Rec as well as SMAAA
- **DME:** Loan program in place thanks to Evariste Bernier; Lions partnership
- **Vetting Vendors:** Partnering with Yarmouth on a grant effort; in early phase
- **Compendium of Community Services:** Churches, Library, Schools, SMAAA, Fire, Public Safety, other community groups (e.g., *Woodbank*)

Partnerships:

- **MSAD 51 Relationship:**
Volunteering both ways
H.S. Seniors service commitment
Volunteer opps in the school (TG app. to be a crossing guard)
Access to facilities, better communications
- **Regionalization opportunities:**
NYar and Fal have attended AIP meetings
Working with Yar on Vendor Vetting grant implementation
Possible future grant opps tied to regional approaches

- **Churches:**
Have been working with AIP team
Will be critical to communication effectiveness

Aging in Place Community Forum: October 31st at the Middle School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- **Forum Agenda:**
Compendium of Services available to Seniors
Medical issues for Seniors
Advanced Health Care Directives
Medicare 101
Programs and services available through SMAAA
Volunteer opportunities
- **The “Bill and Jeff Show”** (Town Manager Shane and MSAD 51 Superintendent Porter):
Components of the budget and how taxes are calculated
The budgeting process and how to get involved
How we compare to adjacent communities
Answers to all your questions

15 – 117 To consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager to extend the Purchase and Sale Agreement to December 31, 2015 with the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land, for the purchase of the Knight’s Pond Property.

The withholding of State funds made it very difficult to close on the Knight’s Pond Property in June, as originally planned. The Land Trust has requested that it be extended to the end of the calendar year. The land owner of the property has agreed to work with the Land Trust and allow time for them to secure funding.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Turner, to authorize the Town Manager to extend the Purchase and Sale Agreement to December 31, 2015 with the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land, for the purchase of the Knight’s Pond Property.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 118 To consider and act on setting the following household waste disposal events:

- **Confidential Shredding, Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to noon**
- **Bulky Item Pick-up Week, October 12th – 16th**
- **E-waste Collection, Saturday, October 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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15 – 119 To set a Public Hearing date of September 28th to consider and act on draft amendments to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan as recommended by the Planning Board.

Town Manager Shane said that this may get tabled at the Planning Board meeting this month. If not, it will be brought forward to the Council at their next meeting.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to set a Public Hearing date of September 28th to consider and act on draft amendments to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan as recommended by the Planning Board.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 120 To set a Public Hearing date of September 28th to consider and act on an amendment to the Contract Zone Agreement with Bateman Partners, LLC for Phases 1 & 4 of Village Green to add the lot formerly listed as Tax Assessor Map U10, Lot 1B to create six additional lots.

Town Manager Shane said that the Planning Board is holding a Public Hearing on this item tomorrow evening and will forward it to the Council with a recommendation.

Motion by Councilor Turner, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to set a Public Hearing date of September 28th to consider and act on an amendment to the Contract Zone Agreement with Bateman Partners, LLC for Phases I & 4 of Village Green to add the lot formerly listed as Tax Assessor Map U10, Lot 1B to create six additional lots.

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15 – 121 To set a Public Hearing date of September 28th to consider and act on accepting Castle Rock Drive as a public road.

Town Manager Shane said that he has not heard back from the developer regarding this item and the Council may consider setting the Public Hearing to October 12th to allow him time to get his documents in order and get legal review.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to set a Public Hearing date of October 12th to consider and act on accepting Castle Rock Drive as a public road.

VOTE: 6-1 (Stiles opposed) MOTION PASSES

15 – 122 To consider and act on accepting amendments to the Val Halla Golf and Recreation Center Board of Trustees bylaws.

Town Manager Shane explained that when Val Halla became part of the operating budget, the personnel issues and the budgetary issues were placed under the Town Manager and Finance Committee, per Town Charter. The amendments to the bylaws reflect that change. They were adopted by the Val Halla Board of Trustees at their last meeting.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to accept the amendments to the Val Halla Golf and Recreation Center Board of Trustees bylaws.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 123 To appoint members to the Aging in Place Committee.

Councilor Gruber said that these nominations replace two members who have recently resigned from the committee.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Turner, to appoint John Berrett and Mary Ellen Wilson to the Aging in Place Committee.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Edes – he sent well wishes to the family of Pete Smith. Pete is a good friend who had been ailing lately.

Councilor Gruber – A Cumberland couple got married recently and requested donations be made to the food pantry in lieu of gifts. They donated \$2,400. Thank you so much to everyone who donated and the couple for the idea.

Our good friend, Jack Mullin lost his son last week. Patrick passed away at the early age of 55. Our thoughts go out to Jack and his family.

Councilor Storey-King – She attended a Twin Brook Advisory Board meeting last week. They want to notify the public that this winter some of the trees around Twin Brook will be cut in order to make it a healthy, sustainable forest. There may be an opportunity to walk through with the forester to see which trees will be cut.

Councilor Turner – he urged anyone who wants to be heard, show up at a meeting and make their opinion heard. The entire Council appreciates any and all comments.

Chairman Bingham – Congratulations to the Fire Department for a wonderful event last Saturday (100th anniversary).

Councilor Stiles – he also attended the Fire Departments 100th anniversary celebration along with some of the 4-H kids, soliciting donations for the 4-H auction. It was especially exciting when the Life Flight helicopter arrived. Lou Croce and others provided food at the event for donations. It was also nice to see some older, former firefighters there reminiscing with each other.

Val Halla has gotten some nice praise after a recent tournament.

The 4-H donations are currently at \$7,500 and we need to get to \$10,000 in order to purchase meat products for the food pantry. We hope residents of North Yarmouth will step up and donate. Thank you to those who have donated.

Councilor Copp – he urged people to go to the Town website and look at the Aging in Place survey results. There is some interesting data in it.

Before the meeting this evening, the Council toured the new trails in the Town Forest. Public Works did a phenomenal job. The trails are very easy to walk or push a stroller on. Everyone should go check it out.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property and 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(A)(1) re: a personnel matter.
Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Copp, to recess to Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property and 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(A)(1) re: a personnel matter.
VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS
TIME: 8:25 P.M.

Reconvene to regular session at 8:34 P.M.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to adjourn.
VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS
TIME: 8:34 P.M.

WORKSHOP re: Forest Lake Moratorium after adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary