

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, September 26, 2016

7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Councilors Bingham, Copp, Edes, Gruber, Stiles, and Turner

Excused: Councilor Storey-King

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Copp, to accept the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Paul Weiss of the Lands & Conservation Commission said that there has been a tremendous amount of trail improvements around our Town. We have three Towns around us that have also done enormous amounts of work on their trails and they are getting recognized regionally and nationally. The Lands & Conservation Commission and Chebeague/Cumberland Land Trust hope to piece together existing public rights-of-way and land already owned by the Town to make connections to as many trails as possible. The first project is called the Cross Cumberland Trail and it will go from the border of Falmouth, across Range Road and over to Rines Forest. The goal is get connectivity to North Yarmouth. Most of the trails are in place and go across public rights-of-way. Another goal is to connect the Westside Trail in Yarmouth and continue to Falmouth on Route 9. They are working with landowners and are finding them to be very receptive.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

16 – 124 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Wharfing Out Permit for 8 Broad Cove Way.

Town Manager Shane explained the Coastal Waters Commission met last week to review this Wharfing Out Permit request for a seasonal dock and float. The Commission held a site walk and a public hearing and are recommending approval with conditions, which have all been met.

Chairman Turner opened the Public Hearing.

Public Discussion: None

Chairman Turner closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to approve a Wharfing Out permit for Greg Cunningham at 8 Broad Cove Way as recommended by the Coastal Waters Commission as attached.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

Library Director, Thomas Bennett presented the following:

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Screening area.



1x1 meter square digging area.



Lots of volunteers helped with the dig.



Screening material.



A prehistoric tool of some sort.



Barry Dana of Penobscot Nation worked with school kids on a field trip to the site.



This is a profile of the dig wall. 12 inches of shell.



Whole quahog shells were found.



Mostly soft shell clams shells were found.



Pieces of pottery.



Sturgeon bone & scute



Piece of mammal bone worked down for tool



Stone tools



A piece of flint



A 2 tined fork



A dog mandible found at the base of the site.



This is the site when the dig was complete.



This is a drawing from about 150 years ago of a dig at the site.

16 – 126 Discussion re: Middle Road shoulder width and waterline end point.

Town Manager Shane said that the engineers need a decision related to the width of the shoulders. They are suggesting an 11 foot travel lane with 5 foot shoulders, similar to Tuttle Road and Blanchard Road. The other point of discussion this evening is the waterline end point and if we want to extend it to the Falmouth town line. There was discussion last month about the fact that it was determined that we would run out of water pressure before the line could be brought to the town line. In discussions with the engineer and Portland Water District, it was determined that we could change pressure zones at Middle Road and Tuttle Road, raising the pressure to allow the line to be brought to the Falmouth town line. The Manager said that he recommends bringing it to the town line.

Chairman Turner asked how much more it would cost to bring the water line from Evergreen Lane to the Falmouth Town Line.

Town Manager Shane said the engineer quoted \$250,000.00.

Councilor Bingham said that we should be proactive and approve the extension for the sake of future development. It is also beneficial to the residents between Evergreen Lane and the Falmouth Town Line. He also agrees that the 5 foot shoulders are a good idea for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

Councilor Copp agreed. For fire protection and future use, extending the waterline is a good idea.

Councilors Gruber agreed with the 5 foot shoulders and extending the waterline.

Councilor Edes said that he agrees with the 5 foot shoulders for safety reasons. He is not in favor of extending the waterline to Falmouth. The Town of Falmouth just voted not to bring the waterline to the Cumberland town line. By us extending it, it will only effect 8 residents who already have water on their property. He is not in favor of spending \$250,000 of tax payer money to extend the waterline.

Town Manager Shane said that in regard to the 5 foot shoulders, we are adding 8 to 10 feet to the current width of the road. The power lines will have to be moved back 5 to 8 feet. When you move power lines back, the trees will have to be removed and trimmed back. There is no way around this.

Councilor Stiles asked the Manager what is the cost difference between 4 foot and 5 foot shoulders.

Manager Shane responded that it is approximately a 7% increase, close to \$100,000.

Councilor Stiles said that if we go with 4 foot shoulders instead of 5 foot shoulders, we save money and it makes the cost of extending the waterline a little easier to handle.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Copp, to authorize the Town Manager to work with Sevee & Maher Engineers to design Middle Road with 5 foot shoulders and 11' Travel Way Widths.

VOTE: 5-1 (Stiles opposed) MOTION PASSES

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Gruber to authorize the Town Manager to work with Sevee & Maher Engineers to design Middle Road and to extend the Town water line to the Falmouth Town Line and work with the Water District to change over the existing water line to a higher pressure zone.

VOTE: 5-1 (Edes opposed) MOTION PASSES

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Bingham – It's fair week and he invited everybody to stop at the Lion's Club booth for the best hamburger or cheeseburger around. Come support the local agricultural and local organizations who are at the fair this week.

Councilor Gruber – The Veterans in our community will be honored again this year at the Greely football game on Friday. This is always a terrific event.

Southern Maine Agency on Aging has a Veteran to Veteran program in which a veteran can request a visit from another veteran. The program also provides additional assistance. For more information, contact SMAA or Councilor Gruber.

The 2nd Annual Forum on Aging will be held on October 29th at Greely Middle School beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be wellness screenings, flu shots, educational programs and free lunch.

He attended the Maine Council on Aging Summit last week. Our Town is considered a model for other communities aging in place programs.

Thank you to Councilor Storey-King and her field hockey team who will be assisting an elderly resident with fall yard clean-up.

Councilor Edes – One of the applicants who applied for our Police Chief a few month ago has accepted a position as Police Chief of Foxboro, Massachusetts, and another one has accepted a position as Lisbon’s Police Chief. He is brings this up to show the quality of candidates that we had apply for our Police Chief position.

Chairman Turner – None

Councilor Stiles – Harland and Carol Storey stopped by his house to give a donation for the 4-H auction to benefit the food pantry. Fred Kinney, Councilors Copp and Gruber also donated. Thank you to all. The grand total this year is \$6,700.00. The auction will be this Wednesday at the fair. Anyone is welcome to come bid, so please come and support the 4-H kids and their hard work.

His granddaughter won the Grand Champion Award this year for her pig and another granddaughter won the Reserve Grand Champion award. The Stiles family has been growing some good pigs this year!

Councilor Copp – To the residents of Middle Road who may be interested in converting to natural gas, please let the Town know. The time to do this will be before the reconstruction of Middle Road begins.

Town Manager Shane – We need to hold a Special Town Council Meeting on October 4th to countersign the School Warrant and Notice of Election for the referendum question.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary