

# MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

**MONDAY, August 8, 2016**

## 7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

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

**Excused:** Councilor Bingham

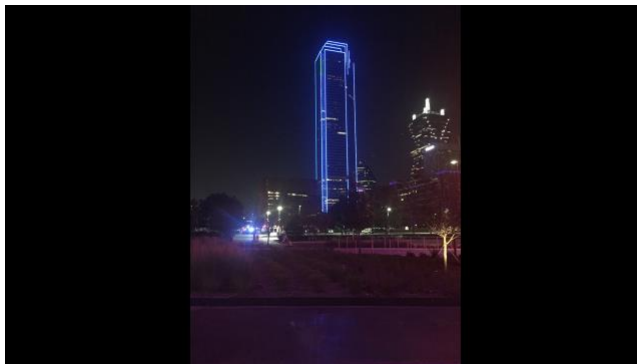
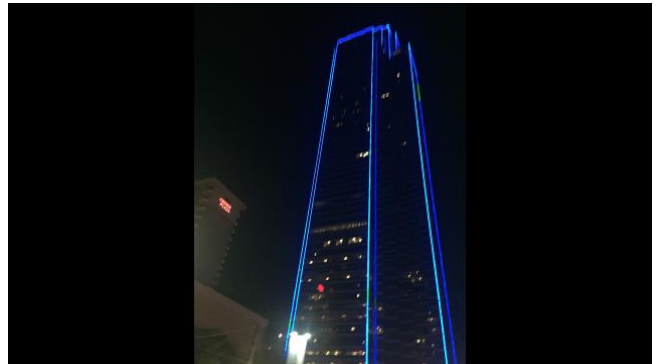
### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

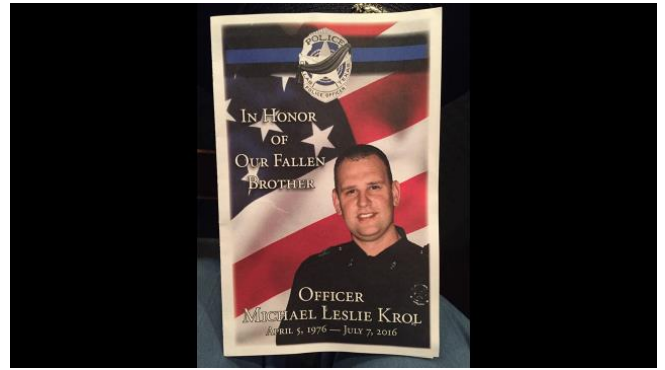
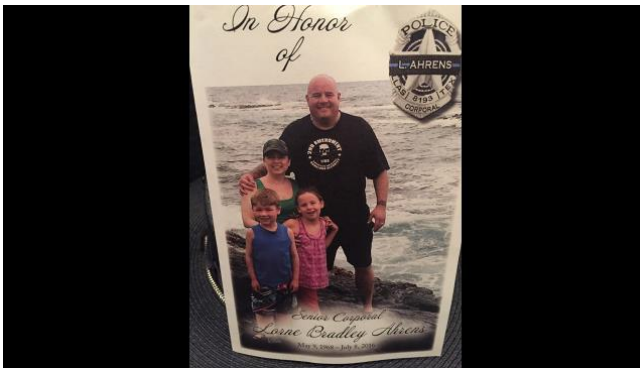
Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to accept the July 25, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0                      UNANIMOUS

### II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Councilor Edes presented the following on his trip to Dallas to attend the funerals of the police officers who were tragically shot and killed there recently:







Councilor Edes said that it was an honor to be given the opportunity to attend the 4 funerals on behalf of the Town and Maine State Police.

Town Manager presented the following on FY2017 Tax Bills:

FY 2017 TAX BILLS- SEPT. 15 <sup>TH</sup> & MARCH 15 <sup>TH</sup>					
2016 Value	Taxes Last Year	2017 with additional \$5k Homestead Reduction	Taxes	Difference	Non-Homestead
	<b>\$18.10</b>		<b>\$18.25</b>		
\$250,000	\$4,525	\$245,000	\$4,471	-\$54	\$38
\$300,000	\$5,430	\$295,000	\$5,384	-\$46	\$45
\$350,000	\$6,335	\$345,000	\$6,296	-\$39	\$52
\$400,000	\$7,240	\$395,000	\$7,209	-\$31	\$60
\$450,000	\$8,145	\$445,000	\$8,121	-\$24	\$67
\$500,000	\$9,050	\$495,000	\$9,034	-\$16	\$75

### FY 2017 TAX BILLS- SEPT. 15<sup>TH</sup> & MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

2016 Value	Taxes	2017 with additional \$5k Homestead Reduction	Taxes	Difference	Non-Homestead
	<b>\$18.10</b>		<b>\$18.25</b>		
\$550,000	\$9,955	\$545,000	\$9,946	-\$9	\$83
\$600,000	\$10,860	\$595,000	\$10,859	-\$1	\$90
\$608,000	\$11,005	\$603,000	\$11,005	\$0	\$91
\$650,000	\$11,765	\$645,000	\$11,771	\$6	\$98
\$700,000	\$12,670	\$695,000	\$12,684	\$14	\$105
\$750,000	\$13,575	\$745,000	\$13,596	\$21	\$112
\$800,000	\$14,480	\$795,000	\$14,509	\$29	\$120
\$850,000	\$15,385	\$845,000	\$15,421	\$36	\$127
\$900,000	\$16,290	\$895,000	\$16,334	\$44	\$135
\$950,000	\$17,195	\$945,000	\$17,246	\$51	\$143
\$1,000,000	\$18,100	\$995,000	\$18,159	\$59	\$150

### FY 2017 TAX BILLS- SEPT. 15<sup>TH</sup> & MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

1,800	Properties with Homestead Exemptions		
60.00%	Taxpayers have a declared Homestead		
3,000	Occupied Properties		
600	Land Only Properties		
\$18.10	2016		
\$18.25	2017		
\$0.15	0.83%		

Town Manager Shane reported that in regard to Councilor Gruber's concerns at the last meeting about the number of accidents at the intersection of Middle and Tuttle Roads, that intersection is designated as a high crash location by the Department of Transportation (the only high crash location intersection in the entire Town). We are working to improve sight lines, adding some additional pavement markings, and larger stop bars there. These are only temporary solutions and we have requested that the DOT traffic engineers come to look at the intersection to see if we are eligible for any additional safety improvements.

### III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

John Berrett of Foreside Road said that he finds the intersection of Tuttle and Middle Road to be a very complex intersection because you have no idea what the vehicle facing you is going to do.

Richard Wolfe asked if the interest rate for delinquent taxes was set for 7% at the last meeting. Town Manager Shane responded that it was set at 7%.

Mr. Wolfe said that in regard to the article about the Town's hiring of a Communications Director, he tended to agree with the many comments. For him, it was concerning how many members of the Town Council reacted. If he is criticized in his work, he only does one thing; he listens as carefully as he can to try to figure out what it is that he is missing. His hope is that once the dust settles, some reflection takes place.



Chairman Turner responded that misplaced righteous indignation was prompted by an underlying understanding on the Council's part on what has been going as far as Town staff is concerned. The Press Herald article was terribly unfair to a young lady that is doing much more than just the job of Communications Director.

Councilor Storey-King added that even though people responded in ways that some may not have appreciated, the Council did hear those concerns. Nothing was done wrong, but maybe if we had it to do over, we may do it differently. Personally, she feels that it was the naming of the Communications Director position that caused the misunderstanding. She is also the Deputy Town Clerk.

#### **IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

##### **16 – 106 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on setting sewer user fees for FY'17. *TABLED TO AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>***

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to table to August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

##### **16 – 107 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Mass Gathering Permit for Binnie Media's Fall Ultimate Yard Sale to be held on September 17, 2016 at the Cumberland Fair Grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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

Chairman Turner opened the Public Hearing.

Public discussion: None

Chairman Turner closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Copp, to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for Binnie Media's Fall Ultimate Yard Sale to be held on September 17, 2016 at the Cumberland Fair Grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

##### **16 – 108 To consider and act on setting the following household waste disposal events:**

- **Confidential Shredding, Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon**
- **Bulky Item Pick-up Week, October 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**
- **E-waste Collection, Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- **Hazardous Household Waste Collection, Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to set the following household waste disposal events:

Confidential Shredding, Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon

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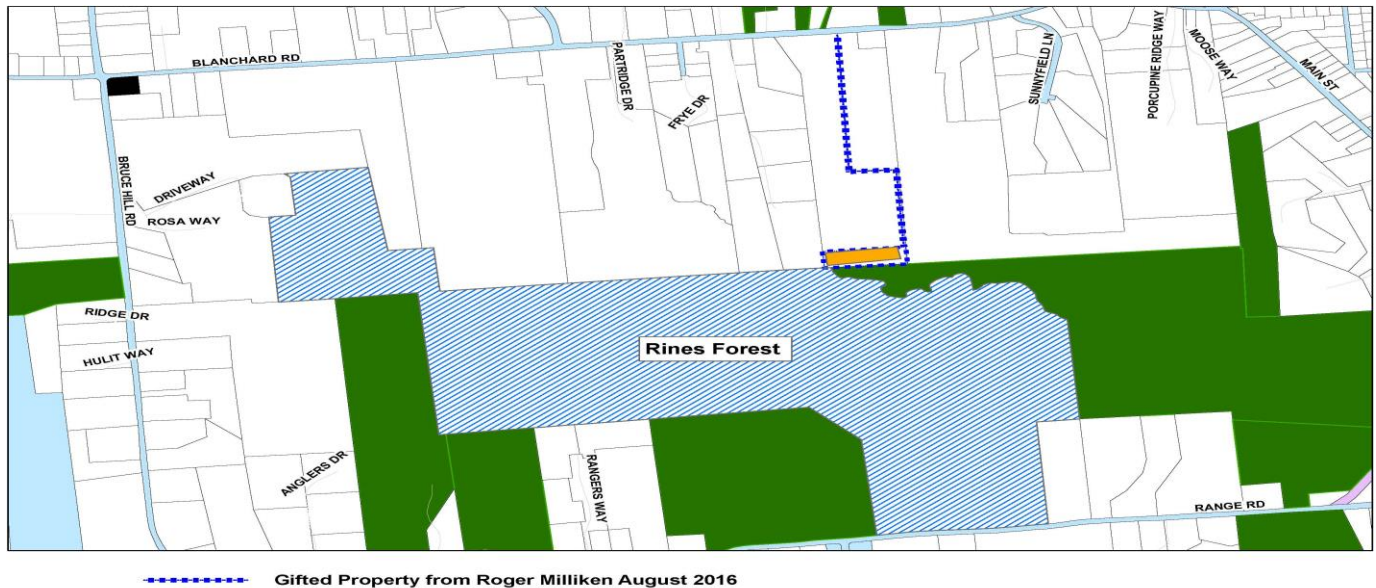
E-waste Collection, Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hazardous Household Waste Collection, Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

**16 – 109 To authorize the Town Manager to accept a gift of land located off Windsor Lane abutting the Rines Forest.**

Town Manager Shane explained that Roger Milliken and his family have graciously donated the final parcel of land (orange block in map below) that will connect the Rines Forest all the way to Blanchard Road. The blue dotted line on the map represents land that the Milliken's already donated to the Land Trust.



Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to authorize the Town Manager to accept a gift of land located off Windsor Lane abutting the Rines Forest.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

**16 – 110 To set a Public Hearing date of August 22<sup>nd</sup> to authorize the issuance of Senior Property Tax Assistance Program payments.**

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to set a Public Hearing date of August 22<sup>nd</sup> to authorize the issuance of Senior Property Tax Assistance Program payments.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

**16 – 111 To hear a report from the Town Manager and to set a Public Hearing date of August 22<sup>nd</sup> to consider and act on approval of a new intersection at Cross Road and to amend the traffic ordinance to add 2 new stop signs on Cross Road.**

Town Manager Shane explained that the current configuration of Cross Road does not meet engineering design practices for sight distances and length of curves. This can be corrected, but would require us to purchase land and would likely cause an unsafe speeding situation at the corner. The map below shows that the parcel of land at the curve goes into the road (orange arrow on map). The owner is concerned because getting out of his driveway is unsafe.



Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to set a Public Hearing date of August 22<sup>nd</sup> to consider and act on approval of a new intersection at Cross Road and to amend the traffic ordinance to consider intersection improvements.

VOTE: 6-0                      UNANIMOUS

## V. NEW BUSINESS

**Councilor Gruber** – Thank you to Roger Milliken for the donation of land to the Town.

There is a new sign at the Broad Cove Reserve. It looks great.

**Councilor Storey-King** – The Ordinance Committee has been working on codifying a process for Contract Zone Agreements and a solution for the sign ordinance issue. They will be bringing those recommendations to the Council very soon.

Thank you to Councilor Edes for representing the Town in Dallas.

Congratulations to Greely graduate, Ben True, winner of the Beach to Beacon race this year.

**Councilor Edes** – We lost two, long time Cumberland residents recently. Steve Dyer, Greely class of 1977 passed away suddenly. Condolences to his family.

Marilyn Brown passed away yesterday. Marilyn gave a lot to this Town. Condolences to Marilyn's family.

**Chairman Turner** – John and Barbara Chandler lost their son, Matt last week. His heart goes out to them. His death is a tragedy beyond words. Condolences to the Chandler family.

**Councilor Stiles** – Thank you to Councilor's Copp and Gruber for their donations to the 4-H auction. Donations are still needed to get to our goal by the Cumberland Fair.

**Councilor Copp** – He also sent condolences to the Chandler family. He got to know Matt through his involvement in the snowmobile club. Matt was a good hearted and kind person.

He met a gentleman from Germany recently. He and his family decided to move to the United States and looked at residence in 50 different states and chose Cumberland to live in. He is very happy to be here and loves the community.

**Town Manager Shane** – We should start seeing some activity on the Eagle Scout bridge projects on Greely Road Extension very soon.

The Central Fire Station Building Committee will give the Council an update on their work in September.



The Lands and Conservation Commission has been very busy identifying over 100 types of tree and plant species in the Town Forest. They will be putting together a brochure for people to locate the different species while walking on the trails there.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTE: 6-0                      UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore  
Council Secretary