

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting
Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, June 22, 2020

6:00 Ordinance Committee Meeting

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

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

Excused: Councilor Copp

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to accept the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to accept the June 9, 2020 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane introduced the new President of the Cumberland Farmer's Club, Lyle Merrifield.

Mr. Merrifield said that he is excited about taking over as President of the Farmer's Club, but he is sad to have to cancel his first fair due to COVID-19. The 4-H auction will continue however, and the logistics on how to do this are still being worked out. He is looking forward to taking on projects, especially working on the museum.

The previous President of the Farmer's Club, Mike Timmons, said that it has been a pleasure working with the Town over the years. He is sure that Lyle will do an excellent job.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

20 – 034 To consider and act on Commercial Hauler's license renewals for FY'21.

Town Manager Shane said that staff is recommending approval of the license renewals.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Edes, to approve the Commercial Hauler's license renewals for FY'21 per the list provided in the meeting materials.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

20 – 035 To set a Public Hearing date of July 27th to set the FY2021 tax rate.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Vail, to set a Public Hearing date of July 27th to set the FY2021 tax rate.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

20 – 036 To set a Public Hearing date of July 27th to set rates at which interest will be paid for delinquent taxes and to authorizing applying tax payments to the oldest unpaid taxes.

Motion by Councilor Turner, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to set a Public Hearing date of July 27th to set rates at which interest will be paid for delinquent taxes and to authorizing applying tax payments to the oldest unpaid taxes.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

20 – 037 To authorize the Town Manager and Finance Committee to develop year-end transfers for FY2020 and to set a Public Hearing date of July 27th for year-end transfers.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Turner, to authorize the Town Manager and Finance Committee to develop year-end transfers for FY2020 and to set a Public Hearing date of July 27th for year-end transfers.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Vail – he asked the Town Manager if we have enough election workers for the July 14th election.

Town Manager Shane said that the election workers in both parties are really stepping up and willing to work.

Councilor Gruber – the Food Pantry was closed last week for the first time since COVID-19 hit. He thanked all the volunteers who show up at the Food Pantry every week.

The Lands & Conservation Commission has met via Zoom a number of times over the past few months and they will be reporting to the Town Council regarding the agricultural land in Town very soon.

The Town Clerks office is doing an amazing job with keeping appointments and getting people back into Town Hall to take care of their business.

Councilor Edes – none

Councilor Stiles – none

Chairman Storey-King – she sent condolences to the Wilkinson family on the passing of Jean Wilkinson. Jean was a very smart woman who raised 4 brilliant daughters that went to Greely.

She and Kate Perron, the School Board Chair, are continuing their conversations about equity, equality and non-bias. The School Board has not started meeting in person yet, so a joint workshop will have to be postponed until later.

We are hosting a Meet the Candidates Night this Wednesday evening for Town Council candidates. It will be broadcast online or Channel 1301.

Councilor Turner – it is with a heavy heart that he announced that his next door neighbor, Arthur Greco, passed away just short of his 94th birthday. Arthur and his wife Gerry have been his neighbors since 1978. Arthur was a soft-hearted gentleman who had a quiet way of getting his point across.

He wishes we had more of this in our current political climate. Arthur had a good life and he will be missed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to adjourn.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary