

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, February 8, 2021

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

Present: Councilors Copp, Foster, Gruber, Storey-King, Turner and Vail

Excused: Councilor Edes

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Copp, to accept the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane introduced State Representative, Steve Moriarty, who gave a legislative update. Representative Moriarty said that this is an extraordinary time, and the Legislature is in session, but they have not been together as a body since December 2nd, when they were sworn in at the Augusta Civic Center. Committees began holding Public Hearings last week via Zoom. With the remote participation capability, there is a larger number of people taking part than there was in the past. This new process and technology work remarkably well.

Town Manager Shane said that Cumberland is the only area in Cumberland County that is affected by brown tail moth infestation. He has asked Dave MacDonald from Whitney Tree to look at the area and determine if the roadside spraying method that we had done in the past would be effective. Mr. MacDonald said that he did not feel that it would be at all effective. Right now, we have no budget or plans for spraying. He will speak with the State Entomologist to find out what people can do when the problem is in the backs of homes or in the woods where ariel spraying is the only option to reach those areas.

The racing commission has granted the Cumberland Farmer's Club 56 dates for horse racing at the fairgrounds. His understanding is that the racing will take place in the daytime and not at night. This will be good for the fairgrounds.

Councilor Vail asked the Manager for an update on the new school that is proposed to be built.

Town Manager Shane said that the School Board met recently and discussed a new 68,000 sf school to be built on the land adjacent to the Superintendent's office, which they will purchase from Mr. Campbell. The school has a conceptual plan from their architect and the School Board has supported the plan. The project would require the existing Sweetser House, where the Superintendent's office is currently, to be moved or demolished. This is all the news he has at this point.

Councilor Vail said that he strongly disapproves of this project going forward. The building is an acre and a half in size, and we have a congestion issue now. Putting a building of that size on that campus, is shortsighted at best. He can think of 15 properties in the Towns of Cumberland or North Yarmouth where the school could be placed. He would like to see some homework done and ask these large landowners if they are interested in selling their property for the new school instead of throwing another school on a congested piece of property in the center of our Town. It's poor urban planning.

Town Manager Shane responded that that criticism is a bit unfair toward the School. They have reached out to some landowners and the interest to sell just isn't there.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

21 – 012 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 84 (Fees and Fines), Section 32 (Yard Waste Facility) of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Ordinance Committee.

Town Manager Shane presented the following amendments to the yard waste facility fees:

**Chapter 84
Fees and Fines
Article I
Fee Schedule**

§ 84-32 **Yard waste facility.**

- A. Brush/trees/slash/leaves/grass clippings and other landscape trimmings. Brush/trees/slash is considered any hard or soft wood less than 12 inches in diameter. Lengths up to 12 feet will be accepted. Stumps and wood over 12 inches in diameter will not be accepted.

Residential Passes

- B. Cars, pickup trucks, single axle trailers **\$5 \$10 Per Load** Very few sold
- C. Rack-body trucks, one ton dump trucks and Dump Trailers: **\$5 \$25 PER DAY**
- D. One-day pass for all cars, pick-ups, trailers less than 8' (non-dump trailers) **\$10 \$15** Most sold
- E. Motor oil ~~and car batteries: must see attendant;~~ no fee. **At Town Garage**
- F. Residential annual pass ~~(April to 4th Saturday in November)~~ **\$ 25 \$40**

Commercial Passes *

- G. Commercial annual pass ~~(April to 4th Saturday in November)~~ **\$250 \$500**
*Cumberland yard waste only.
- H. **Day Pass - \$100 – ALL Commercial Vehicles**
- I. **Larger than a 1 TON Truck dump trucks: Small, six-wheeled dump trucks \$25 \$50 per load**

Larger loads (wheelers and tri-axle dump trucks) will not be accepted.

CURRENT HOURS

June - October	May & November
Tuesdays 11 – 3	Tuesdays 11 – 3
Saturdays 9-12:30	Saturdays 9 - 3:00

PROPOSED HOURS

SUMMER	REGULAR
Last two Weeks in June through Sept.	APRIL – 2 nd Saturday in June <u>Oct & Nov</u>
Tuesdays 10:30- 2:30	Tuesdays 10:30- 2:30
Thursdays 10:30 – 2:30	Thursdays 10:30 – 2:30
Fridays 10:30 – 2:30	Fridays 10:30 – 2:30
Saturdays 9 - 12:30	Saturdays 9 - 3:00

Chairman Gruber opened the Public Hearing.

No public discussion.

Chairman Gruber closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Turner, to amend Chapter 84 (Fees and Fines), Section 32 (Yard Waste Facility) of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Ordinance Committee and Town Manager.

VOTE: 6-0

UNANIMOUS

21 – 013 To authorize the Town Manager to execute a lease agreement with Hyundai Capital America for the lease of 2 electric vehicles.

Town Manager Shane explained that we have been exploring the use of electric vehicles for Town use and this opportunity will allow us to try it, while encouraging the use of electric vehicles by having charging stations available at Town Hall. These vehicles will be used by Town staff for business related errands and the Police Captain will use the other one. With all the rebates available, the monthly lease fees will be under \$50 per month. These vehicles will reduce or eliminate the mileage reimbursement to employees who use their personal vehicles for Town business.

Councilor Copp said that this seems to be a no-brainer, but he is curious how much the charging stations will cost to install. He also has concerns that if everybody switches to electric cars, how will we fix our roads if the gas tax revenue is reduced? This is something that the State will have to consider.

Chairman Gruber opened the Public Hearing.

No public discussion.

Chairman Gruber closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Vail, to authorize the Town Manager to execute a lease agreement with Hyundai Capital America for the lease of 2 electric vehicles.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

21 – 014 To set a Public Hearing date of February 22nd to consider and act on a Class I Liquor License renewal for Rachel's On the Green for the period of March 29, 2021 – March 29, 2022.

Chairman Gruber asked for public comment.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Turner, seconded by Councilor Copp, to set a Public Hearing date of February 22nd to consider and act on a Class I Liquor License renewal for Rachel's On the Green for the period of March 29, 2021 – March 29, 2022.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Storey-King – condolences to the Foster family on the passing of Herb Foster. She grew up hearing about “Herbie” Foster, as he was known in the 60’s and 70’s. Hope Foster used to be a substitute teacher. They both embodied the community and still continue to do so through their sons.

The Library Committee meeting last month was postponed. The Library is open and people should call ahead to request their materials.

The Bicentennial Committee will meet this Wednesday. They are a very busy committee.

Councilor Vail – condolences to the Foster family. Herb’s wife was just as important to this community as Herb was. He was in the Lion’s Club with Herb, and Hope was always in the kitchen. They were devoted to this community and to public service. They were both great people.

Fred Jensen also passed away recently. Fred started Ledgewood Assisted Living on Route One.

Chairman Gruber – the Food Pantry served 60 families last week. Thank you to the volunteers who work so hard every week.

The tie that he is wearing this evening was made by Madeline Young. Madeline’s husband Roger was one of his best friends. Thank you, Madeline.

Councilor Foster – she married into the wonderful Foster family and Herb was always there with a smile and a hug. He will be missed. A celebration of Herb’s life will take place at a later date. Herb was a die-hard Greely girls basketball fan, a builder, a fireman, and a Veteran.

Councilor Turner – condolences to the Foster family.

Councilor Copp – condolences to the Foster on the passing of Herb Foster. The Foster’s are a great family and Herb was a good man.

Condolences to Janene Gorham and her family on the untimely passing of their son.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary