

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, December 8, 2014

6:30 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(D) re: contract negotiations between the Town of Cumberland and the Cumberland Police Benevolent Association.

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

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

Excused: Councilor Copp and Councilor Turner

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to accept the November 24, 2014 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Chairman Gruber read the following in regard to John Eldredge leaving the Twin Brook Advisory Committee:

John chaired the original Twin Brook Committee when it was known as the Dilleneback Property Development Committee and helped design a vision to the Parks future uses when it was only field sand and barbed wire fences.

John worked with a former Olympic Athlete and Nordic Trail Development Consultant to help develop and layout the trails at Twin Brook.

Today Twin Brooks stands as one of the most utilized, admired and envied Public Facilities in all of southern Maine. John helped with formal dedication of the Facility in September 1997.

John worked tirelessly on the local Nordic Ski Club. John helped in the fundraising that saw the Club purchase a snow mobile, a Piston Bully groomer and an artificial snow gun for snow making snow around the tree loop on the Tuttle Road side of the park. The Club eventually donated the equipment along with \$25,000 for Nordic Ski Trail maintenance Support in 2012.

John was also a coach in our youth soccer program.

John also chaired, for many years, the Conservation Committee before it eventually became the Lands and Conservation Committee, as it is known today.

John has set a high bar as a tireless volunteer in recreation and on numerous Town Committees throughout his time in Cumberland. His work in Twin Brook will leave an indelible mark as to how good things can happen when the right person is selected to lead a community effort.

John will be missed as a member of our community. As a small token of our recognition for his tremendous service to Cumberland, the Town Council would like to present him with a Town Chair.

Thank you John for all you have done for Cumberland!

Mr. Eldredge said that he was grateful for this recognition and thanked the Council. He said that we live in a wonderful Town and there were many people involved in making the Twin Brook Recreation Facility a reality.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

14 – 175 To hold a Public Hearing to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a labor contract agreement with the Cumberland Police Benevolent Association for the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017.

Councilor Bingham, Chairman of the Finance Committee, explained that the committee met earlier this evening to review the contract and voted unanimously to support it and forward it to the Council.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to authorize the Town Manager to amend the Maine Public Employees Retirement System service retirement plan for the Cumberland Police Department effective January 1, 2015. The Town agrees to provide Special Plan 3C for Law Enforcement Officers for service rendered on or after January 1, 2015. Service rendered prior to January 1, 2015 will remain covered under Plan 2C.

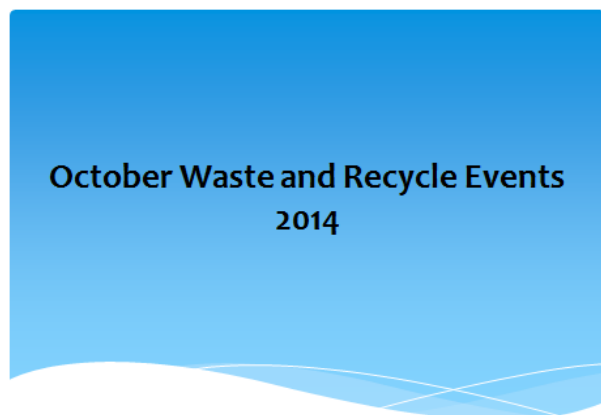
VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a labor contract agreement, as amended with the Cumberland Police Benevolent Association for the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 176 To hear a report from Public Services Director, Chris Bolduc re: 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Shredding and Universal Waste disposal.

Mr. Bolduc presented the following:

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Confidential Shredding Event

- * Saturday, October 4, 2014 8am—1pm
- * Drop off event for shredding of confidential documents.

- * Results: Shredded 10,350 pounds of material
- * Cost: \$400.00 (\$100.00 first time discount)

Universal Waste Collection (Ewaste Event)

- * Saturday, October 18, 2014 8am – 1pm
- * Drop off event for electronic items not accepted during bulky waste week.

* Results: 21,000 pounds of material
 * Cost: \$3,000

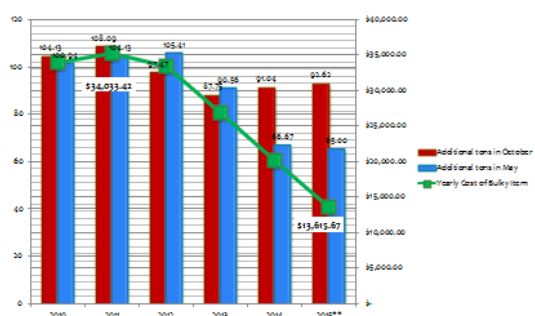
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| Batteries | 888units |
| Bulbs | 434units |
| Misc. Electronics | 2207pounds |
| TV's | 865pounds |
| Computers | 1888pounds |
| Monitors | 170pounds |
| Printers | 122pounds |
| Phone Devices | 86units |

Bulky Item Pickup Week

- * Week of October 13 – 17, 2014
- * Curbside Collection on day of waste pickup

* Results: 92.6 Tons – extra tonnage for October
 * Cost: Ecomaine - \$9,780
 Waste Management – cost built into contract

Bulky Item Pickup History



Hazardous Household Waste Collection

- * Saturday, October 11, 2014 8am—1pm
- * Drop Off Event
- * Cost: \$36,566.64

Highlights:

- * Line of vehicles out to Tuttle Road for the entire 5 hour event.
- * 273 Propane Tanks
- * Paints, Resins, pesticides, solvents, mercury, aerosols, acids, gasoline, oil, creosote.
- * Materials were transported to North Carolina and Tennessee.





Waste and Recycle Events Summary

- * **Future Events:** Condense all supplemental services for waste and recycling into one month (October) to provide a greater convenience for the residents.
- * **Confidential Shredding** – 10,350 pounds of material shredded
 - * Costs: \$400
- * **Hazardous Household Waste** – Tremendous turnout
 - * Costs: \$36,566.64
- * **Bulky Item Pickup** – Similar results to last fall: 92.6 tons
 - * Costs: \$9,780.00
- * **Universal Waste** – Collected over 20,500 tons of materials
 - * Costs: \$3,000.00

14 – 177 To amend the Commercial Haulers License application as recommended by Ecomaine.

Town Manager Shane explained that this is simply an administrative item. Ecomaine would like to streamline the applications so each community is using the same one.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Edes, to amend the Commercial Haulers License application as recommended by Ecomaine.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 178 To set a date of December 22nd to hear a report from the Deputy Tax Collector re: foreclosed properties.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to set a date of December 22nd to hear a report from the Deputy Tax Collector re: foreclosed properties.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 179 Award for Engineering Services for the Blackstrap Road reconstruction project.

Councilor Bingham explained that last week, the Council interviewed three engineering firms for the Blackstrap Road reconstruction project. Each firm was rated individually on their presentations and the answers to 4 questions. Gorrill-Palmer was the firm that rated the highest and had the lowest price.

Chairman Gruber pointed out that the Council did not know the bid amounts until after the interviews.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to award the Engineering Services contract for the Blackstrap Road reconstruction project to Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Inc.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Storey-King – she bid John Eldredge a fond farewell from the Twin Brook Advisory Committee. His knowledge of Twin Brook will be missed.

The Land Use Committee sent out a survey and had approximately 30% of the population return them.

Winter sports have started. There are lots of sporting events to get everyone out at night.

She attended the Firefighter Toys for Kids annual pancake breakfast. It is a fantastic effort and the food was wonderful. It was an outstanding turnout for an outstanding cause.

Councilor Edes – the “mess” with the Senate District 25 seat is still going on. He is very proud of our Town Clerk. We have a very professional Clerk’s office. Kudos to Tammy and her staff.

Councilor Bingham – Mike Perfetti helped form a Community Band and they performed at the tree lighting ceremony (at the Congregational Church). They really did a great job and it was a wonderful event for the community.

After a very constructive public comment portion of the last Council meeting, Summit Natural Gas has announced that they will refund those customers affected by Dave Ireland Builders going out of business.

Councilor Edes said that he was proud of those who spoke about the Dave Ireland issue and kudos to Summit Natural Gas for doing the right thing.

Chairman Gruber – The Ocean Access and Aging in Place Committee’s will both meet on the evening of December 10th.

The growth of the Food Pantry continues with over 60% of those served being from Cumberland. We are starting to gather items for Christmas baskets. 92 Thanksgiving baskets were handed out at the Food Pantry.

Councilor Stiles – he warned people to be very careful if they have to travel this week. The forecast has called for a few days of bad, winter weather.

Town Manager Shane – The Ocean Access Committee will be focusing on two items at their meeting this week: one is the road width leading through the property. The committee is concerned with the road being a little too wide for future use as a park. We want to make the road the right size to be safe for everybody. The second item that the committee will consider is a Facility Use Management Plan. The committee is using the Rines Forest Management Plan as a matrix and trying to follow a similar blueprint.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary