



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
January 26, 2017
Town Council Meeting
7:00 PM
MINUTES

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ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Anne Freeman, Donna Ellis, Steve Thomas, Doug Sinclair, Jeanne Jacques, John Snyer and Steve Watson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Ruth A. Nickerson and Economic Development Director Scott Perkins

IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES. -APPROVE November 3, 2016

WARRANTS. -SIGN January 27, 2017

Councilor Snyer moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.



V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#1. Hold Public Hearing – TIF Districts #10 (Maine Salt Company) & #11(Waterfront Concerts, LLC)

In response to Chair Thomas, Manager Kroll explained that Maine Salt Company has requested the Town offset their recent investment with a TIF. We have a commitment in this Town to support businesses that are growing.

Chair Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 7:04pm. He opened the floor for comments for or against approving TIF District #10. There were no comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:05pm.

Again, in response to Chair Thomas, Manager Kroll told how Bangor Waterfront Concerts actually reside in Hermon. They have built a new building and they store all of their equipment here. BWC is part of one of the currently fastest growing markets. Alex Gray and his team are top notch, have made incredible investments and I see no reason to not approve this TIF request.

Chair Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 7:07pm. He opened the floor for comments for or against approving TIF District #11. There were no comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:08pm.

#2. Hold Public Hearing – Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility Moratorium.

Manager Kroll explained that we do have existing codes for such clinics. He then told how this is an excellent time to have the Retail Marijuana Committee review the existing ordinance while they are working out the details of Retail Marijuana in Hermon. We do not want to discriminate without having done our due diligence. However, we must be prepared and ready to update any existing codes.

Chair Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 7:10pm. He opened the floor for comments for or against the moratorium. There were none. The Public Hearing closed at 7:11pm.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None



IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

#3. Consider approving a Proposed Tax Increment Finance District for Maine Salt Company

Chair Thomas referred to the prepared order and read the final paragraph aloud before asking for a motion to approve.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve O16-17-03. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

**(O16-17-03 is attached for review.)*

#4. Consider approving a Proposed Tax Increment Finance District for Bangor Waterfront Concerts.

Chair Thomas referred to the prepared order and read the final paragraph aloud before asking for a motion to approve.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve O16-17-02. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

**(O16-17-02 is attached for review.)*

#5. Consider approving an amendment to the Hermon Code of Ordinances Section 154.008, "Enacting a Moratorium on acceptance of applications of processing of applications for Chemical Dependency Treatment Facilities."

At the request of Chair Thomas the Town Manager explained that it is important that we take the opportunity to allow the Retail Marijuana Committee the opportunity to review the existing ordinance. This will allow for any updates or necessary changes. We will take the time to compare to other community policies and make sure we didn't miss anything the first time around.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve R16-17-55. Councilor Jacques seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries

**(R16-17-55 is attached for review.)*



#6. Consider authorizing amendment to Personnel Policy (Section 4.2)

The Town Manager explained that Section 4.2 requires amending. It is imperative that all public safety personnel are treated equally and fairly with regard to the requirements of a standard work week. Currently, there is an inconsistency with regard to required hours worked and overtime.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve R16-17-56. Councilor Snyer seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

**(R16-17-56 is attached for review.)*

B. NEW BUSINESS

#7. Consider authorizing purchase of new sign for Fire Station.

Manager Kroll told how a previous appropriation of \$1,000.00 was made for a new sign for the Fire Station. The Fire Chief has requested \$682.00 for the purchase of the new sign. The Manager displayed an example of the sign.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve FR16-17-31. Councilor Snyer seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

**(FR16-17-31 is attached for review.)*

C. WORKSHOPS

None

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

None

X. APPOINTMENTS

None

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

• Capital Improvement Plan

The Town Manager explained how the Town Charter requires the Capital Improvement Plan be approved 4 months prior to the end of the current fiscal year. He passed out a copy of the CIP to each Councilor for their review. He provided a brief summary of the proposed activity. He explained that a workshop will be scheduled for the next Council meeting where a through review will take place.



XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

None

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilor Freeman told how her mailbox finally got smacked. The destruction of mailboxes this winter is pretty disappointing.

Councilor Snyer asked Mr. Perkins about the amount of salt and sand we have used this year compared to last year. Mr. Perkins explained the difference between the storms this year compared to last, and stated that we have used a bit more sand and salt this year than last.

Councilor Sinclair told how he is disappointed that Hermon was not listed in the Top 10 Towns to Live in Maine and asked what we would have to do to be considered. Scott said he would look into it.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that he recently attended the Annual MERADA Conference in Portland. He told how he hopes Hermon can present information about our Town and Community at the next conference, stating that there is so much going on here; our presentation could really be fantastic.

Councilor Jacques asked if anybody had an update on Donna Pulver. Anne stated she is improving but really not feeling well.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Jacques moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. Councilor Sinclair seconded the motion. With no objection, Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ruth A. Nickerson, CCM
Town Clerk**

Attest a True Copy.