



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
September 8, 2016
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, Cody Sullivan, Kim Nichols, Doris McGuire, Parks & Rec Director Michelle Thayer, Janis Dow, Sherri Andrei, Superintendant Patricia Duran, Deb Farnham, Pat Reynolds, Public Works Director Scott Perkins, Brett Danforth and Bill Scott

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

MINUTES. -APPROVE May 18, 2016

WARRANTS. –SIGN September 9, 2016

QUITCLAIMS. –SIGN M/L 006-014-000



Councilor Sinclair moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Snyder 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*)

Michelle Thayer, Director of Parks & Rec, welcomed Howard Kroll, our new Town Manager. She told how there are a lot of things going on in the recreation dept. She informed the Council of how privileged she feels to have such strong community support for our rec. program. This weekend is the Harvest & Homecoming Celebration with an exciting schedule of events. Michelle thanked Danforth's for their support of the Celebration.

Brett Danforth lives at 2033 Hemlock Drive. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak tonight. Brett told how his family feels privileged to be the major sponsor of the Harvest & Homecoming Celebration. He informed the Council that our community deserves to have our own celebration. Brett commended and thanked Michelle for her hard work, stating she has done a great job preparing for this weekend.

Kim Nichols lives at 531 Ridge Drive. Kim introduced herself and welcomed our new Town Manager, Mr. Kroll. Kim told how she is here tonight as a resident, parent, former educator and volunteer with the Maine Drug Free Communities Coalition. She informed the Council that she is very passionate about opposing Question #1. Kim told how as a small community we need to protect ourselves and the best answer is to just vote the legalization of retail marijuana down. Kim then asked the Council to please consider adopting a resolution opposing Question #1, sending a message that as the Town of Hermon, we oppose the legalization of retail marijuana. Chair Thomas responded that we would be in touch with our Town Attorney regarding such a resolution, and that we would place it on the next agenda for consideration.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#1. Hold Public Hearing - "Financing Improvements at the Hermon Elementary School" - "Financing Improvements at the Hermon Elementary School for the Recreation Department."

Chair Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 7:14pm. He opened the floor for comments for or against the proposed improvements.

Mary Daigle, a Wendy Acres, resident told how she moved here last year and didn't do anything. Then a neighbor invited her to join the seniors group. It is a great group and she hopes it grows.



Doris McGuire has lived in Hermon for 17 years. She told how the 14 women and 3 men that get together have so much fun. They bowl on Mondays, do crafts or watch movies on Tuesday; they go out to lunch on Wednesday, play card games on Thursday and go swimming on Friday. Doris told how Janis and Michelle do such a great job planning weekly activities and monthly dinners. Doris then invited all other seniors to join them and told how she sincerely appreciates this program.

There were no other comments. The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 7:17pm.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

#1. Consider adopting ordinance titled “Financing Improvements at the Hermon Elementary School”

Chair Thomas read the prepared resolve.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R16-17-18. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-18 is attached for review.)**

#2. Consider adopting ordinance titled “Financing Improvements at the Hermon Elementary School for the Recreation Department.”

Chair Thomas read the prepared resolve.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R16-17-17. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

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

#3. Consider authorizing expenditure from the Rural Fire Reserve Account for hydrant repair

Manager Kroll informed the Council that there is \$10,264 in the Rural Fire Reserve. \$7,000 is needed to repair several of the rural hydrants here in Hermon. He reminded the Council that these improvements were included in the 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Plan.



Councilor Jacques moved to approve FR16-17-14. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

***(FR16-17-14 is attached for review.)**

#4. Consider approving names for two private drives

Manager Kroll explained that we have received two separate requests to name private drives. Chaffee's Way will be located off the New Boston Road between house numbers 219 and 221. Lord's Way will be located off the Kelley Road between house numbers 59 and 77.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R16-17-19. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-19 is attached for review.)**

#5. Consider issuing quit claim deed to Trustee Debra Merry for Avery, Tracy and Frank Merry III

The Town Manager requested the Council consider issuing a quit claim deed for taxes and lien costs paid for Real Estate Account #819.

Councilor Watson moved to approve R16-17-20. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-20 is attached for review.)**

#6. Consider approving and signing Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 8, 2016.

The Manager reminded the Council that they approved the Special Town Meeting Warrant at the last Council Meeting. The Council agreed to sign the approved Warrant for 11/08/2016.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 8, 2016. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

B. NEW BUSINESS

#7. Consider scheduling a Public Hearing for Morgan Hill Events, LLC Liquor License Application



The Council agreed to schedule a Public Hearing to listen to public comment regarding Morgan Hill's request for a liquor license.

Councilor Watson moved to schedule a Public Hearing on September 22, 2016. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.
The motion carries.

C. WORKSHOPS

None

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

Councilor Snyder moved to consider agenda items in the Table Packet. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.
The motion carries.

Scheduled Agenda Items

A. Old Business

#8. Discuss letter to MRC

The Council agreed that the letter to the Municipal Review Committee was very well written and should be sent.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve the letter written to MRC. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.
The motion carries.

B. New Business

#9. Consider signing appointment papers for the new Town Manager

The Council approved and signed papers appointing Howard Kroll as General Assistance Director, Holding Tank Permit Officer, ICMA Administrator, Road Commissioner, Town Manager and Treasurer for the Town of Hermon.

#10. Consider signing "Proclamation" for First Responders on 9/11/16

Chair Thomas read a proclamation recognizing our First Responders that will be presented to our local Police, Fire and Ambulance crews on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at the Harvest & Homecoming Celebration's "Pies in the Park" event.

Councilor Freeman moved to approve the presentation of the Proclamation. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.



The motion carries.

X. APPOINTMENTS

- See agenda item #9.

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Thank You for welcoming me to the Town of Hermon. The staff here is incredible. I have met with the Superintendent, and will continue to meet with residents and businesses. I feel privileged to be a part of the Town of Hermon and you all should be proud of your community.

Route #2 contract was signed today.

Harvest & Homecoming Celebration is impressive.

MDOT was at Annis Road today working to make some improvements. They put the blinking light on the stop sign, the striping has been refreshed and there are now double stop signs.

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

None

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilor Freeman stated her concern that Council Meeting minutes are not up to date. She asked to have that fixed as soon as possible, telling how it is not fair to the new councilors.

Councilor Snyder welcomed Howard to Hermon. He then informed us that he saw the State at the intersection and told how we have got to get it fixed. Drivers have got to get out of the right lane.

Councilor Watson welcomed Howard to Hermon.

Councilor Sinclair told how drivers make it so you can't merge properly while driving up the hill, and then welcomed Howard to Hermon

Councilor Jacques welcomed Howard to Hermon.

Councilor Ellis welcomed Howard to Hermon.

Councilor Thomas welcomed Howard to Hermon.



XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Jacques moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. With no objection the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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