



**Town of Hermon**  
**Public Safety Meeting Room**  
**November 17, 2016**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**7:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

\*\*\* Televised live on Cable Channel 121.111 \*\*\*

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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, Scott Perkins, Sgt. Pelletier, Michelle Thayer, Charlie Hillman, Owen Shaw, Bill Scott, Wendy Wiles-Scott and Robin Carr

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

MINUTES. -APPROVE

WARRANTS. -SIGN      November 18, 2016



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

*The motion carries.*

## **V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Scott Perkins** spoke with the Council regarding the ongoing traffic issues on Miller Hill. He and the Town Manager have recently met with MDOT to discuss the problem there. Scott thanked Sgt. Pelletier for his hard work and help. Mr. Perkins told how there have been no new accidents since the most recent striping. He also informed the Council that the Town of Hermon has been elevated to a finalist for a Safety Grant in 2017. Mr. Perkins then told of the plans MDOT has laid out for the intersection at the top of the hill. The plans were rolled out for all to see and discuss. The plan includes a dedicated right turn lane with cement islands to control traffic.

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

**Cadet Private First Class Owen Shaw** attended the Council Meeting. Shaw is a member of the HHS Class of 2019 and the HHS ROTC. He informed the Council that one of his class mates has a brain tumor. The ROTC is helping to raise funds for him and his family. There will be a bottle drive; a *GoFundMe Page* has also been set up. Shaw asked us to help get the word out so we can all help this family and to please have our bottles ready for pick up.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **#1. Hold Public Hearing for Annis Road Zone Change.**

Chair Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 7:16pm. He invited anyone in attendance to speak for or against the proposed zone change. There were no comments. The public hearing closed at 7:17pm.

### **#2. Hold Public Hearing for Billings Road Zone Change**

Chair Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 7:18pm. He invited anyone in attendance to speak for or against the proposed zone change. There were no comments. The public hearing closed at 7:18pm.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. OLD BUSINESS**



**#3. Consider Approving an ordinance amendment to the Hermon Code of Ordinances, “Title 15 Section 154, Sub-Section 154-006(b), Zone Change”**

The Council discussed changing the zone for 74 acres on the Annis Road owned by Michelle and Brian Thayer from agricultural forestry to residential b.

**Councilor Freeman moved to approve R16-17-41. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.**

*The motion carries.*

\*(R16-17-41 is attached for review.)

**#4. Consider Approving an ordinance amendment to the Hermon Code of Ordinances, “Title 15 Section 154, Sub-Section 154-006(b), Zone Change”**

The Council discussed changing the zone for 86 acres of land on the Billings Road owned by Charles and Corinne Hillman from residential a & b to all residential b.

**Councilor Freeman moved to approve R16-17-42. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.**

*The motion carries.*

\*(R16-17-42 is attached for review.)

**#5. Consider Creating and Appointing the Retail Marijuana Moratorium Ad-Hoc Committee to review, prepare and forward to the Town Council a Retail Marijuana Ordinance within 180 days.**

Chair Thomas explained that in addition to others there will be 2 Council members and 3 Town of Hermon registered voters sitting on this committee. Councilors Freeman and Snyder offered to serve on the Committee. The Council agreed to allow the Public Safety Committee to actually appoint the members of this ad-hoc committee. In response to Councilor Watson, Kim Nichols stated she is willing to serve on the committee.

**Councilor Jacques moved to approve R16-17-43. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.**

*The motion carries.*

\*(R16-17-43 is attached for review.)

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**#6. Consider authorizing the use of approved, dedicated Funds for the purchase of a laptop for the AV station.**

The Town Manager explained that funds were approved at the Annual Town Meeting to replace the laptop used to run the AV station. The Manager asked the Council to consider approving the purchase of the laptop.



**Councilor Sinclair moved to approve FR16-17-26. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

*The motion carries.*

*\*(FR16-17-26 is attached for review.)*

**#7. Consider Signing a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Kathleen D. Gallupe of Hermon.**

Manager Kroll explained that this is a discharge of an old tax lien from 1974.

**Councilor Jacques moved to approve R16-17-44. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.**

*The motion carries.*

*\*(R16-17-44 is attached for review.)*

### **C. WORKSHOPS**

None

### **D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)**

None

### **X. APPOINTMENTS**

None

### **XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:**

**ROTC** – Hermon had the largest ROTC group I’ve ever seen in a parade. They are a great group, and I am proud of them.

**Happy Thanksgiving** – The office will be open Monday thru Wednesday this week.

**Presidential Election** – Thank you to Ruth and her staff for a job well done at the election.

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

None

### **XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**Councilor Freeman** asked if we could donate some Council money to the young cadet and his family. She also asked if painting white lines on our roads could be a priority.



**Councilor Ellis** told how she and Councilor Sinclair attended the Rec supper and it was very nice.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**XV. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilor Freeman** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. **Councilor Snyder** seconded the motion. **With no objection the meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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