



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

January 25, 2018

Town Council Meeting

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (7:00PM)

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 7:15pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm, at the start of the Special Town Meeting.

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Steve Thomas, Doug Sinclair, Jeanne Jacques, John Snyder, Steve Watson and Donna Ellis

Members Absent: Timothy McCluskey

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Ruth A. Nickerson, School Committee Member Deb Farnham, Assessor Josh Berry, Second grade teachers Carolyn Ayer and Erica Hake and Economic Development Director Scott Perkins

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

MINUTES. -APPROVE December 14, 2017 & December 28, 2017

WARRANTS. -SIGN January 25, 2018

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

The motion carries.



V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

#1. Fire Department Promotion and Recognition

Fire Chief Roma told how it is an honor to recognize the service of those who have served the Town of Hermon for a number of years as well as swearing in first line officers who will be serving the Town in the future. Line officer positions, Captains and Lieutenants, are the core of the Department. Chief thanked the family members in attendance, and told how the fire service is a family organization. Chief Roma asked Assistant Fire Chief Pelletier to recognize the outgoing Lieutenants. Eion Pelletier has served the Town of Hermon since 2003. Eion has served in Carmel and he is a full time Firefighter in Waterville. He will continue to remain active in the Hermon Fire Department but is stepping down from his position as Lieutenant. Eric thanked Eion for his service and commitment to our community. Grant Hines joined the department in 2011 as a live in student. He did such a great job we hired him on full time. Grant excelled and joined the Bangor Fire Department as a full time Firefighter. Grant is also a full time nursing school student. Eric thanked Grant for his service and informed him that we expect great things from him in the future. Chief Roma then asked the Town Clerk to please swear in the new Lieutenants. The Chief spoke of the work and time required of our officers; such as their responsibilities for all vehicle repair, engine maintenance, station upkeep, small tools, nozzles, hoses, communications computers, radios, pagers, phones, reports, gear, public education, equipment upkeep, ladders, dry hydrants, any special events and more. The Chief asked Josh McPherson and Byron Ouellette to come forward and be sworn in as Lieutenants by the Town Clerk. Each participated in a pinning ceremony with their significant others immediately after the oaths were complete. The Fire Chief explained the symbolism of the badge presented to each of the new officers. At the close of the ceremony the Town Clerk thanked the firefighters in attendance for the work they performed the day her house burned on January 15, 2015.

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

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#2. Liquor License – Hermon Golf Inc.

In response to Chair Thomas, the Town Manager told how since we have received this application he has received no negative comments. Additionally there have been no negative reports from our Public Safety Departments.

Chair Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 7:28pm.

He opened the floor for any comments for or against approval of the liquor license. There were none.

Chair Thomas closed the Public Hearing at 7:29pm.



- #3. TIF District #12 – The Shop Inc.
TIF District #13 – The Early Learning Center
TIF District #14 – Landscape Supply Center**

In response to Chair Thomas, Economic Development Director Scott Perkins gave a summary of the TIF program. He reminded the Council of the investment and commitment these companies have made to the Town of Hermon.

Chair Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 7:33pm.

He opened the floor for comments and questions regarding the three proposed TIF Districts. There were none.

Chair Thomas closed the Public Hearing at 7:34pm.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

- #4. Consider approving Hermon Golf Inc's Liquor License.**

The Town Manager stated again that there is no proof that we should not approve this Liquor License Application.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve R17-18-39. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, Councilor Snyder abstained, Councilor McCluskey absent.

The motion carries.

**(R17-18-39 is attached for review.)*

- #5. Consider approving TIF District #12**

The Town Manager reminded the Council of the investment Frank & Kristen Noyes have made in our community and their commitment to developing jobs.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve O17-18-02. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Councilor McCluskey absent.

The motion carries.

**(O17-18-02 is attached for review.)*



#6. Consider approving TIF District #13.

The Manager reiterated that this is a new business with a new building in Town. He commended Kelley and Corey Staples for the sizeable investment they have made in our community.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve O17-18-03. Councilor Jacques seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Councilor McCluskey absent.

The motion carries.

**(O17-18-03 is attached for review.)*

#7. Consider approving TIF District #14.

The Manager explained that TIF District #14 is a bit different than #12 and #13 because the Town invested in the necessary infrastructure this company needed to get off the ground. The Town Manager apologized for the delay in bringing these proposed TIF's back to the Council for approval.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve O17-18-04. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was resulted in 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Councilor McCluskey absent.

The motion carries.

**(O17-18-04 is attached for review.)*

#8. Consider approving payment of invoice #8. – School Construction Project

With Superintendent Gonyar in attendance, the Manager asked the Councilors if there were any questions he could answer for them about the most recent invoice. There were none.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR17-18-49. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Councilor McCluskey absent.

The motion carries.

**(FR17-18-49 is attached for review.)*

B. NEW BUSINESS

#9. Consider approving a Change Order - School Contraction Project

In response to Councilor Snyder, Superintendent Gonyar stated that these emergency lights are different than the emergency lights in the old part of the school. The new lights will be supported by battery back ups.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR17-18-50. Councilor Jacques seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Councilor McCluskey absent.

The motion carries.

**(FR17-18-50 is attached for review.)*



#10. Consider scheduling a Public Hearing – Concourse Gathering Permit

The Town Manager told how the Penobscot Snowmobile Club intends to hold sled races at their Club. They have applied for a Concourse Gathering Permit because they anticipate a large turnout. The Council agreed to hold a Public Hearing on February 8, 2018.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve R17-18-40. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Councilor McCluskey absent.

The motion carries.

**(R7-18-40 is attached for review.)*

C. WORKSHOPS

None

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

None

X. APPOINTMENTS

None

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Congratulations to the Superintendent. I am thankful for the participation of the voters tonight. The school can now moved forward with these two big projects.

Thank You to Gardner Construction. We have had several significant snow and ice events.

Thank You to Captain Cody Sullivan. He was able to drain 100,000,000 lbs. of water off the Fire Station Roof. The drain on the roof had frozen preventing the water from draining appropriately.

Town Clerk has tendered her resignation as of March 2, 2018. I wish her well and thank her for the work she has done in this Town. She has been a tremendous asset to us.

Miller Hill is a planned project by MDOT. Engineering and design in 2018; construction in 2019. Sgt. Pelletier was here to speak tonight regarding the most recent accidents that have taken place on the hill. He has left on a call. I will have him send you all an email.



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

None

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilor Sinclair stated that he had a customer tell him how nice our village looks and that he is impressed with our sidewalks.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Jacques moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. **Councilor Snyder** seconded the motion. **With no objection, the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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