



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

November 29, 2018

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McCluskey led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Douglas Sinclair Sr., Steven Watson, John Snyder, Donna Ellis, Steven Thomas, Jeanne Jacques, and Timothy McCluskey

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Geoff Gratwick, Scott Perkins, Frank Roma, Larry Willis, Tom Higgins, Cody Sullivan, Fawn Sullivan, Eric Pelletier, Carolyn Ayer, Michael Simmons, Laurie Gardner, Randy Gardner, Nicki Gardner, and 10 residents.

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

MINUTES. -APPROVE 10/18/2018 Minutes, 10/25/2018 Minutes

WARRANTS. -SIGN 11/30/2018 Warrant

RESOLVES. -SIGN

Councilor Watson moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.



NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Ntensions Corporation. Plaque presentation

Chief Roma presentation to Ntensions -postponed until 12/20/2018 meeting.

Recognition of Gardner Construction Company. Plaque presentation

Chief Roma presented to Gardner Construction for Randy Gardner as Honorary Deputy Chief – Going above and beyond helping and assisting the Town of Hermon in many times of need without hesitation.

Recognition of former Assistant Chief Eric Pelletier. Statue presentation

Chief Roma presented to Eric Pelletier for all his service and dedication to the Town of Hermon. Eric Pelletier was presented a Statue of a fire fighter holding a child.

A promotion of Captain Cody Sullivan to Assistant Chief. Administer oath of office.

Chief Roma promoted to Cody Sullivan to Assistant Chief.

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

Geoff Gratwick spoke on his last two year term serving in Augusta. He is looking forward to the next session and his continuation with healthcare task force.

Carolyn Ayer came to see Cody Sullivan promoted to Assistant Chief and also stated it was his 32 birthday. Mrs. Ayer asked if the council had anything in the works to ban plastic bags and polystyrene? Mrs. Ayer made reference she might be the one to get it going.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS



B. NEW BUSINESS

FR18-19-33 Consider transferring funds to the Hermon Middle School Department to pay for repairs to the gym floor.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR18-19-33. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

FR18-19-34 Consider accepting bid for Surplus property - police cruiser.

Councilor Watson moved to approve FR18-19-34. Councilor Jacques seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

FR18-19-35 Consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign an agreement with MDOT for a Business Partnership Initiative Grant in the amount of \$175,000 and to prepare a Special Town Meeting Warrant to transfer and accept funds to meet the grant requirements.

APPROVE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT APPROVAL – FOR 12/20/2018

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve FR18-19-35 and Special Town Meeting Warrant. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

Steve Thomas voiced his concern on Donna Ellis being able to vote on this item where she abstained in a prior vote. Mr. Thomas would like to another attorney to review the policy on abstaining.

R18-19-17 Consider Review proposed TIF (Gardner Construction Enterprises)
Consider scheduling a Public Hearing- 24 Jan 2019

Councilor Jacques moved to approve R18-19-17. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted.

R18-19-18 Consider Review proposed TIF (Hermon EZ Mart)
Consider scheduling a Public Hearing- 24 Jan 2019

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R18-19-18. Councilor Sinclair seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted.



**R18-19-19 Consider Review proposed TIF (Ted McLeod Inc.)
Consider scheduling a Public Hearing- 24 Jan 2019**

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R18-19-19. Councilor Jacques seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted.

C. WORKSHOPS

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

Councilor Snyder moved to accept table packet for discussion. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted.

B. NEW BUSINESS

FR18-19-36 \$29,438.95 for final payment for Elementary School Roof project from Roof Systems of Maine for the Elementary School Addition/Expansion construction project at the Patricia A. Duran Elementary School.

Councilor Watson moved to approve FR18-19-36. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Consider entering Executive Session to discuss a legal matter per 1 M.S.R.A. 405(6)(E)

Councilor Snyder moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter per 1 M.S.R.A. 405 (6)(E). Councilor Jacques seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

The motion carries. Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

X. APPOINTMENTS

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Manager congratulated Cody Sullivan on his new position and Eric Pelletier on his service with the Town and his new promotion within the Bangor Fire Department. Town has been very fortunate to have them on our staff. Manager also thanked the Town Clerk and staff for the work they did at the election- with over 2900 voters turning out it was an all hands on deck event. Town Manager hoped everyone had a happy thanksgiving and reminded everyone that there are residents who might not be as fortunate as the rest of us and to consider donating to help with their Thanksgiving in the future. Thanked staff that delivered food to some residents in need. Finally Manager informed the Council that decorative holiday wreathes were going to be installed on Friday, 30 November 2018.



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

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Donna Ellis: Concerned the neon sign at the Realty office in the center of town is very bright at night. Scott will look into to see if it can be turned down.

Steve Thomas: Voiced concern about the new voting booths not private enough for voters. Steve asked about the election clerks at the voting machines and concerned they would see how someone voted.

Jeanne Jacques: Asked to get a clear answer on when/who should abstain from voting on financial resolves form new attorney. Jeanne stated there has been two different answers that conflict on abstaining.

John Snyder: Why the telephone pole is still in the way on the sidewalk. Scott Perkins stated the utility has been notified and a work order was given, but the wind storm of 2017 had slowed the process down.

Tim McCluskey: Spoke of his admiration for Cody, Chandler, Eric, Randy Gardner and just loves his community.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM and enter into Executive Session. Councilor Jacques gave seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Howard Kroll and Kristen Cushman
Town Manager and Town Clerk**

Explanatory note #1: All items in the CONSENT CALENDAR are considered routine and are proposed for adoption by the Town Council with one motion without DISCUSSION or deliberation. If DISCUSSION on any item is desired, any member of the Council or public may request the removal of an item for it to be placed in the regular agenda prior to the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Explanatory Note #2: In the interest of effect decision-making: At 10:00 p.m., the Chairman shall poll the Council and Town Manager to identify remaining items which shall be carried forward to the next Regular Meeting.

Explanatory Note #3: A Councilor who feels the need for the Council excusing his/her absence will make the request to the Town Manager or the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.