



**Town of Hermon**

**Public Safety Meeting Room**

**August 8, 2019**

**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:** John Snyder III, Douglas Sinclair Sr., Donna Ellis, Anthony “Tony” Reynolds, Charles Lever IV, Steve Thomas and Timothy McCluskey

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Stephen Boyd, Cody Sullivan, Chief Frank Roma, Byron Ouellette, Scott Perkins, Josh Berry and Nate Wicklow, approximately 14 residents and 3 nonresidents.

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

**SIGNATURES. –APPROVE**

**MINUTES. -APPROVE 7/18/19 Minutes**

**WARRANTS. –SIGN 9/9/2019 Warrant**

**RESOLVES. –SIGN**

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



V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Markus Desjardins, a part time fire fighter for Hermon Fire, spoke on his support from Hermon Fire during is deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan. He presented a flag he flew in Kandahar to the Fire Chief for the support. Mr. Desjardins also nominated Hermon Fire for their support and having a job to return to after his three deployments to the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) organization.

Mr. Orcut a representative from the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) organization would like to recognize the HFD for its support of those members in our department who are Reservists/Guard members. Mr. Orcut presented three awards: Cody Sullivan for support of a guardsman, Chief Roma for supporting a employee in the National Guard Reserve and Hermon Fire Department, Chief Roma for outstanding service and continued support of National Defense.

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

Mr. Alden Brown spoke on the condition of our cemeteries. In the cemetery the mowers have damaged the grass by spinning tires to gain traction to go over the hills, chipped and broke stones with the mowers, lack of weed whacking on the parts of the cemetery that is not visible from the road. Older stones have not been cleaned in years. Mr. Brown would like to see the cemeteries maintained better.

Mr. Randy Gardner spoke on an article published in the Bangor Daily News regarding “school shaming” and feeding children a cheese sandwich because parents are behind in paying the hot lunch bill. Councilor Reynolds and Councilor Snyer stated this was discussed when they were on the School Board and at the School Council agreed to not have a child go hungry or be singled out for non payment. The School will continue to try and collect in the meantime. Mr. Gardner was proud of Hermon for taking this stand.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Hold Public Hearing – Penobscot Snowmobile Club concourse gathering permit - Grass drag race

Chair McCluskey opened the public hearing at 8:04PM. The hearing closed at 8:05PM with no comments.

Hold Public Hearing – Zone Change 014-024-000 – Coldbrook Road

Chair McCluskey opened the public hearing at 8:05PM. The hearing closed at 8:06PM with no comments.



**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**

**R19-20-08** Consider approving a public/private Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between the Town of Hermon and Hermon Volunteer Rescue & First Aid Squad, LLC. Item tabled from 7/18/2019 meeting.

**Chair McCluskey stated he would like to see the current contract updated.**

**Councilor Thomas moved to table R19-20-08 – date not determined. Councilor Sinclair seconded the motion. Motion was accepted unless doubted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**R19-20-09** Consider approving Penobscot Snowmobile Club concourse gathering permit – Grass drag race

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R19-20-09 Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. Motion was accepted unless doubted.**

**R19-20-10** Consider approving Zone Change 014-024-000 – Coldbrook Road

**Councilor Snyder moved to approve R19-20-10 Councilor Lever seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**

**FR19-20-06** Consider awarding New Boston Road Project for replacing culverts and ditching.

**Councilor Snyder moved to award the bid to Garnder Construction for \$6790.00 FR19-20-06 Councilor Sinclair seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**

**FR19-20-07** Consider awarding Wendy Acres Drive Project for replacing culverts and ditching

**Councilor Snyder moved to award the bid to Garnder Construction for \$26,200.00 FR19-20-07 Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**



**FR19-20-08 Consider** approving a Change Order for the Canopy Project at the Patricia A. Duran School

**Councilor Lever moved to approve FR19-20-08 Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**

**FR19-20-09 Consider** approving a transfer of \$600 from Hermon Veteran Memorial Park trust account (balance of \$12,293.38) to Hermon Veteran Memorial trust account (balance of \$62.59).

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve FR19-20-09 Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**

## **B. WORKSHOPS:**

### **1. Stone Farm Road drainage – discussion**

**Multiple residents spoke on the condition of their properties with large amounts of water and the water flow on Stone Farm Road and Stoneybrooke Way.**

**Josh Berry – Code Office: Gave a quick over view of the plan that was discussed on 8-9-19 at 5PM with Town Attorney, Town Manager, Councilor Reynolds, Town Engineer, Josh Berry, Cody Sullivan, Keiser & Keiser, Nate Wicklow, and his Engineer. At the meeting it was determined one of the contributing factors is an overflowing artesian well that is producing approximately 28,000 gallons a day since March 2019. The plan discussed is to divert the water away from the storm water design and go from there.**

### **2. Purchasing Policy – discussion**

**Town Manager Kroll will rework the purchasing policy and present again to the council.**

### **3. 25 Billings Road – discussion**

**Council felt the demolition of this property needs to happen before school is back in session. Chair McCluskey will call a short meeting in the near future to act on demolition of property.**

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

**Councilor Snyder moved to waive council rules and accept the table packet. Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion was accepted unless doubted.**



**NEW BUSINESS:**

**R19-20-11 Consider calling a Special Town Meeting and Special Town Council Meeting on Wednesday, 21 August 2019.**

**Councilor Snyder moved to approve R19-20-11 Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**

**X. APPOINTMENTS:**

**XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:**

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

**XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**Charles Lever IV: Congratulation to Frank and Cody on their awards.**

**Doug Sinclair Sr.: Ditching for a resident on the Swan Road. Mr. Kroll stated it was on the list to be done this year.**

**Tim McCluskey: Asked about the committee for developing a track in Hermon. Mr. Kroll reported Mr. Gary Gonyar has a committee formed and would like to have two councilors represented. Steve Thomas and John Snyder volunteered.**

**Mr. McCluskey stated our cemeteries need attention.**

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R19-20-04 Councilor Lever seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**

**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.