



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

January 7, 2021

Town Council Meeting

7:00 PM

AGENDA

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*****ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION*****

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE Quitclaim Deed for Map/lot 042-102-000 Account #2027

MINUTES. -APPROVE 12/17/2020 Special Town Meeting minutes

12/17/2020 Council Minutes

WARRANTS. –SIGN 01/08/2021 Warrant

RESOLVES. –SIGN

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing for Hermon Golf Inc. Hermon Meadow Golf Club's Liquor License Application.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:



IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

R20-21-12 Consider approving Hermon Golf Liquor License Renewal

FR20-21-17 Consider disposing of Surplus Property

C. WORKSHOPS:

Town Manager's proposed FY22 CIP

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

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

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

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**TOWN WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, December 17, 2020**

To: Rylee Cushman, a Resident of the Town of Hermon, Penobscot County and State of Maine,

Greeting: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hermon, in said County of Penobscot, qualified by law to vote in said town affairs of the Election and Town Meeting described in this Warrant.

To the Voters of Hermon – District 2, Maine State Senate District 32, and Maine House of Representatives District 23:

You are hereby notified that a Special Town Meeting in this Municipality will be held at the Hermon Public Safety Bldg on Thursday, the 17th day of December A.D. 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to act on Articles 1 through 5.

The Town Manager opened the meeting at 7:00PM. 7 voters were in attendance in the audience.

ART. 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

The Town Manager asked for nominations for a Meeting Moderator. Steve Watson nominated Joshua Berry and John Snyder seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. A show of hands was unanimous in favor of Mr. Berry moderating the meeting 7-0. Mr. Berry willingly accepted the nomination and signed the Moderator's Oath. Town Manager then turned the meeting over to Mr. Berry.

ART. 2: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to appropriate from Fund Balance up to \$58,121 for the completion of the Billings Road project payable to Gardner Construction (\$53,787) & Plymouth Engineering (\$4,334)?

YES or NO

Mr. Berry read Article 2. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 2. John Snyder moved to approve Article 2 as written. Stephen Watson seconded the motion. A show of hands was unanimous in favor of the motion 7-0. Article 2 passes.

ART. 3: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to accept matching funds from Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) up to \$260,000 for the state's contribution and reimbursement to the Town and transfer the funds to Highway Reserve Account (HERM06)?

YES or NO

Mr. Berry read Article 3. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 3. John Snyder moved to approve Article 3 as written. Ronald Murphy seconded the motion. A show of hands was unanimous in favor of the motion 7-0. Article 3 passes.

ART. 4: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to appropriate from the Recreation Reserve (HERM09) up to \$43,000 for the completion of the drainage project at the Hermon ball field complex payable to Gardner Construction?

YES or NO

Mr. Berry read Article 4. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 4.
John Snyder moved to approve Article 4 as written. Ronald Murphy seconded the motion.
A show of hands was unanimous in favor of the motion 7-0. Article 4 passes

ART. 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to transfer from the School Repair Reserve Account (HERM07) to the Hermon School Dept. Accounts Payable account in the amount of \$70,000 for the purpose of the School Dept. entering into an agreement with Plymouth Engineering to conduct final designs for a track and turf facility?

YES or NO

Mr. Berry read Article 5. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 5.
John Snyder moved to approve Article 5 as written. Ronald Murphy seconded the motion.
A show of hands was unanimous in favor of the motion 6-0. Article 5 passes

Mr. Berry asked for a motion to close the Special Town Meeting. John Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Watson seconded the motion.

Mr. Berry adjourned the meeting at 7:13PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Cushman, Town Clerk**

Attest Original/True Copy: , Clerk



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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

7:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Snyder III, Douglas “Doug” Sinclair Sr., Ronald “Ron” Murphy, Anthony “Tony” Reynolds, Charles Lever IV, Steven “Steve” Thomas and G. Stephen “Steve” Watson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Joshua Berry, Winnotta Reynolds and her family.

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

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. -APPROVE 12-10-2020 Minutes

WARRANTS. –SIGN

RESOLVES. -SIGN

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

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V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Boston Post Cane Presentation to Winnotta Reynolds born 5/20/1924, 96.64 years old

Manager Kroll presented Ms. Winnotta Reynolds with the Boston Post Cane replica and a certificate. Ms. Reynolds will have her name displayed in the Town Office under the original cane.

Boston Post Cane

On August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post, a newspaper, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it.*

The canes were all made by J.F. Fradley and Co., a New York manufacturer, from ebony shipped in seven-foot lengths from the Congo in Africa. They were cut to cane lengths, seasoned for six months, turned on lathes to the right thickness, coated and polished. They had a 14-carat gold head two inches long, decorated by hand, and a ferruled tip. The head was engraved with the inscription, — Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of (name of town) — "To Be Transmitted". The Board of Selectmen were to be the trustees of the cane and keep it always in the hands of the oldest citizen. Apparently no Connecticut or Vermont towns were included (at one point it was thought that two towns in Vermont had canes, but this turned out to be a bit of a myth).

In 1924, Mr. Grozier died, and the Boston Post was taken over by his son, Richard, who failed to continue his father's success and eventually died in a mental hospital. At one time the Boston Post was considered the nation's leading standard-sized newspaper in circulation. Competition from other newspapers, radio and television contributed to the Post's decline and it went out of business in 1957.

The custom of the Boston Post Cane took hold in those towns lucky enough to have canes. As years went by some of the canes were lost, stolen, taken out of town and not returned to the Selectmen or destroyed by accident.

In 1930, after considerable controversy, eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well.



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

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing for Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:14PM. The hearing closed at 7:29PM.

Manager Krroll gave an over view of the proposed Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance.

Questions were asked regarding wattage, wind farms, hydro and etc. This is a good time to consider other utility options to include in on future ordinances.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

Consider – Enacting an ordinance to the Hermon Code of Ordinances titled
“Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance”

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve “Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance”.
Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**

**O20-21-04 Consider scheduling a Public Hearing for Hermon Golf Inc. Liquor License
Application on January 7, 2021.**

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve O20-21-04. Councilor Watson seconded the motion.
The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.**

FR20-21-14 Consider authorizing two additional connections for FY 20-21. Cost \$4000

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve FR20-21-14. Councilor Murphy seconded
the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**

**FR20-21-15 Consider authorizing to write off \$1,254.00 sewer maintenance reserve for
unpaid/uncollectable sewer debt.**

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve FR20-21-15. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion.
The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.**



C. WORKSHOPS:

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

Councilor Reynolds moved to waive council rules and accept the table packet. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

FR20-21-16 Consider accepting a grant award from the State of Maine under the Keep ME Healthy Grant program in the amended amount of \$22080. Previous resolve FR20-21-03 stated \$12,000.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR20-21-16. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

X. APPOINTMENTS:

Reappoint personnel to various positions as required by Charter and State Statute.

- Registrar of Voters

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Manager Kroll stated winter is upon and the crews have been out working to deal with the snow. Had a number of mailboxes that were damaged in the last storm. Manager Kroll thanked Gardner Construction for dealing with members of the public as well as the Town Office staff. The first storm was a training event for some new staff and when they are more acclimated to the roads and what it means to have a snowplow attached to your right side and it's not the easiest to maneuver. Hopefully future winter events are not as eventful as the first one.

In a week it will be Christmas Eve and the Town Office will close at noon.

Manager Kroll wishes the council, residents to stay safe and have a Happy Holiday.

Steve Thomas asked for an update on mailboxes on Stone Farm.

Mr. Kroll has been in communication with the Post Master of Bangor (Chris Parker) regarding the mailboxes. Nate Wicklow (developer) has placed mailboxes with the Postal Service that can be delivered in an organized way. The mailboxes are uniform and coordinated with the Postal Service for placement. Although the mailboxes may not be the choice of everyone. There are opportunities for residents to do something different at that location and would be up to them and



the development that takes place. This is nothing the Town is responsible for because mail delivery is between the Post Office and the residents.

Stoneybrook project is starting next week. They will identify the trees that need to come down and put a road in and should be wrapped after the first of the year. They will come back in the spring to loom and seed.

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

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Tony Reynolds: Cousin in New York had 44" of snow from the storm today.

Steve Watson: Merry Christmas and a better New Year.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Reynolds moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Councilor Snyder gave seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cushman
Town Clerk**

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MUNICIPAL QUITCLAIM DEED WITHOUT COVENANTS

The **TOWN OF HERMON**, a Municipal corporation located in Penobscot County, Maine, in consideration of taxes and costs due, releases to **Dana Hewes** with the address of **Fuller Road in Hermon, Penobscot County, Maine, Penobscot County, State of Maine**, Described as follows:

Designated as **Map/Lot 042-102-000 Account 2027** on the Tax Maps of the Town of Hermon prepared by the Hermon Assessor's Office dated January 2018 on file at the Town of Hermon municipal office.

The purpose of this Deed is to release any interest the Grantor may have by virtue of undischarged tax liens filed in the name of to **Dana Hewes, Account 2027** at the Penobscot Registry as:

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Lien:	2017	14909	30

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING all interests of the Municipality of Hermon in and to the above-described premises arising by virtue of undischarged tax liens for tax years subsequent to Tax Year **2017**.

The said Inhabitants of the Municipality of Hermon have caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by Chair Steven Thomas, Vice-Chair Anthony Reynolds, Douglas Sinclair, Sr., Charles Lever IV, Ronald Murphy, G. Stephen Watson, John Snyer III its Municipal Officers duly authorized, this 7st day of January 2021.

Steven Thomas, Chair

Douglas Sinclair, Sr

Anthony Reynolds, Vice-Chair

Charles Lever IV

Ronald Murphy

G. Stephen Watson

John Snyer III

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Maine
Penobscot County, ss.

Then personally appeared before me the above named in their capacity as Chair Steven Thomas, Vice-Chair Anthony Reynolds, Douglas Sinclair, Sr., Charles Lever IV, Ronald Murphy, G. Stephen Watson, John Snyer III, it's Municipal Officers for the Town of Hermon, Maine and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed in their said capacity and the free act and deed of the Town of Hermon.

Dated: January 7, 2021 Before me, _____

Notary Public



R20-21-12

Be it resolved by the Hermon Town Council in Town Council assembled to approve Hermon Golf Inc. liquor license on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

SIGNED this January 7, 2021 by the Hermon Town Council:

G. Stephen Watson

Charles Lever IV

John Snyder III

Anthony Reynolds

Douglas Sinclair, Sr.

Steven Thomas

Ronald Murphy

Attest Original: _____

Motion _____

Yeas _____

Second _____

Nays _____

Date _____



FR20-21-17

Be it resolved by the Hermon Town Council in town council assembled authorize the Town Manager or his Designee to award and accept the following bid for surplus Public Works items -

2003 International Plow Truck for the following amount- \$ _____
submitted by

Funds will be deposited into Town's undesignated fund balance account.

SIGNED this January 7, 2021 by the Hermon Town Council:

Ronald Murphy

G. Stephen Watson

Charles Lever IV

Anthony Reynolds

Douglas Sinclair, Sr.

Steven Thomas

John Snyder III

Attest Original: _____

Motion _____	Yeas _____	Date _____
Second _____	Nays _____	