



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

January 7, 2021

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 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, Steven “Steve” Thomas and G. Stephen “Steve” Watson

Members Absent: Charles Lever IV - Excused

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Chief Fran Roma, Assistant Chief Cody Sullivan.

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

Councilor Snyder moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0.



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.

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:02PM. The hearing closed at 7:03PM with no comments.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R20-21-12. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

FR20-21-17 Consider disposing of Surplus Property

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve FR20-21-17. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

C. WORKSHOPS:

Town Manager's proposed FY22 CIP

Manager Kroll gave an over view for the next CIP requests.

The total proposed amount required from local appropriation totals \$490,000 (same as FY21). This also includes the School Department's CIP request.

Highlights of the Plan include but not limited to:

HERM05/Fire Res.- Purchase a new fire truck- funding with existing reserve funds;

HERM06/Highway Res.- Complete the MPI project on Billings Rd (phase II- Route 2 to Fuller Road)/Repair Blackstream Rd (phase II- Route 2 to Black Stream Bridge);

HERM07/School Repairs Res.- Hermon High- Repair the parking lot and roof;



HERM12/Sewer Res.- Replace the SCADA system on Autocar Lane; and
HERM17/Public Safety Bldg Res.-Purchase and install a SOLO Rescue SCBA decon washer.

Manager Kroll stated in a few years the sewer pump system located on Route 2/Hammond Street will need upgrades/replacing. An engineered assessment of the system has been performed. The sewer pump station runs through the Bangor Water/Sewer. The responsibility of funding this project should not fall solely on the backs of the taxpayers. He stated Federal and State grants funds would be an avenue to visit when looking for funding for this project.

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Our thoughts and prayers are with an employee hospitalized for a speedy recovery.

Citizens are coming through the office to do their business. Thank you for approving the safety glass to protect staff and residents.

Thank you to staff for putting together CIP.

Town of Hermon is looking for a plow truck driver.

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

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Ronald Murphy: Thank you Howard for everything you do here. Glad to see the DECOM unit for the Fire Department – greatly needed.

Tony Reynolds: To Chief Roma, when could the front office staff be vaccinated? Since they are essential workers and on the front line. Chief Roma will look into this.

Steve Thomas: What is the distance between shots? Chief Roma stated 3 to 4 weeks between. Track committee will be rolling out a 5 part series on where the committee started from and to where we are now. There will be a workshop in February and a Council vote in March. Looking to have his on the June 2021 ballot.

Chief Roma: Recognized Ralph Shaw and Katie Rogers for actions taken during a snow storm on 12/6/2020.



Presented to **Ralph Shaw** in recognition of actions taken in the early morning of December 6, 2020. While conducting plowing operations for the Town of Hermon, Ralph noticed smoke and fire coming from a structure at the corner of Billings and Fuller roads. Immediately contacting the Penobscot County Communications Center to dispatch the fire department, Ralph returned to the building and began to notify the occupants, who were unaware of the fire, to evacuate. Ralph further assisted the Hermon Fire Department upon their arrival. The actions of Ralph Shaw that snowy morning undoubtedly saved lives and led to the reduction of property damage.

Presented to **Katie Rogers** in recognition of actions taken in the early morning of December 6, 2020. While conducting plowing operations for the Town of Hermon, Katie Rogers while coming out of the Public Works lot noticed smoke and fire coming from a structure at the corner of Billings Road and Fuller roads. She notified Ralph Shaw of the situation nearly simultaneously to when Ralph also became aware of the fire. Katie assisted in the notification of the residents of the fire and their evacuation. She further assisted the Hermon Fire Department in initial operations upon the arrival of the fire department. The actions of Katie Rogers that snowy morning undoubtedly saved lives and led to a reduction in property damage.

Recognized Douglas Sinclair Sr., for all his years of service and a part of public safety. We rely on them in dangerous situations. He has given a great service to the community.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Councilor Snyder gave seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cushman
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.