

Town Council Meeting
February 23, 2009
DRAFT Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call

Councilors present and answering roll call: Councilors Breen, Payne, Rodden, Wrobleski, Armitage, Pierce, Libby.

Councilors absent: none

Public Forum

There was no public comment

Item 1 (a) Order to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 Town Council Special Meeting and Workshop.

Item 1 (b) Order to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2008 Town Council Meeting.

Item 1 (c) Order to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 Town Council Special Meeting and Workshop.

Item 1 (d) Order to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Breen moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilor Libby seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Item 2 Report from Council Committees and liaisons regarding updates on assignments.

Councilor Libby reported that the Harbor Committee will be giving a report this evening. The Workforce Housing Committee met this evening at 4:30 pm and plans an upcoming workshop meeting with the Council on April 13 to answer follow up questions, followed by a public hearing. The Cable Committee is moving right along with their work plans.

Councilor Pierce reported that the Green Ribbon Commission has been working on their final report for the Council. The School Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 24 to vote on the calendar. Councilor Pierce stated she would be attending a Library Committee meeting in the future.

Councilor Wrobleski suggested a site walk after the building is demolished sometime in the spring.

Nathan Poore will put the order on the March 9 meeting agenda.

Item 7 Public hearing regarding an amendment to the Shoreland Zoning Map, from Limited Residential to Limited Commercial in the Tidewater Master Plan Development District.

Councilor Armitage opened up the meeting for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Councilor Armitage closed the public hearing.

Item 8 Order to approve amendments to Planning Board Rules of Procedure.

Councilor Libby moved to approve the order to amend the Planning Board Rules of Procedure. Councilor Wrobleski seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 9 Order to authorize the Town Manager to sign an easement on behalf of the Town.

Councilor Breen moved to approve the order to authorize the Town Manager to sign an easement on behalf of the Town. Councilor Pierce seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 10 Discussion and Order regarding the regulation of motor vehicle weight on posted ways.

Councilor Wrobleski moved to approve the order as follows:

Order to approve the Town Manager or his designees to post seasonal weight limits of 23,000 lbs (listed GVW) on certain local roads, per the authority granted in Falmouth Code of Ordinances Chapter 17 Article IV section 17, such roads to include: Mountain Road, Woodville Road (Woods to Winn), Lunt Road (Falmouth to Middle), Merrill Road, and Johnson Road (Route 1 to Foreside). Be it further ordered that such limits may be posted and lifted, at the discretion of the Town Manager or his designees, anytime between February 24, 2009 and April 30 2009, and such discretion shall be based on road condition, weather conditions and temperature.

Councilor Pierce seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 11 Order to seek membership in the Greater Portland Transit District and to authorize the Town to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding relating thereto.

Councilor Wrobleski moved to table this item to the March 9 meeting for further discussion: Councilor Breen seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Item 12 Discussion about the process for development of a Route 100 vision.

Nathan Poore explained that the reconstruction project for Leighton and Mountain Road was being looked at by the Economic Stimulus and MDOT. He suggested taking a look at the vision because of the amount of work that would be needed such as curb work, drainage, sidewalks, street lights and landscaping. The second project would be the replacement of the bridge over the railroad tracks and river, near exit 53. Nathan Poore asked for direction from the Council if they wanted him to advocate to the DOT to accommodate for potential growth in that area.

Councilor Libby and Town Manger Nathan Poore both disclosed that they are property owners in the area. Nathan Poore stated that he was a part owner of a home located on Mountain Road and Route 100 and that the property has not had the right of way issues resolved. He stated that he asked his brother as part owner to represent him in any DOT or Council meetings concerning his property.

The Council would like the Town Manager to advocate for potential future growth.

Item 13 Order to go into executive session to discuss a hardship abatement of taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 841(2) (E).

Councilor Wrobleski moved to go into executive session to discuss a hardship abatement of taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 841(2) (E). Councilor Pierce seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Nathan Poore stated that it is possible that the Council will take action after Executive Session, and if there was any action then it would be reported at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Planer
Town Clerk