

Town Council Meeting Special Meeting and Workshop
October 13, 2009
DRAFT Minutes

The meeting opened at 7:09 pm.

Roll Call

Councilors Libby, Rodden, Payne, Breen, Councilor Chase were present and answering roll call.

Councilor Pierce arrived late.

Councilor Armitage was absent.

Item 1 Order to approve an amendment to the Retirement Community Overlay District

Councilor Libby moved to approve the amendment; Councilor Chase seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 Presentation on the status of work completed in Falmouth by the Youth Conservation Corp as part of a grant project managed by the Cumberland County Soil and Water District.

Stephanie Dulac Technical Director of the Casco Bay Youth Conservation Corp detailed the work and accomplishments achieved by the youth group over the summer. Chair Breen requested Ms. Dulac to submit an application for future funding.

Item 3 Presentation by the Harbormaster regarding a website mooring application function.

Harbormaster Alan Twombly discussed the options available for online mooring.

Councilor Pierce arrived to the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Item 4 Concept discussion about a parking ordinance amendment that would restrict parking on Woodville Road in a location near the Middle School, new Elementary School and Superintendent's Office.

Town Manager Nathan Poore and Police Chief Ed Tolan explained the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Pierce will be introducing this item.

Item 5 Order support the Town Manager's decision to adjust the staffing levels in the Police Department which will add one sworn police officer position to the department (at FY09 staffing levels).

The Councilor's supported the Town Manager's decision. A formal vote was not taken.

Lieutenant Kilbride introduced Maxi the new police dog and explained how he was acquired.

Item 6 Councilor Libby will discuss a concept for a zoning amendment to address storage of recreational vehicles.

Councilor Libby will work with staff for a possible introduction.

Item 7 Discussion about creating a Council appointed citizen Economic Development Committee.

Councilor Libby will explore the concept of creating a committee with Councilor Armitage, Nathan Poore and Theo Holtwijk.

Item 8 Discussion about whether the Town Council will consider a resolution for or against the following November 3 statewide referendum questions:

"Do you want to cut the rate of the municipal excise tax by an average of 55% on motor vehicles less than six years old and exempt hybrid and other alternative-energy and highly fuel-efficient motor vehicles from sales tax and three years of excise tax?" (Motor Vehicle Local Excise Tax Amendment)

"Do you want to change the existing formulas that limit state and local government spending and require voter approval by referendum for spending over those limits and for increases in state taxes?" (TABOR II)

Councilor Payne and Councilor Chase discussed why they wished to abstain from voting on these resolutions. Councilor Pierce will take into consideration feedback on the proposed resolutions with possible Council action on October 26.

Item 9 Discussion about future Council agendas.

Nathan Poore outlined the upcoming agendas for October and November.

Adjourn

Councilor Payne motioned to adjourn, Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Planer,
Town Clerk