

Town Council Meeting Special Meeting and Workshop
November 9, 2009
DRAFT Minutes

The meeting opened at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call

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

Councilor Armitage arrived at 7:11 pm.

Councilor Chase was absent.

Item 1 Order to accept the Falmouth on the Green sewer system and to accept the sewer extension on Winn Road.

Councilor Libby moved the order to accept the Falmouth on the Green sewer system and to accept the sewer extension within Winn Road. Councilor Payne seconded Motion carried 5-0.

Be it ordered by the Town Council of the Town of Falmouth, Maine, in Town Council assembled:

That the Town accepts the Easement Deed and Bill of Sale from Falmouth on the Green Homeowners Association to the Town of Falmouth, dated September 15, 2009, and assumes the sewer system thereby conveyed as a public sewer; and that the Town accepts the sewer system extension constructed by the Falmouth on the Green Homeowners Association within Winn Road pursuant to permission granted under Falmouth Code sec. 18-231 and hereby affirms the acceptance of such extension previously made by the Town Council and accomplished by virtue of Falmouth Code sec. 18-232.

Item 2 Discussion and introduction by Councilor Chase of an amendment to the Falmouth Code by adding a section, to be numbered 18-133, which prohibits connection of septic tanks to the public sewer.

Public Hearing will be scheduled for December 14.

Item 3 Order to consider a request from Cianchette Family LLC to terminate the town's right of incipient dedication in Howard's End Drive and Spring Ledge Drive in Sherwood Forest subdivision.

Councilor Libby moved an order to grant a request from the Cianchette Family LLC to terminate the town's right of incipient dedication in Howard's End Drive and Spring Ledge Drive in the Sherwood Forest subdivision. Councilor Pierce seconded.

Councilor Armitage arrived at the meeting.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item 4 Presentation on the status of the new elementary school.

School Board member Karen Farber gave a presentation and update on the construction on Woods Road.

Item 5 Order to appoint a representative of the Town Council to serve on the Falmouth School Department Superintendent of Schools search committee.

The Council discussed with Karen Farber the need and role of the representative.

Councilor Armitage moved to appoint Town Manager Nathan Poore as the representative of the Town Council to serve on the Falmouth School Department Superintendent of Schools search committee. Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 4-2 (Pierce and Rodden opposed).

Councilor Breen made a motion that a formal request to the school Board and the interviewing committee that a Councilor as well as the Town Manager be allowed to participate in the initial round. Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 6 Staff presentation on the status of an Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EEBG).

Barbara DiBiase discussed the grant request.

Councilor Pierce made an informal order to endorse and support the work that has been done on the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant. Councilor Rodden seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 7 Discussion and possible order to approve plowing certain sidewalks including Johnson Road.

Nathan Poore thanked Mr. David Gooch for bringing the unplowed sidewalks on Johnson Road to his attention. Poore recommended adding Johnson Road to the existing contract for plowing sidewalks for this winter of 2009/10.

Nathan Poore also recommended that a thorough policy discussion should take place during the FY11 budget development process to determine which sidewalks should receive sidewalk plowing services in the future.

Item 8 Discussion about how the Town Council would like to proceed on matters relating to workforce housing.

Workforce housing was discussed among the Councilors. The Council agreed to relieve the Workforce Housing Committee of their charge and incorporate the goal of workforce housing into the Town's comprehensive plan.

Item 9 Discussion regarding a zoning amendment to adopt the variance from dimensional standards, known as the “Practical Difficulty Variance.” as requested by Councilor Libby.

Councilor Libby and Councilor Payne will work with staff to propose a possible zoning amendment.

Item 10 Order to change the Town Council regular December 28 meeting date to Monday, December 14.

Councilor Armitage moved to change the meeting from December 28 to December 14. Councilor Payne seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 11 Discussion about future Council agendas.

Nathan Poore discussed the upcoming agendas with the Councilors.

Item 12 Order to go into Executive Session pursuant to the Laws of Maine to discuss negotiation parameters associated with labor contracts between the town and two unions- Teamsters Local 340 and Maine Association of Police, pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Adjourn

Councilor Payne motioned to adjourn, Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 6-0
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Planer,
Town Clerk