

**Town of Falmouth
Town Council Special Meeting and Workshop
December 8, 2008
MINUTES**

Roll Call

Present and answering roll call: Councilors Breen, Payne, Rodden, Wroblewski, Pierce and Libby.

Absent: Councilor Armitage

Item 1 Presentation and discussion about an Alternative Consolidation Plan for Falmouth Public Schools.

Superintendent George Entwistle presented the Alternative Plan and an overview of the funding challenges that face the schools. The plan consists of three key and concurrent efforts:

- 1.) Avoiding the State penalty of \$473,000
- 2.) Management of the 08/09 curtailment in existing operating budget of \$475,000.
- 3.) Pursue continued potential efficiencies cited in the alternative plan

There was a lengthy discussion with the Council.

Item 2 A presentation by John Duncan of PACTS on high priority projects and consideration of an order/resolution in support of the PACTS “High Priority Project”.

John Duncan explained that it was PACTS’ goal to receive the support of the 15 town councils in the PACTS area for the 3 major transportation projects in the resolution.

Councilor Breen moved to adopt the resolution; Councilor Pierce seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 3 Order regarding an amendment to Chapter 17, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, section 17-92, sub section D, of the Town Ordinances regarding parking on Andrews Avenue. This item was tabled at the November 24, 2008 meeting.

Councilor Pierce moved to take the item off the table; Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Payne moved to amend the proposed order, that designated parking spaces at the east end of Andrews Avenue are to be utilized for Falmouth residents as parking for Mackworth Island and will not have a three hour time limit, as it is virtually unenforceable. Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 4-2 (Breen, Pierce opposed).

Councilor Wrobleski clarified that the spaces were for Falmouth residents only and that the 3 hour time limit was eliminated.

Councilor Rodden stated she supported the amendment and apologized for not being at the November meeting.

Councilor Pierce apologized for not being at the November 24 meeting. Councilor Pierce stated she felt torn on the Falmouth resident only for the parking spaces, and was unable to endorse it.

Councilor Breen stated that residents had legitimate concerns with emergency vehicles if parking was allowed on both sides of their street. She thought a reasonable solution was to have parking on one side of the street, but the Council voted to take parking away from both sides of the street with the exception of these spaces, and now we would like to take these spaces away from the general public and limit them to Falmouth residents and extend the ban through the month of October.

Councilor Libby said the island is a great resource but it bothers him that the state has the attitude of not wanting to expand the parking. Mackworth Island is not a Falmouth resource. He is willing to keep trying to work for change.

Chief Tolan asked the Council for clarification if it was not the intent of the Council to include those spaces as a tow away zone. Chief Tolan recommended keeping it as a non tow away zone.

Councilor Wrobleski said it was not in the amendment.

Councilor Libby moved to adopt the order as amended. Councilor Payne seconded. Motion carried 5-1. (Breen opposed)

Councilor Libby will work with Councilor Pierce and Town Manger Poore to work with the state concerning more parking on Mackworth Island.

Item 4 Order regarding language relative to a new Ordinance concerning the member terms of Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Councilor Libby moved to adopt the order; Councilor Breen seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 5 Discussion and order for permanent appointment of a Municipal Reviewing Authority.

Councilor Wrobleski explained that this was addressed some time ago and LPAC was appointed as an interim Municipal Reviewing Authority. The Council asked the Planning Board to establish rules that would govern their process as the Municipal Reviewing

Authority when conducting public hearings on zoning amendments. Councilor Wrobleski stated that he has drafted an amendment to those rules.

Council Wrobleski moved to amend the proposed Planning Board rules of procedure submitted by the Planning Board to the Council. Councilor Pierce seconded. There was no formal vote taken on this amendment, but after a lengthy discussion a majority of the Council expressed approval of the amendment.

Councilor Wrobleski moved to appoint the Planning Board as the Municipal Reviewing Authority, contingent upon that Board's approval of rule 6.3 as amended by the Council; Councilor Breen seconded.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item 6 Public Hearing, Council discussion/review and an order for an amendment to the Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) Development Programs for the West Falmouth Crossing and Route One North and South TIFs.

Councilor Wrobleski opened the meeting for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Councilor Payne moved to approve the order as amended; Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Rodden was not present)

Item 7 FY2009 - 2010 Capital Improvement Program Budget Presentation (Workshop)

After a detailed presentation by Town Manager, Nathan Poore the Council asked questions and discussed the presentation.

Councilor Rodden returned to the meeting.

Item 8 Presentation on work by staff on amendments to the current Code of (Workshop) Ordinances regarding street acceptance.

Amanda Stearns answered questions after the presentation. Town Manager Nathan Poore suggested an introduction at the January 26 regular Council meeting. Council Wrobleski volunteered to do the introduction.

Item 9 Presentation by Al Farris, Code Enforcement Officer, regarding (Workshop) current regulations for property maintenance and review of how other communities are addressing the issue of ill kempt properties.

**Item 10 Review future Town Council agendas
(Workshop)**

Town Manager Nathan Poore reviewed the upcoming agenda items for December 22 and January 12.

Item 11 Order to go into Executive Session pursuant to the Laws of Maine to discuss the possible acquisition of land, pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C).

Item 12 Order to go into Executive Session pursuant to the Laws of Maine to discuss negotiation parameters associated with the Teamsters Local 340 contract renewal, pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Councilor Pierce moved to go into executive session, Councilor Wroblewski seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Council went into executive session at 9:47 pm. They came out of session at 10:30 pm.

Adjourn

Councilor Payne moved to adjourn; Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Planer
Town Clerk