

Falmouth Town Council Meeting
January 26, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

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

Councilor Payne arrived late to the meeting.

Public Forum

There was no public comment.

**Item 1 Order to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2008 Council meeting.
(Consent Agenda)**

Councilor Libby moved to approve the order; Councilor Pierce seconded. Motion carried 5-0 (Rodden abstained).

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

Councilor Breen reported that the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) is working on developing a monthly activity report, which she will be sharing with the Council when it becomes available. Neal Allen, the Executive Director of GPCOG and a representative from the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce will be attending the upcoming February 12 Council meeting to present a collaborative effort by the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Coalition and GPCOG to develop a regional economic development model. Councilor Breen also explained that the Facilities Committee was meeting regularly with 30 – 40 community groups and encouraged everyone to attend the meeting at Plummer Motz School on March 12 at 6:30 pm, to offer opinions on how best to meet the needs of Falmouth's facilities.

Councilor Rodden reported that the Open Space Committee is working on a public process on how to manage the town's woodlands. Councilor Rodden also stated that Metro has approved their budget. There will be a meeting for the Mass Transit Committee later this week to discuss the actual bus schedule. In Augusta, Mary Nelson the new State Representative from Falmouth will be introducing legislation to formalize Falmouth as being a member of Metro. The Recycling Committee and ecomaine are looking to market plastics #3 – 7 differently. ecomaine is also looking at a possible increase in assessments because revenues in trash and recycling are down.

Councilor Wrobleski reported that LPAC will be meeting on Thursday January 29 at 7:00 pm. LPAC has been working on the Natural Resource ordinance and the Shoreland zoning ordinance and anticipate having a presentation sometime in February or March. The Ordinance Committee and the Governance Committee are planning to hold a dual meeting in the near future.

Councilor Pierce was excited to share that on January 13 the school department was accepted by the State as an official stand alone unit, with no penalty. The School Calendar Committee is looking for efficiencies to meet the needs of parents and students. The School is also forming a transportation sub-committee. The School Board Budget Presentation and Workshop will be held on March 7 at 8:30 am in the High School Music Room. The Department of Education has formally accepted the school construction project proposal to stay on its original proposed construction timeline. She also reported that PACPAC is currently working on their work plan.

Councilor Libby reported that the Cable TV Committee has been busy working through their charge. The Harbor Committee will be holding a very important public hearing on February 2 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.

Item 3 Report from the Appointments Committee, an order relative to appointing the members of the ad-hoc committees, and an order relative to filling Various vacancies on Boards and Committees.

Councilor Pierce read the order to re-appoint all the ad-hoc committee members of the Community Facilities Planning Committee, the Green Ribbon Commission and the Workforce Housing Committee committees, each for a one year term.

Councilor Wrobleski moved to appoint the members of the ad-hoc committees as presented; Councilor Libby seconded. 6-0

Councilor Pierce presented the recommendation of the Appointments Committee that the Council appoint the following new members for PACPAC: Janet Lane Dye to a 3 year term; Dominic Sette-Ducati to a 3 year term; Maheen Igani to a 1 year term; and Bonnie Troubh to a 1 year term. The Appointments Committee also recommended that the Council appoint Christopher Kittredge to the Conservation Committee for a 3 year term and Michael O'Connor to the Board of Assessment Review and Sewer Appeals.

Councilor Breen moved to appoint the new members of PACPAC as recommended; Councilor Wrobleski seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Rodden moved to appoint Christopher Kittredge to the Conservation Committee; Councilor Armitage seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Breen moved to appoint Michael O'Connor to the Board of Assessment Review and Sewer Appeals for a term of 3 years; Councilor Rodden seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 4 Report from the Town Manager regarding the status of the current fiscal year.

Town Manager Nathan Poore's presentation was followed by questions and discussion by the Council.

Councilor Payne arrived to the meeting.

Item 5 Order to approve the charge (mission) for the Community Facilities Planning Committee.

Councilor Wroblewski moved to approve the amended charge; Councilor Rodden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 6 Resolution to approve the proposed River Point management plan.

This item was tabled at the December 22, 2008 Town Council meeting.

Councilor Wroblewski moved to remove the item from the table for further discussion. Councilor Armitage seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

After a discussion by the Town Council it was decided that changes needed to be made before the resolution was adopted.

Councilor Rodden moved to table the item until the next Council meeting; Councilor Libby seconded. Motion carried 5 -2 (Breen, Wroblewski opposed).

Item 7 Presentation regarding the Village Ice Rink Proposal.

Prior to the meeting, item 7 was postponed to a later date.

Item 8 A discussion about the number of members of the Open Space Implementation Sub-committee.

The Council planned to introduce an order at the February 9 Council meeting to change the new Terms Ordinance to reflect 9 members on this sub-committee.

Item 9 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).

Councilor Breen moved to go into executive session; Councilor Wroblewski seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Wrobleski moved to come out of executive session; Councilor Breen seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Councilor Pierce moved to approve the following order:

Be it ordered by the Municipal Officers of Falmouth Maine in Town Council Assembled to authorize the Town Manger to execute a purchase and sale agreement to purchase land owned by Fred Chase and identified as Tax Map R08-070, R08-069, R08-073 for an amount not to exceed \$305,000, with conditions and other considerations as may be deemed in the best interest of the town.

Councilor Breen seconded. Motion carried 7 -0.

Adjourn

Councilor Libby moved to adjourn; Councilor Breen seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Planer
Town Clerk