

**Town of Veazie
Town Council Meeting Minutes
11/5/2012**

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Olson, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Joseph Friedman, Councilor Brian Perkins, and Councilor Jonathan Parker. Town Manager Joseph Hayes, Secretary Christine Landes, Tax Assessor Ben Birch, Fire Chief Gerry Martin, and Police Chief Mark Leonard along with various members of the public.

Members Absent: None

Item 1: Call to Order

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item 2: Secretary to do the roll call

All present.

Item 3: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 4: Consideration of the Agenda

No Changes.

Item 5: Approval of the October 22, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Joseph Friedman motioned to accept the minutes as written.
Councilor Jonathan Parker seconded. No Discussion. 5-0-0.

Item 6: Public Comments

None

Item 7: Meet with large land owners regarding the proposed land use ordinance

Town Manager Hayes explained who was invited and who was present at the meeting. Large land owners were sent a package and were invited to discuss with the council the proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance.

Mr. Barney Silver felt that the Planning Board has not had consideration of land owners and that they each had their own agenda. He felt a change as proposed would make the town stale. He also felt it would not generate new tax dollars nor allow any changed in the town.

Mr. Tom Davis felt the proposed changes were ridiculous. He stated he can no longer farm the land he owns. He stated he has never posted the land and has always allowed people to use it as long as they respected it. He now felt he was going to post the land as it would now be a liability and with the proposed changed to the Land Use Ordinance he would never be able to develop it.

A concerned citizen felt the changes were not right. She has four acres currently and is only able to have one house lot. She felt the changes box people in and with time there will be no growth.

Councilor Joseph Friedman thanked the people who spoke and reminded them that this was not the councils plan. He also stated he disagreed with the changes. He felt large landowners should have been part of the process.

Bangor Hydro representative John Gabarra, explained the concerns he had for the changes. The first change should be capitalization of all defined terms. He stated that easements should also be recognized in the pre application process.

Councilor Brian Perkins felt that land owners could possibly meet with the Planning Board. Mr. Silver felt the Planning Board would not listen to large land owners and that there was no middle ground.

Councilor Joseph Friedman would like the council, Planning Board and large land owners to work together on the changes. Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Brian Perkins and Councilor Jonathan Parker also agreed. They requested a regular meeting night be held with the Planning Board members.

Item 8: Elect a board member to the Municipal Review Committee

The town manager spoke briefly about the possible candidates. Councilor Joseph Friedman felt that Coslow should be elected . He explained his reasons why. Councilor Brian Perkins felt the explanation was reasonable.

Councilor Joseph Friedman motioned to elect Coslow to the position on the board of directors for the Municipal Review Committee. Councilor Brian Perkins seconded. No Discussion. 5-0-0.

Item 9: Set Meeting Dates for Town Council

Chairman Tammy Olson explained why this had been an issue. Councilor Brian Perkins felt it should be the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Councilor Jonathan Parker felt that it should go back to every other Monday to get in sync with the warrants. Councilor Chris Bagley was open to suggestions but preferred the same schedule. His second choice would be the second and fourth Monday.

Councilor Brian Perkins motioned to change the meetings to the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Councilor Chris Bagley seconded. No Discussion. 5-0-0.

The Planning Board will be encouraged to meet the first Monday of the month. There will only be one meeting in December.

Councilor Brian Perkins motioned to change the January 14th meeting to January

7th due to the holiday in January and only one meeting being conducted in December. Councilor Chris Bagley seconded. No Discussion. 5-0-0.

Item 10: Update on information regarding Mutton Lane

The town manager explained what information he had located on the road. The code officer was consulted also. To make this town a town road it would have to be brought up to standards. Councilor Brian Perkins felt something should be done minimally to encourage recreation in that area. The recreational area had been acquired due to taxes. Councilor Jonathan Parker didn't feel there was much that could be done through the trailer park. The town manager felt that legal council should be consulted if this issue was to be pursued. A resident explained that when the road was built 35 years ago it was built to standards at that time. She also explained that 5-6 years ago the town did some work that reduced the width. She felt she should not be the only one paying for any improvements on the road and that all that use it should contribute. Chairman Tammy Olsen felt that it was a liability issue also. No action taken.

Item 11: Animal Control Report for October

No comments.

Item 12: Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Gerry Martin briefly reviewed the report with the council.

Item 13: LPI Report

No comments.

Item 14: Manager's Report

The town manager reviewed his report. He stated he is continuing to research the 1.82 ton trash fee imposed regularly.

Item 15: Comments from the Public

A resident was concerned about the public works employee working at the sewer district. The town manager explained that he has asked public works to keep a log of what is occurring in the work day. There has been some trading off of equipment but no numbers given as of yet as to how many hours. The town manager will continue to work on this.

It was also asked when there would be a bid for lawn mowing. The town manager explained that the solid waste bid had priority and that the lawn mowing would be the next process.

Councilor Brian Perkins asked if an accounting system could be set up with the school if the RSU is dissolved. The payroll passed in June does not meet the payroll at the quasi-municipal level. Chairman Tammy Olson would like something in writing as would Councilor Joseph Friedman especially for liability.

Chairman Tammy Olson stated that the council was looking at requests for proposals in the engineering process. Councilor Joseph Friedman asked that the items decided to go out for bid be placed as an agenda item.

There was some concern about the trailer being in the town land across from the town office. It was noted that the tenant pays lot rent but no taxes are paid by the owner to the town. The resident felt that the council should deal with this. Tax Assessor Ben Birch spoke briefly about the issue and that the trailer could possibly be located but undetermined if it was on town property. He felt a legal survey should be done to determine encroachment.

Item 16: Requests for information and Town Council comments

Councilor Chris Bagley asked if the items had been addressed by the Fire Chief. The Town Manager will look into this.

Chairman Tammy Olson asked if any other council members had considered the departments to review next. Councilor Brian Perkins would like to look at the Recreation Department. Councilor Joseph Friedman agreed. The Town Manager has met with the director to improve the revenues. The idea of a concession stand had been brought up. Councilor Jonathan Parker asked if any licenses were needed. The Town Manager felt that if it was prepackaged it would be okay.

Item 17: Review and sign Town Warrant Payroll 10 and Warrant 9 and 9A

The warrants were circulated for signatures.

Item 18: Executive Session to discuss a legal matter 1MRSA 405 6 C

Councilor Joseph Friedman motioned to enter executive session under 1MRSA 405 6 C. Councilor Brian Perkins seconded. No discussion. 5-0-0.

Entered executive session at 8:28 p.m.

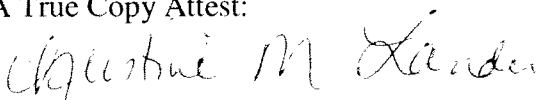
Councilor Jonathan Parker motioned to exit the executive session at 8:52 pm
Councilor Joseph Friedman seconded. No Discussion. 5-0-0.

Item 19: Adjournment:

Councilor Chris Bagley motioned to adjourn.
Councilor Joseph Friedman seconded. No Discussion. 5-0-0.

Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

A True Copy Attest:


Christine M. Landes
Deputy Town Clerk