

MECHANIC FALLS TOWN COUNCIL

June 6, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Council Chairman

Wayne Hackett, Vice Chair

Cathy Fifield

Steve Bolduc

Nick Konstantoulakis

STAFF PRESENT:

Koriene Low, Town Manager

Lisa Prevost, Finance Director

Shirley Marquis, Town Clerk

Fred Sturtevant, Fire Chief

Jeff Goss, Police Chief

Scott Penney, Public Works Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joan Lowell

Anna Bolduc

Samantha Marquis

Jennifer Schutt

Brian Schutt

Sonia Buck, Esq.

Winslow Durgin, Sun Journal

At 7 pm, Lou Annance, Council Chair called the Council meeting to order. We did not salute the flag since this meeting immediately followed the Yates Street Parking Public Hearing and the flag was saluted at 6:30 pm.

Lou asked for a motion to accept items 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 on the agenda, the Council meeting minutes from the May 2 Council meeting and phone meeting minutes from 5/23/16 phone vote, the departmental reports and the financial reports.

Steve Bolduc made a motion to accept the minutes and reports. The motion was seconded by Cathy Fifield. Lou called for a vote. All voted in favor of acceptance of the minutes and reports.

Lou asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

The Spirit of America Award was presented to Scott Penney by Lou Annance and a picture was taken.

Reports of the Town Manager.

Old Business:

First item is Yates Street Parking. A motion is required at this time. It was decided that a measurement should be taken prior to making a decision on this. Scott Penney offered to go take a measurement. It was decided to move to the next item on the agenda and come back to the Yates Street item.

Community Day Update. Koriene told the Council that Community Day was well attended. There is interest in expanding Community Day next year. Lou wanted to thank everyone who was involved on the Committee and the businesses that participated. Great to have the parade come back and the pie eating contest was phenomenal.

Five Corners Update. It has gone to bid but Koriene has no further information at this time.

New Business:

Notice of Election. We have an election coming up in June. Koriene needs a motion from the Council allowing her to post notice of the election in the lobby.

Wayne Hackett made a motion to allow the posting of the election in the lobby. The motion was seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. A vote was taken. All voted in favor of posting the notice.

Second Council meeting in June for Board appointments. It was decided that the Council would meet on Monday night, June 20, 2016 at 7 pm to make the board appointments.

Recreation Committee requesting the Council to allow a beer tent on Town property for 24 hour adult ball game. Wayne Hackett wanted to know if this would be legal. Jeff Goss advised that they would need the proper permits from the State. Wayne asked what would happen if no one made a motion. Koriene advised they could make a motion to deny. Nick made a motion to deny. Steve Bolduc asked if recreation could hire a vendor to do the beer tent. Wayne asked when the game was scheduled to happen. Koriene said July and a decision could be made at the organizational meeting. Steve supports

a beer tent with conditions if a vendor, such as the Legion ran the beer tent. There was no second on Nick's motion. It was decided that more information was needed and conditions should be set and the item would be brought back for a vote at the June 20, 2016 meeting.

Koriene informed the Council of upcoming office closures. The Town office will be closed June 16 from 10 am to noon for training with Androscoggin Bank. The Town office will close at 2pm on June 30, 2016 for year end and the office will be closed on July 4, 2016.

Licenses:

Shooter's Pub liquor license renewal has been signed off by Jeff Goss: Dad's Place liquor license, they have added a seating area on premises and Jeff Goss is okay with this; Harvest Hill liquor license renewal. Cathy Fifield made a motion to approve the liquor license for all three businesses. The motion was seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. Steve Bolduc is not in favor of renewing the liquor license for Harvest Hill because they owe the Town a lot of tax money. Lou Annance, Wayne Hackett, Cathy Fifield and Nick Konstantoulakis vote in favor of approving all the liquor licenses. Steve Bolduc votes in favor of Shooter's Pub and Dad's Place licenses but against approving the license for Harvest Hill.

The Crooked Hook Tavern: The Crooked Hook Tavern is a new business applying for licenses for liquor, victualer and special amusement licenses. It will be located at the old Daddy's Pub. The new owners are Jennifer and Brian Schutt and they are present. Wayne Hackett made a motion to approve the licenses for the Crooked Hook, seconded by Steve Bolduc. A vote was taken and all members voted in favor of approval.

Yates Street. Scott Penney has returned from measuring Yates Street. Scott said most of the street is 20 feet or better so there would be enough room for an 8 foot parking lane. Wayne made a motion to make Yates Street one from Highland Ave to Pine Street with an 8 foot parking lane along a portion of the street for a trial period of six months. There will be no parking on the corner. On November 15, the winter parking ban would go into effect and there will be no parking. At the December Council Meeting the Council will advertise a Public Hearing on the issue and re-visit the idea at that time to see if it is working. This motion was seconded by Steve Bolduc. This change would take effect when the new signs come in and are posted on Yates Street. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

David Stimson resignation as EMA Director effective 7/1/16. Steve Bolduc made a motion to accept David's resignation. Cathy Fifield seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all voted in favor of accepting his resignation.

Nominate Fred Sturtevant as new EMA Director effective 7/1/16. Cathy Fifield made a motion to nominate Fred Sturtevant as new EMA Director. Seconded by Steve Bolduc. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Koriene will add David Stimson's name to the plaque as well as Wayde Boston's name. Wayde recently retired from the Fire Department after 30 years of service.

Executive Session: Steve Bolduc made a motion to move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. A vote was taken and all were in favor of going to executive session.

Wayne Hackett made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:15 pm, seconded by Steve Bolduc. A vote was taken and all were in favor of coming out of executive session.

Wayne Hackett made a motion to support the Town Manager's recommendation to terminate Shirley Marquis's employment with the Town of Mechanic Falls. This was seconded by Steve Bolduc. A vote was taken. Wayne Hackett, Cathy Fifield, Steve Bolduc and Nick Konstantoulakis voted in favor of terminating Shirley Marquis's employment. Lou Annance abstained.

Shirley asked about her vacation and sick pay, the insurance and when her actual termination date would be. The Council agreed to pay out any accrued and unused vacation time on the books, to pay out her sick time at 40% as per the personnel policy and to continue her health insurance coverage until June 30.

Wayne Hackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25, seconded by Steve Bolduc. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned.