

# Mechanic Falls Town Council

March 4, 2019

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cathy Fifield, Chair  
Stephen Bolduc, Vice Chair  
Nicholas Konstantoulakis  
Wayne Hackett

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Zakk Maher – Town Manager  
Julie Ward – Deputy Town Clerk  
Scott Hinkley-Transfer Station Manager  
Jeff Goss – Police Chief  
Fred Sturtevant III – Fire Chief

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Eriks Petersons, Reporter	Jessica Cummings	Lori Vadeboncoeur
Penny Emery	Justin Starbird	Craig Smith
Sandra Ballard	Mark Gary	James Vadeboncoeur
Jay Bryant	Terry Kelly – County Com.	

**1.0** Councilor Fifield called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**2.0** We stood and saluted the flag.

**3.0** Roll Call complete, Kieth Bennett absent

## **4.0 General Reports:**

### **4.1 Council Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2019**

### **4.2 Municipal Financial Reports**

Councilor Bolduc moves to accept the Minutes and Reports as submitted, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. All in favor, so voted.

### **4.3 Report on Standing Committees & Departments**

Councilor Konstantoulakis opened the discussion advising that he did not make it to the Recreation or Library Trustee Meetings. The Historical Society has a new member Patricia Marquis and they are still in need of more members. Councilor Fifield reports that she attended the School Board meeting, they have hired a School Resource officer. The cost for salary, benefits, car, fuel is \$96,000. Student counts are around 1763 with a variance of 10. Jess Matson, the principal, discussed the IKE policy and they are down 3 bus drivers. The Planning Board met and approved the Machias Hotel. The Town Manager reports that there was a water main break and the repair was done in timely manner with the help of public works. The overtime for the Public Works is still ok for this year's budget.

## **5.0 Public Hearings:**

### **5.1 Liquor License Renewal – EggCeptional Restaurant**

### **5.2 Liquor License Renewal – Mill House Pub**

No public comments regarding the above liquor license renewals. Councilor Bolduc moved to approve both licenses, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. Councilor Hackett abstained to vote due to financial gain as owner of the property rented by the Mill House Pub, Councilor Fifield stepped in voted.

### **6.0 Comments from the Public:**

Resident Penny Emery wanted an update on the buildings for Town Office. Town Manager responded that the floor plans have finally been approved. One final step concerning fire exits and handicap accessibility and the council will approve and the bid packages will go out. Penny also asked if there would be a public hearing again about the new building. Her concern was running 3 different buildings, Town Manager responded that was not the plan, however, there will be a transition period when transferring into the new building. The plan was to still leave Police Department behind while the Town office and Library move.

Resident James Vadeboncoeur expressed his concern on the inability to build on his lot. He felt some of the town's boards are run by the states comprehensive plan. Also mentioned some of the town's ordinances contradicted each other and used the resumption ordinance as an example. Councilor Hackett asked if Mr. Vadeboncoeur has a conformed lot to which Mr. Vadeboncoeur stated he does not and apparently can not meet the road set back. Town Manager stated they are working on the issue with the appeals board and also aware that we need 2 more members on the appeals board. Councilor Konstantoulakis asked when the next appeals board meeting was set. It will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6pm.

### **7.0 Old Business:**

#### **7.1 Charter Amendment Warrant 1-9**

Town Manager began discussions regarding several charter issues that were erroneously omitted in the 2010 Charter revision. Councilor Hackett moved to maintain the council structure per charter, no second, Town Manager explains that there are several amendments in question. Town manager moved on to discuss other amendments and council discussed allowing the Town Manager the ability to appoint duties to other employees. Councilor Hackett amends his motion to only include the Town Manager's ability to appoint duties going forward for public hearing on April 1, 2019. Councilor Bolduc seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

#### **7.2 Financial Oversight Resolve**

Town Manager read the Warrant article on Resolution of Financial Oversight for Committees. Councilor Hackett moved to accept, Councilor Bolduc seconded it, all in favor, unanimous.

#### **7.3 Mutual Aid Agreement**

Fire Chief Sturtevant has no issues with signing the agreement. It is normal practice when a new fire chief starts in a new town. Councilor Konstantoulakis moved to accept to sign, Councilor Bolduc seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

#### **7.4 Marijuana Opt-in Warrant**

Town Manager read the proposed warrant article regarding the option to allow Marijuana Retail Sales to conduct business in the town. Councilor Bolduc moved to have bring the topic to Public Hearing on April 1, 2019, Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

### **8.0 New Business:**

#### **8.1 Compactor Repair quote**

Transfer Station Manager, Scott Hinkley, presented to the Council that there is a large hole in the wall of the compactor that has since gotten bigger from 2017. The power keeps tripping because the guides also need to be replaced. Since "The Valley Company" has been doing all the maintenance on the compactor, it makes since to use them for the repairs. The total cost of repair is \$6100.00 with labor being the biggest expense. Councilor Hackett moved to accept the cost of the repair, Councilor Bolduc seconded, motion approved with all in favor.

### **8.2 Historical Society Appointments**

Three new applications for Historical Society are as follows: Patty Marquis, William French Jr and Pamela French. Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the applications, Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

### **8.3 Recreation Budget**

Town Manager Zakk stated the budget approval was need for the clean up of 18-19 year, and also the 19 Budget year for Baseball through Basketball. Councilor Hackett moved to accept both budgets, Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded, unanimous. Town Manger talked about getting 3 new applications for the Recreation Committee, Justin Starbird voiced concern and would like the three applicants Ryan Cook, Derek Campbell and Mike Hodgson, to come to the meeting on March 21, 2019 before the council appoints. The appointments will be tabled until the next council meeting on April 1, 2019.

### **9.0 Ordinances, Resolves & Licenses:**

#### **9.1 Abatement Request**

Abatement request in the amount of 414.22 was presented due to previous clerk error in entering in homestead and veteran's exemption. Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the abatement in that amount, Councilor Hackett seconded, all in favor was unanimous.

#### **9.0 Executive Session:**

**NONE**

#### **11.0 Adjourn:**

Councilor Bolduc motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. All in favor, so voted. Meeting adjourned 7:56pm.