

Town Council Organizational Meeting

June 15, 2015

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call

All Councilors were present and answering roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Farber led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office Ceremony

Deputy Clerk Linda Case delivered the Oath of Office to Councilors Farber and Kitchel.

Item 1 (a) Election of Town Council Chairperson.

Councilor King nominated Councilor Goldberg as Chair; Councilor McBrady seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (b) Election of Town Council Vice-Chairperson.

Councilor Farber nominated Councilor Anderson as Vice-Chair; Councilor King seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (c) Order to appoint members to the Council Finance Committee.

Councilor Farber nominated Councilors Farber, Kitchel and Hemphill for the Finance Committee. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (d) Order to appoint members to the Council Ordinance Committee.

Councilor Farber nominated Councilors Anderson, McBrady, and Kitchel for the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (e) Order to appoint members to the Community Development Committee.

Councilor Farber nominated Councilors King, Hemphill and Farber for the CDC. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (f) Order to appoint members to the Council Appointments/Personnel Committee.

Councilor Farber nominated Councilors McBrady, King and Anderson for the Appointments Committee. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (g) Order to appoint Council members to serve as liaisons to various boards and committees.

Councilor Farber moved the slate of appointments. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Board of Assessment Review and Sewer Appeals	Quasi-judicial
Board of Zoning Appeals	Quasi-judicial
Community Park Connector Committee (ad-hoc)	HEMPHILL
Conservation Commission	KITCHEL
Economic Improvement Committee	FARBER
Harbor/Waterfront Committee	KING
Human Services Committee	MCBRADY
Land Management and Acquisition Committee	KING
Library Board of Trustees	KITCHEL
Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee	FARBER
Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee	ANDERSON
Planning Board	Quasi-judicial
Recycling & Energy Advisory Committee	HEMPHILL
Route 100 Committee (ad-hoc)	MCBRADY
School Board	N/A
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (ad-hoc)	ANDERSON
Shellfish Conservation Committee	KING
Tercentennial Planning Committee (ad-hoc)	FARBER
Voter Registratrion Appeals Board	Quasi-judicial
Zoning Committee (ad-hoc)	FARBER

Item 1 (h) Order to appoint one alternate to the ecomaine Board of Directors.

Councilor Farber moved to appoint Councilor Goldberg to the ecomaine Board of Directors. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (i) Order to appoint two representatives to the General Assembly of the Greater Portland Council of Governments.

Councilor Farber moved to appoint Councilor Kitchel and Mr. Poore to GPCOG. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (j) Order to appoint two people to serve on the METRO Bus Board of Directors.

Councilor Farber moved to appoint Bonny Rodden and Mr. Poore to the METRO Board of Directors. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (k) Order to appoint a representative from the Council as a liaison to the Tidewater Advisory Council.

Councilor Farber moved to appoint Councilor Hemphill to the Tidewater Advisory Council. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (l) Order to appoint a Council member and the Town Manager to serve on the METRO Coalition.

Councilor Farber moved to appoint Councilor Goldberg to the METRO Coalition, and to appoint Mr. Poore as an alternate. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (m) Order to appoint one representative and two alternates to the PACTS Policy Committee.

Councilor Farber moved to appoint Councilor Kitchel as the Council's representative to PACTS, and Councilors King and Farber as alternates. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 1 (n) Order to appoint a representative to the Hurricane Valley Farm Committee.

Councilor Farber moved to ask LMAC to appoint one of their members to the Hurricane Valley Farm Committee for a term of one year. Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 2 Public Forum

No one spoke at public forum.

**Item 3 Order to certify the June 9, 2015 Election results.
(Consent Agenda)**

Councilor Hemphill moved the order; Councilor Anderson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 4 Order to change the date of 2015/2016 Council meetings impacted by holidays.

Councilor Goldberg opened a public comment period; no public comment.

Councilor Anderson moved the order; Councilor Farber seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 5 Discussion about a possible easement that would permit the owners of property located at the corner of Hat Trick Drive, Clearwater Drive and Farm Gate Road to construct certain improvements for the benefit of the property owner and the general public within the Hat Trick Drive right of way which portion is owned by the Town of Falmouth.

Mr. Poore explained that the owners of the proposed restaurant on lot TV-4 are asking for the proposed Hat Trick sidewalk to be located on their side of road instead of it being installed on the Walmart side as currently proposed. It makes more sense for the sidewalk to be on the restaurant side. In order for them to install the sidewalk they will need the Town to grant them the rights. At their last meeting the Planning Board requested that the applicant explore on-street parking along Hat Trick Drive; they are looking at installing that on the Walmart side of the street. While there are other parties to the Hat Trick project, Town staff feel that the applicants would only need a sign off from the Falmouth Plaza owners on the proposed easement.

Councilor Farber asked why the sidewalk was planned for the Walmart side of the road. She thought the Family Ice side seemed to make more sense.

Mr. Poore said there were temporary construction easements with the property owner, and it wasn't going to work for them to install the sidewalk. Placing the sidewalk on the Family Ice side was the Town's preference. He asked planning staff if sidewalks on both side would make sense, but they said it doesn't; pedestrians can't access the Walmart garden center from that side of the building, and there is no good connection with Clearwater on that side either.

Councilor Goldberg said the sidewalk would still extend the length of Hat Trick; Mr. Poore said that was correct.

Councilor Goldberg asked if on-street parking would be on the Walmart side; Mr. Poore said it might be on both. They have to look at the stormwater in that area and whether they would need to submit a revision to the stormwater permit.

Councilor King asked for clarification that the restaurant owners would be installing the improvements; Mr. Poore said that was correct. She asked who would be responsible for maintaining it. Mr. Poore said the MOU stated that the owners of Falmouth Shopping Center are responsible for maintenance; they are entering into a side agreement with the owners of TV-4 on that. The costs for these improvements will be borne by the private property owner, though there is some cooperation with the Town. The project is scheduled to be awarded to a contractor this week and the budget was looking tight; this plan will save the Town some money on this project.

Councilor Hemphill asked if there is a pedestrian crossing due to the change. Mr. Poore said no; they won't need a crossing now. One was originally planned near the loading area but now the sidewalk will be on the same side the length of Hat Trick. If there is a crossing it will be from Hat Trick to Clearwater.

Councilor Goldberg asked if the construction of Hat Trick coordinates with construction of the restaurant; Mr. Poore said it will be a bit ahead of the restaurant.

Item 6 Discussion about future Council agendas.

Mr. Poore discussed the items scheduled for upcoming Council meetings.

Item 7 Order to go into Executive Session pursuant to the Laws of Maine to discuss negotiation parameters associated with the Teamsters Local 340 and Maine Association of Police contract renewal, pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Councilor King moved the order; Councilor Hemphill seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council entered executive session at 7:38 pm and did not return.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Tryon
Recording Secretary