

Town Council Meeting Minutes July 20, 2020

Chair Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

All councilors were present and answering roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Kuhn led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office Ceremony

Ellen Planer, Town Clerk, delivered the Oath of Office to Councilors LaFond and Asherman.

Item 1

- a) Election of Town Council Chairperson.
- b) Election of Town Council Vice-Chairperson.
- c) Order to appoint members to the Council Finance Committee.
- d) Order to appoint members to the Council Ordinance Committee.
- e) Order to appoint members to the Community Development Committee.
- f) Order to appoint members to the Council Appointments/Personnel Committee.
- g) Order to appoint members to the Council's ad-hoc Committee on Retail Marijuana.
- h) Order to appoint Council members to serve as liaisons to various boards and committees.
- i) Order to appoint one representative to the ecomaine Board of Directors.
- j) Order to appoint two representatives to the General Assembly of the Greater Portland Council of Governments.
- k) Order to appoint a Council member and the Town Manager to serve on the Metro Coalition.
- l) Order to appoint one representative and two alternates to the PACTS Policy Committee.
- m) Order to authorize the Town Manager to name Amy Lamontagne, Assistant Town Manager, as his designee in the event of his absence.

Chair Kuhn reviewed the slate of Council Leadership and committee appointments.

Councilor Asherman motioned; Councilor De Lima seconded.

Chair Kuhn opened the public comment period; there was no public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item 2 Public Comment Period.

Chair Kuhn opened the public comment period; there was no public comment.

Item 3 (Consent Agenda)

- **Order to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting.**
- **Order to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Town Council Special Meeting.**
- **Order to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 Town Council Meeting.**
- **Order to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020 Community Forum/Discussion about Policing in Falmouth**

Councilor Johnson motioned; Councilor Asherman seconded.

Chair Kuhn opened the public comment; there was no public comment.

The motion carried 6-0. Councilor LaFond abstained as he was not a member of the Council during the meetings.

Item 4 Report from Council Committees and liaisons regarding updates on assignments.

Councilor Cahan said the transit agencies have found that they need more money than they expected so they will have to divide up the remaining CARES Act funding differently than anticipated.

Mr. Poore said the Town was successful with two recent grants. The Town received over \$90,000 from the Keep Maine Healthy Grant program which will be used to fund COVID-19 prevention advertising, notices in the newspaper, banners, barricades, and additional staff at Town Hall. These expenditures will be made between now and October. He said the Fire-EMS Department received a \$7,500 grant for additional personal protective equipment that should last for 180 days.

Item 5 Public hearing and order relative to renewal of permanent food service establishment licenses for: Dockside Provisions (215 Foreside Road), Ricetta's Brick Oven Ristorante (240 U.S. Route 1), Walmart (206 US Route 1), The Woodlands Restaurant, and The Woodlands Snack Shack (10 Woodlands Drive).

Councilor Asherman motioned; Councilor Johnson seconded.

Chair Kuhn opened the public comment period; there was no public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 Order to change the date of 2020/2021 Council meetings impacted by holidays.

Councilor De Lima motioned; Councilor Asherman seconded.

Chair Kuhn opened the public comment period; there was no public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 Re-enactment of Ordinance No.128-2020, an emergency ordinance to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Falmouth Code of Ordinances relating to outdoor eating areas and outdoor retail display to assist businesses suffering economic loss due to COVID-19 in a manner consistent with the Governor's re-opening plan

Councilor Trickett motioned; Councilor Johnson seconded.

Chair Kuhn opened the public comment period; there was no public comment.

Chair Kuhn asked if things were still going smoothly with the emergency ordinance. Mr. Poore said to date there had been no complaints or concerns raised.

Councilor Johnson said that businesses were slowly reopening, and people were getting accustomed to dining in, but people are really using the outdoor dining. He discussed the driver's education course that had partnered with Bueno Loco to use the restaurant's outdoor dining set up to hold classes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 Order to go into Executive Session pursuant to the Laws of Maine to discuss the following:

- **real estate rights, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C);**
- **legal rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E).**

Councilor Asherman motioned; Councilor Cahan seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Council entered Executive Session at 7:25pm and did not return.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Fleming
Recording Secretary