

Town Council Meeting September 28, 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

Councilors King, Hemphill, McBrady, Goldberg, Kitchel, and Farber were present and answering roll call. Councilor Anderson was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Goldberg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1 Public Forum

No one spoke at public forum.

**Item 2 (a) Order to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015, Town Council Special
(Consent Agenda) Meeting.**

**Item 2 (b) Order to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015, Town Council
(Consent Agenda) Meeting.**

**Item 2 (c) Order to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015, Town Council
(Consent Agenda) Special Meeting.**

**Item 2 (d) Order to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015, Town Council
(Consent Agenda) Meeting.**

**Item 2 (e) Order to authorize the Town Manager to execute a quit claim deed for
(Consent Agenda) Map U36, Lot 021.**

Councilor Farber moved the consent agenda; Councilor McBrady seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 3 Report from Council Committees and liaisons regarding updates on assignments.

Councilor McBrady said that this Wednesday, September 30, at 6pm at Town Hall, the Route 100 Committee is holding an open house and public forum on their work. The public are invited to attend and encouraged to give feedback.

Councilor Goldberg said the Town was recognized by the Falmouth Land Trust recently for its efforts to acquire open space.

Item 4 Report from the Appointments Committee and order relative to filling various vacancies on Boards and Committees.

Councilor Goldberg opened the public comment period. There was no public comment.

Councilor King moved the order to appoint Charles Einseidler to the Library Board of Trustees for a three year term. Councilor Hemphill seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 5 Introduction of an amendment to the Zoning Map to rezone the property located at 9 Lunt Road from RA to VCC.

Councilor Farber introduced the amendment. The Library purchased the property at 9 Lunt Road about a year ago as part of the library expansion project. There is a need to rezone the lot so that it is consistent with the library property; the property is currently zoned RA. Councilor Farber said the trustees currently rent out the home on the property; if the zoning change proceeds she confirmed with Planning Staff that they can continue to rent it. It would continue as a non-conforming use under the VCC until it is developed as a commercial lot. One that happens, it will not be able to revert to residential use.

A public hearing was scheduled for October 26.

Councilor Farber moved to amend the agenda, taking item 7 out of order. Councilor King seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 7 Order to establish an ad-hoc committee with the charge to recommend to the Council a long range vision and plan for the Route 1 North corridor between the Turnpike Spur and the town line with the Town of Cumberland.

Councilor Farber suggested removing "Town Council" from the list of requested members; a Council liaison will be appointed anyway, and this will free up a seat for another resident. She thought this was how they did Route 100. Councilor Hemphill agreed.

Councilor McBrady asked how they decided on nine members instead of seven.

Theo Holtwijk, Director of Long-range Planning, said nine was the number they used for Route 100. This charge says "up to nine"; more than nine might be unwieldy. They wanted to give the Council flexibility and allow those who were interested in serving to have a place.

Public comment period opened; no public comment.

Councilor Farber moved the order, with an amendment to the charge to remove "Town Council" from the membership list. Councilor McBrady seconded.

Councilor King wondered if that list implied voting status on the committee; Council Farber felt this list was designed to ensure balance. Since the Council will have a liaison anyway, if they have a lot of applicants for this committee, taking that off the list means the appointments committee can fill all the seats and still have Council representation.

Councilor King wondered if they could add "Council Liaison" somewhere else in the charge. She was fine with the proposed change.

Councilor McBrady agreed with Councilor Farber's change.

Councilor Hemphill asked about a timeframe for the committee to report to the Council. Mr. Holtwijk said Route 100's work was done in a year. He thought the committee should be able to report back in a year.

