

**Town Council Meeting  
March 23, 2015  
Minutes**

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

**Roll Call**

All Councilors were present and answering roll call.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Farber led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 1                      Public Forum**

No one spoke for public forum.

**Item 2 (a)                      Order to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015, Town Council  
(Consent Agenda)        Special Meeting.**

**Item 2 (b)                      Order to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015, Town  
(Consent Agenda)        Council Workshop Meeting.**

**Item 2 (c)                      Order to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015, Town  
(Consent Agenda)        Council Meeting.**

**Item 2 (d)                      Order to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015, Town Council  
(Consent Agenda)        Meeting.**

Councilor Goldberg moved the consent agenda; Councilor McBrady seconded.

Councilor King made an amendment to the March 9, 2015 minutes.

Amended minutes passed 7-0.

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

Councilor McBrady said the FEIC will hold a public forum on April 14, at 6pm at the Lunt Gymnasium to present the work they have done with Camoin Associates on the economic development plan. They are looking for feedback from the public.

Councilor King said CDC and LPAC held their third outreach meeting regarding implementation of the comprehensive plan on February 26. They have received some feedback since then and are now evaluating that. They will present their final report to the Council at the end of April.

Councilor Anderson reported on the budget process. The municipal part of the process is largely complete. The Finance Committee will hold a joint meeting with the School Board's finance

committee on Thursday, March 26, with a public hearing and vote in April. The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is meeting for the first time Tuesday, March 24.

Councilor Hemphill said the Community Park Connector Committee will hold its first meeting Wednesday, April 1 at 1pm. The Ordinance Committee will meet on Thursday, April 2 at 4pm.

Councilor Mahoney said he and Councilor Hemphill met with staff to discuss the Tidewater extension and the master plan as a whole. They will meet again next Tuesday with a goal to come back to the Council with some things to consider within two months.

Chair Farber said staff have been working with FLT on a memorandum of understanding for the Hurricane Valley Farm and that should come before the Council at the next meeting. She met with the council chairs of Cumberland and Yarmouth to discuss areas where the three towns might be able to cooperate, regionalize and share tasks, in anticipation of decreases in revenue sharing from the state and increases in costs. They came up with a few ideas, and the town managers are going to review them. The three big areas were police administration, ladder trucks, and public works activities.

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

Councilor McBrady said there are vacancies in the Senior Citizen Advisory, the Community Park Connector, and the Tercentennial committees.

**Item 5                      Introduction of an amendment to the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 17-82.1 Wreckers and vehicle towing, in order to move the maximum rates for services to a fee schedule.**

Chair Farber explained that the fee schedule for towing services is embedded in the ordinance. The fees are not high enough and there have been challenges in securing towing services as a result. Amending the fees requires an ordinance amendment. In order to simplify the process of adjusting fees, staff are suggesting that the fees be removed to a fee schedule, which can be changed by Council order.

Councilor Mahoney asked if there is a lot of towing in Town.

Town Manager Nathan Poore said he didn't think it happens a lot, but when they need one, they really need one. It is an important part of the police function, and they need the fees to be an incentive in order to get the tow trucks to come to Falmouth.

A public hearing was scheduled for April 13.

**Item 6                      Ordinance to amend the Zoning and Site Plan Review Ordinance section 3.18.11, in order to extend the Tidewater Master Plan Development District an additional six months.**

Councilor Mahoney said the Planning Board met on March 3 and unanimously approved the extension of the master plan.

Councilor King moved the ordinance, Councilor McBrady seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**Item 7                      Ordinance to amend the Tidewater Master Plan Development District and the Tidewater Village Design Guidelines in order to accommodate development at TV-3.**

Chair Farber discussed the proposed amendments. She explained that the Council asked staff to clarify the language regarding building footprint. Staff explained in a memo that, while the allowed building footprint would be increased to 11,000 sf, not all three buildings could be that size since there an overall cap of 22,000 sf on the parcel.

Councilor Mahoney clarified that the total footprint can't exceed 20,000 sf. Lots TV-2 and TV-3 had a combined requirement that 45% of first floor space would be retail, but due to the size of the medical office building, and since TV-2 has no retail, that will now be reduced to 40% and on TV-3 only. In order to meet that requirement, the first floor of the other two buildings on TV-3 will have to be 100% retail; that would include restaurant use. At its MRA hearing, the Planning Board unanimously approved of these changes.

Councilor Goldberg moved the ordinance; Councilor Hemphill seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**Item 8                      Ordinance to provide an exemption from vehicle excise tax to eligible, active duty military personnel.**

Councilor Mahoney noted that this ordinance would take effect immediately.

Councilor Mahoney moved the ordinance; Councilor McBrady seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**Item 9                      Order to schedule a public hearing on the FY16 Municipal and School Department Budgets for April 9, 2015.**

Public comment period opened; no public comment.

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

**Adjourn**

Councilor Goldberg moved to adjourn; Councilor King seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Tryon  
Recording Secretary