

**Town Council Special Meeting
Minutes
May 15, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

Councilors Ferrante, King, Hemphill, and Farber were present and answering roll call.

Councilors Kitchel arrived late.

Councilors Svedlow and McBrady were absent.

Item 1 Orders to approve the FY18 School Department Budget as required by M.S.R.A. Title 20-A §1485, §1486, §2307.

Chair Farber opened a public comment period; there was no public comment.

Councilor Kitchel arrived at the meeting.

Councilor King moved the orders, and read them into the record. Councilor Hemphill seconded.

Councilor Kitchel said that, if the monies withheld from the State are released, all of it will be returned to the taxpayers. When that happened last year, it was split between the school department and the taxpayers. Chair Farber said that was correct. Councilor Kitchel asked if they were comfortable with the plan. Chair Farber said the monies that went back to the School last year went to their capital improvement plan, since that had been unfunded for several years.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 Order to sign the June 13, 2017 Budget Validation Referendum and the Municipal Official Election warrant.

Chair Farber opened a public comment period; there was no public comment.

Councilor Kitchel moved the order; Councilor Ferrante seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3 Public Hearing and Order relative to a new license for the Cumberland Farmers' Market Association to establish a summer and winter market.

Amanda Stearns, Community Development Director, said the Cumberland Market has submitted a full application for both the summer and fall market locations. Signing this license would also grant the Market the right to use a portion of Town property for the summer market location. Ms. Stearns discussed the insurance language with the Town Attorney today and they agreed that they can simplify the language while maintaining the same level of required coverage.

Chair Farber opened the public hearing.

Cathy Shaw of the CFMA thanked the Council. This is a great opportunity for farmers' markets and they are looking forward to opening next week.

Chair Farber closed the public hearing.

Councilor Hemphill thanked the CFMA for their work and interest.

Councilor Hemphill moved the order; Councilor King seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 4 Introduction of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 19, Zoning and Site Plan Review Ordinance regarding uses in the VC Districts.

Chair Farber explained that this is a correction. Despite a prior memo detailing that car washes would be permitted in VC-2 but not in the VC-1 district, when the ordinance language was drafted that restriction was left out. This amendment would correct that oversight.

Councilor King said there was some interest expressed in a car wash along Route 1. When the Codes Department reviewed the language in the current ordinance, it was discovered that the language addressing car washes was omitted. In the memo, it explains that the intention of VC-1 was for a compact, pedestrian-friendly district with a mix of business and residential. Car washes were intended to be a conditional use in VC-2.

In response to Chair Farber, Ms. Stearns explained where the division between VC-1 and VC-2 is. The reason for the difference between the two districts was to maintain an auto-oriented section of Route 1 along with the pedestrian-oriented section of VC-1.

A public hearing was scheduled for July 10. The MRA hearing will be at the Planning Board on June 6.

Adjourn

Councilor King moved to adjourn; Councilor Ferrante seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Tryon
Recording Secretary