

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
March 8, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

1. Roll call attendance was taken with seven (7) members present.

James Byrne, Raymond Caron, Paul Manson, Roland Michaud, Catherine Nadeau, Steven Russell and Gerald Saint Amand.

Michael Heavener, Town Manager was present along with John Giroux, Public Works Director and several committee members to be appointed.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne that the minutes of the meeting held on February 8 be approved. Motion carried. Unanimous.

3. Appointments

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne to appoint Susan Morissette to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne to reappoint Joseph Marcoux to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne to reappoint Jerome Leclair to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Michaud to reappoint Cathy Nadeau to the Personnel Appeals Board for a 3-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Michaud to appoint Richard Hutchinson to the Parks & Recreation Board for a 3-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Michaud to reappoint Michael Byrne to the Kennebec Regional Development Authority for a 2-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Michaud to reappoint Howard Mette to the Kennebec Regional Development Authority for a 2-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

4. Communications

a. Legislative Update

No Comment.

1. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Water District meeting held January 21 and February 4.
2. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District meeting held January 19.
3. Copy of Winslow School Committee Agenda for February 22 meeting.
4. Copy of Municipal Review Committee, Inc Memorandum.
5. Copy of correspondence between DEP and NestEra (formerly FPPE) regarding the compliance reports from the Fort Halifax Dam Removal.
6. Copy of Rules and Procedures of Council Meetings that was amended at the meeting held on February 8, 2010 by Ordinance 6-2009.
7. Copy of 2009 Central Maine Economic Report from Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce.
8. Copy of notice of a Meeting for Winslow and Benton regarding the Multi-Modal Corridor Management Plan with KVCOG and DOT.
9. Copy of letter to Lee Cranmer from Friends of Fort Halifax.
10. Copy of letter to the Town Manager from Shelley Phillips regarding the installation of DuraTherm crosswalks.

5. Reports of Committees and Commissions

a. Town Manager's Report

TOWN ASSESSOR APPOINTED

In your packet is Resolution No. 5-2010 that if accepted would confirm my appointment of Judy Mathiau as Town Assessor.

We received approximately 13 applications for the position and 6 of the 13 had their Certified Maine Assessor (CMA) certificate.

An interview committee was formed consisting of Paul Castonguay the City of Waterville Assessor, Town Councilor Gerald Saint Amand, CEO Frank Stankevitz and myself.

On February 9th, five of the applicants who possessed their CMA certificate were interviewed. Judy Mathiau was chosen by the committee as the candidate most qualified for the position (see attached resume).

During my pre-employment background check I received nothing but praise for Judy's performance as an assessor. If Judy's appointment is confirmed she will begin work here on Monday, March 15th.

WINSLOW CONNECTOR TRAIL

In your packet is Resolution No. 4-2010 that if accepted would authorize me to accept a bid proposal from Nitram, Inc. to complete the Winslow Connector Trail.

You will need to decide if lighting will or will not be included in the project. It should be noted that the City of Waterville is planning to light the walking path on their side of the Two-Cent Bridge.

Public Works Director John Giroux will be at Monday night's meeting to answer any questions you may have about the bid proposal and the connector trail.

ENERGY GRANT AWARDED

Last Fall you authorized me to jointly submit an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant with the City of Waterville. The development of the grant was collaboration between the two communities and the Sustain Mid-Maine Coalition. A special thank you goes to John Joseph and the Energy Committee of the Sustain Mid-Maine Coalition for writing the grant.

As a result of the grant submission we have collectively received a grant award of \$170,000. The award will help fund three projects: 1) Residential Energy Efficiency; 2) Residential Renewable Energy; and 3) Community District Energy.

The residential energy efficiency project will involve improving the energy efficiency of 50 homes in Winslow and 50 homes in Waterville.

The residential renewable energy project will involve the installation of 20 residential solar hot water systems.

The community district energy project will consist of a feasibility study for a renewable energy combined-heat and power facility. The facility could provide low cost electricity, steam and hot water that could attract businesses to the area.

NO RESIDENTIAL FORECLOSURES

I am pleased to report that we did not have to foreclose on any homes for unpaid property taxes this year.

We did, however, foreclose on a 0.150 acre parcel valued at \$2,500. The parcel is lot 37 on tax map 16 (see attached) and is managed by Deila Vigue. Ms. Vigue said the parcel was of no value to her and she preferred the town foreclose on it. We will need to decide what to do with this parcel

PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES FOR KWD

Attached to this report is a letter from the Kennebec Water District (KWD) and LD 1783, which contains proposed charter changes for KWD.

If you have any comments you would like me to pass on to KWD before the March 11th hearing, please let me know at our meeting on the 8th.

KSTD RATE WILL DECREASE

At a time of dwindling revenues and rising costs it pleases me to report that our Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District fees for the coming fiscal year will actually decrease by \$115,490.

This decrease is likely the result of a decline in our flow rates and KSTD using a more consistent method of measuring the presence of solids in our waste processed at the plant.

DALLAIRE STREET UP-DATE

As you know, we had initially planned to demolish the six homes by burning them as part of a Fire Fighting training exercise. However, during a pre-burn inspection by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) it was discovered that some houses had siding placed over old, lead-based paint siding. As a result, MDEP concluded the ash resulting from the burn could contain unacceptable levels of lead concentrations. If this were the case, the ash would have to be treated as hazardous waste and be disposed of at a potential, additional cost of between \$100,000 to \$200,000.

In order to avoid the excessive cost associated with treating the ash as hazardous waste we are planning to mechanically demolish the six homes and haul the majority of the debris to a local land fill. Some of the debris will be buried in the cellar holes of the homes. This change will increase the total cost of the project by \$46,571.00 to \$725,396.00. I am waiting for final approval from FEMA before we proceed.

The additional cost to the town for this change will be \$11,643.00, however, due to our In-Kind contributions our actual cash match will increase by only \$2,193.00.

JOHNNY’S SELECTED SEEDS LEASE

Johnny’s Selected Seeds lease will expire this June. They have contacted me and have expressed an interest in renewing the lease for another three (3) years. I am scheduled to meet with Gary Zemrak on Thursday, March 4th to discuss their lease payments over the next three years.

TOWN FOREST UP-DATE

I have spoken with Joseph Stevenson of Sappi who has indicated his company continues to have a strong interest in managing our Town Forest. He said they will continue to offer the town forest management plans, forest inventory/timber cruising, coordinating timber harvests and wildlife management. He said they will even help manage the forest to encourage recreational use.

Mr. Stevenson said when the forest is harvested they will put measures in place to insure the town receives full compensation for the timber that is harvested.

CHROMIUM NOT A HEALTH CONCERN ON THE SEBASTICOOK

As you know I asked the State Toxicologist’s Office to review the Unity College Study conducted last Fall on the Sebasticook River sediments and to determine if the levels of Chromium detected pose a human health risk.

Dr. Silverman reviewed the analysis prepared by Student Kelly Barber and concluded the levels of CrIII and CrVI detected do not pose a human health risk (see attached letter).

It should be noted that CrVI was not detected in the Winslow samples. CrVI is the more harmful form of Chromium.

The Council asked Mr. Heavener to notify Kennebec Water District that they think the communities KWD serve should be have some input when they increase the Trustees compensation. The council wants to put the Dallaire Street demolition project out to bid. They also I instructed Mr. Heavener to ask the DEP for a letter regarding the Chromium issue on the Sebasticook River.

Department Reports

Reports were received from Code Enforcement, Police Department, Public Works, Fire Department, Parks & Recreation and Library.

- b. Treasurer’s warrant approved and signed by the Finance Committee during the Month of February.

No. 16.....	\$ 645,594.47
No. 17.....	<u>\$ 591,372.57</u>

Total	\$ 1,236,967.04
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c. Financial Report

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Michaud to approve all reports.
Motion carried. Unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Order No. 4-2010: Providing for an Amendment to Council Order No. 5-2009: The 2009-2010 Winslow Municipal Budget. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Manson to adopt Order No. 4-2010. A roll call vote was taken.

Paul Manson—Yes	Ray Caron—Yes
James Byrne—Yes	Gerald Saint Amand—Yes
Roland Michaud—Yes	Catherine Nadeau—Yes
Steven Russell—Yes	

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

2. Order No. 5-2010: Providing for the Acceptance of a New Hydrant that has been Installed on Millennium Drive. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Michaud to adopt Order No. 5-2010. A roll call vote was taken.

Gerald Saint Amand—Yes	Paul Manson—Yes
Catherine Nadeau—Yes	James Byrne—Yes
Ray Caron—Yes	Roland Michaud—Yes
Steven Russell—Yes	

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 3-2010: Providing for Application for a Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) Liquor License by Lucky Panda Inc d/b/a Lucky Panda, 1 Cushman Road, Unit #2. (One Reading) Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Michaud to adopt Resolution No. 3-2010.
Motion carried. Unanimous.

2. Resolution No. 4-2010: Providing for authorization for the Town Manager to accept a bid proposal for the Winslow Connector Trail not to exceed \$225,000. with total project costs not to exceed \$284,900. (One Reading) Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Michaud to adopt Resolution No. 4-2010 with Option A. Motion carried. 4 - 3.

3. Resolution No. 5-2010: Providing for confirming the appointment of Judy Mathiau of Vassalboro to the position of Town Assessor. (One Reading) Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Manson to adopt Resolution No. 5-2010. Motion carried. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION:

- The council asked Mr. Heavener to inquire how evaluations are conducted in Waterville. They will have the evaluation done before June 1, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Manson to enter into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. ss 405(6)(F); Discussion of confidential Records and 1 M.R.S.A. ss 405(6)(D); Labor Negotiations. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne to exit Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk of Winslow Maine