

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
August 9, 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 members of the Kennebec Messalonskee Trail Committee.

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 July 12 be approved. Motion carried. Unanimous.

3. Communications

- a. Legislative Update

No Comment.

- b. Other

1. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District meeting held June 15, 2010.

- c. Peter Garrett presented an update on the Kennebec Messalonskee Trails. Three other committee members were present; Richmond McCarthy, Jackie Dalton and Ernie Baker, all of Winslow.

4. Reports of Committees and Commissions

- a. Town Manager's Report

WYMAN ROAD SPEED LIMIT

Some of the residents on the Wyman Road have requested that the speed limit on the road be reduced from 45 MPH to 35 MPH.

Both the Police Chief and the Public Works Director have evaluated the need to reduce the speed limit and they both have concluded that the speed limit should be lowered to 35 MPH on the Wyman Road for the following reasons:

- The short length of the road
- Clustered houses on the west end

- Sharp 90' elbow at the east end

As a result, I am planning to write a letter to DOT requesting that the speed limit be lowered.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT UPDATE

Last Fall we jointly submitted an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant with the City of Waterville to Efficiency Maine. The development of the grant was a collaboration between the two communities and the Sustain Mid-Maine Coalition.

This past spring our grant was approved and we were awarded \$170,000. The award will help fund two projects: 1) Residential Energy Efficiency (\$150,000) and 2) Community District Energy (\$20,000).

The City of Waterville is the fiscal agent for the grant and they will be contracting with KVCAP to administer the Residential Energy Efficiency portion of the grant. This project will involve consultations with the owners of 300 homes to determine if the home and homeowners qualify for either Winterization funding or Weatherization funding.

Of the 300 consultations, 100 homes (50 in Winslow) will be selected to be winterized and the grant funds will cover the costs. An additional 120 homes (60 in Winslow) will undergo an Energy Audit at a cost of about \$400 per home. The grant will cover \$300 of that cost and the homeowner will contribute \$100. Of the 120 homes that receive an energy audit, 100 homes (50 in Winslow) are expected to undergo some of the modifications recommended in the energy audit at the home owners' expense. Once modifications are completed the homeowners will likely qualify for tax breaks and rebates.

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.

INTERSTATE TRUCK WEIGHT LIMIT

On December 16th the 100,000 pound truck weight limit on the section of I-95 north of Augusta will revert back to the 80,000 pound limit unless reauthorized or made permanent by Congress.

MMA is asking communities to show their support for the increased limit. In your packet is Resolution # 15-2010, which if approved would show our support for the increased limit.

MEADOW VIEW LANE REQUEST

Attached to this report is a request from the Meadow View Condo Association for the installation of sidewalks on Meadow View Lane.

I will be scheduling a meeting with representatives of the Association to discuss the concerns expressed in their request. I will update the Council on my progress at a later date.

TELEVISION COUNCIL MEETING

As you probably know the only two communities in our area that televise Town Council meetings are the City of Waterville and the Town of Fairfield.

The cost to televise a meeting is \$125.00. After a meeting is recorded it is broadcast the following week on the local cable access channel on the same day of the week and time it was recorded. This service is provided by Central Maine CATV.

We currently have \$10,000 in a Cable Grant account that could be used for the purpose of televising our Council meetings.

FORMER EAST WINSLOW BAPTIST CHURCH

As you know one of the side walls of the former East Winslow Baptist Church recently collapsed. Since the East Winslow Baptist Church Association had dissolved years ago, we were unable to locate an owner.

Our Code Enforcement Officer filed a complaint in the Kennebec Superior Court declaring the building a Dangerous Building. On Monday, August 2nd, the Superior Court Judge agreed and cleared the way for us to demolish the building.

On Tuesday, August 3rd, a local contractor removed the bell from the church and then proceeded to demolish the remaining structure. On the evening of the 3rd, after receiving DEP approval, the Fire Department burned the remaining material.

The bell from the former church will be stored until we decide what to do with it.

The property will begin being taxed this year and we will likely acquire the property in the future for unpaid taxes. When this happens we can sell the property and recoup our costs for legal fees and demolition.

ANNUAL AUDIT

Our annual audit is scheduled for August 16th through the 27th. Jean and I will be very busy working with the auditors during that time period.

NEW ENGLAND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

I will be attending the 65th New England Management Institute from August 18th to the 20th in Northport, Maine. The conference is sponsored by the Maine Town and City Management Association.

Conference topics include the following:

- ASKING YOUR POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF THE RIGHT QUESTIONS TO GET THE RIGHT ANSWERS.
- REGIONALIZATION/CONSOLIDATION SUCCESSES AND FAILURES, AND MANAGING PUBLIC OPINION.
- LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS OF CONSOLIDATION.
- UNCOMPLICATING MANAGEMENT

b. Department Reports

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

c. Treasurer’s warrant approved and signed by the Finance Committee during the Month of July.

No. 1.....	\$ 853,528.00
No. 2.....	\$ <u>301,910.07</u>
Total	\$ 1,155,438.07

d. Financial Report

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Caron to approve all reports.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

TABLED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1-2010 shall remain on the table until the Planning Board has finished its review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Order No. 12-2010: Providing for the Abatement of Taxes on Accounts that have been Acquired by the Town with Federal Funds. (Second Reading)
Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne to adopt Order No. 12-2010.
A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed. 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 14-2010: Providing for Pole Location Permit – Central Maine Power Company and Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC – Project 10-1001-11280-062. (One Reading) Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne to adopt Resolution No. 14-2010. Motion carried. Unanimous.

2. Resolution No. 15-2010: Providing for The Support of Extending the Truck Weight Limit Pilot Study Increasing the Truck Weight Limit on the Entire Length of Maine’s Interstate System. (One Reading) Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Manson to adopt Resolution No. 15-2010. Motion carried. Unanimous.

3. Resolution No. 16-2010: Providing for the Recognition of both the past and present Volunteers of the Winslow 4th of July Committee for providing the Town with twenty (20) years of 4th of July Celebrations. (One Reading) Sponsored by Raymond Caron.

Motion by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mr. Byrne to adopt Resolution No. 16-2010.
Motion carried. Unanimous.

4. Resolution No. 17-2010: Providing for Pole Location Permit – Central Maine Power Company and Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC – Project 10-1001-11280-048. (One Reading) Sponsored by Steven Russell.

Motion by Mr. Saint Amand and seconded by Mr. Byrne to adopt Resolution No. 17-2010.
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 8:22 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk of Winslow Maine