

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
& PUBLIC HEARING
Minutes of Meeting
March 10, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Saint Amand opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. asking for comments on the following:

1. Ordinance No. 1-2008: An amendment to the Winslow Zoning Map to re-zone a portion of the Commercial District on the China Road to the Highway Commercial District.
2. Resolution No. 5-2008: Authorization for the Town Manager to enter into a Sewer Line Protection Agreement with FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC.

The council heard from Bruce Stafford, Wilma Lombardi, Richard Hughes, Ken Fletcher, Mary Ellen Fletcher, David Vaillancourt, Larry Audet, Jeff Vandenheuvel and Warren Poulin on Resolution No. 5-2008. They voiced their concerns on several issues including; Winslow should not be financially responsible for FPLE's actions; danger to the Dallaire Street homes; changes to the river and surrounding properties.

When all Public comments had been heard, Chairman Saint Amand closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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

James Byrne, Brad Grant, Paul Manson, Roland Michaud, Catherine Nadeau, Steve Russell and Gerald Saint Amand.

Michael Heavener, Town Manager was present along with Attorney William Lee, Al Hodsdon, Engineer, John Giroux, Public Works Director and Al Wiley, FPLE.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Grant that the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2008 be approved. Motion carried. Unanimous.

3. Appointments and Confirmations:

Motion by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Michaud to have the secretary cast one vote for the appointments of Amanda Lessard and Patricia Tobey to the Zoning Board of Appeals for five-year terms. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Mr. Byrne to have the secretary cast one vote for the reappointments of James Poulin and John Ferry to the Parks & Recreation Board for three-year terms. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Mr. Russell to have the secretary cast one vote for the reappointment of G. Paul Falconer to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mr. Byrne to confirm the hiring of Dennis Dacus for the position of Parks and Recreation Director. Motion carried. Unanimous.

4. Communications

a. Legislative Update

b. Other

1. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Water District January 17 and February 7 meetings.
2. Copy of Minutes from School Committee meeting held February 4.
3. Copy of School Committee Agenda for March 3, 2008.
4. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District January 15 meeting.
5. Letter from Fire Chief William Page announcing his retirement date.

5. Council Update:
None

6. Reports of Committees and Commissions

a. Town Manager Report

Parks & Rec Director Confirmation Requested

I am pleased to announce that at the Monday Council meeting I will be seeking the confirmation of **Dennis A. Dacus**, of Winslow, to be the Town's next Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. Dacus is a 1986 graduate of Winslow High School who holds a BA degree in Social Science from UMA.

Mr. Dacus is currently a Physical Education Teacher at Cony High School where he has worked since 2002. When not teaching he has worked as Playground Program Director for the City of Augusta, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, High School Football Official and a Volunteer for Winslow's Youth Programs. From 1996 to 2001 he served in the Maine Army National Guard as a Logistical Supervisor.

Mr. Dacus resides in Winslow with his wife, Alisha, and their two children: 16-year-old Sara and 8-year-old Jacob.

I want to express my appreciation to Town Councilor Brad Grant and the Parks & Recreation Committee for their assistance in narrowing the field of applicants from 22 to 5. All of the 22 applicants were quality applicants and it was difficult to narrow them down to just five.

After narrowing the field of applicants, I then conducted follow-up interviews with each of the top five candidates and admit that it was even more difficult to narrow them down further because each of them had something to offer to our Parks & Rec Program. In the end I feel that Mr. Dacus will prove to be a tremendous asset to the community and to the Parks & Rec Program.

Fire Chief William Page Announces His Retirement

Fire Chief William (Bill) Page has informed me that he is planning to retire at the end of this coming June. I will be highlighting Bill’s 33 year career here in Winslow in a future report.

I have spoken with Waterville City Manager Mike Roy and we have begun planning the process to replace Chief Page. It is likely I will be recommending to the Council that the next Fire Chief be an employee of Waterville and Winslow contract with Waterville for the services of the Fire Chief, which is the opposite of what we are doing now.

Sewer Line Protection Agreement

In your packet is Resolution 5-2008, which has been revised and is related to the proposed Sewer Line Protection Agreement with FPL Energy. As you will see the agreement has been rewritten.

Town Attorney William Lee has written a legal opinion on the issue, which is attached to the agreement.

Albert Hodsdon from A.E. Hodsdon Consulting Engineers will be attending your Council meeting and will be giving a presentation on the scope of the Sewer Line Protection Project. Public Works Director John Giroux will also be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

Dallaire Street Concerns

As you are probably aware, two reports by Sebago Technics have been submitted to the Planning Board and are related to FPL Energy’s Dam Removal Project. The reports highlight a concern about the stability of the riverbank on Dallaire Street during dam removal (see enclosed reports).

The residents of Dallaire Street, however, have been concerned about the stability of the riverbank ever since a home on Dallaire Street slid down the embankment during the summer of 1980.

Because of these concerns I have begun working with KVCOG to seek available Federal financial resources that may help us permanently relocate the residents of at least five of the Dallaire Street homes. I will keep the Council informed of my progress.

Mr. Heavener asked if the Council is still interested in sharing a Fire Chief with Waterville. The Council expressed some concerns but instructed Mr. Heavener to consult with Mike Roy to negotiate a contract.

b. Department Reports

Reports were received from the Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Public Works, and Code Enforcement.

c. Treasurer’s warrants approved and signed by the Finance Committee during the Month of February.

No. 15.....	\$	1,517,074.01
No. 16.....		<u>71,650.91</u>
Total	\$	1,588,724.92

d. Financial Reports

Motion by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Grant to approve all reports.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 1-2008: Providing for an amendment to the Winslow Zoning Map to re-zone a portion of the Commercial District on the China Road to the Highway Commercial District. (Second Reading)
Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Manson and seconded by Mr. Grant to accept the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1-2008. A roll call vote was taken.

James Byrne—Yes	Brad Grant—Yes
Paul Manson—Yes	Catherine Nadeau—Yes
Roland Michaud—Yes	Steve Russell—Yes
Gerald Saint Amand—Yes	

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

TABLED BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 5-2008: Provided for Authorization for the Town Manager to enter into a Sewer Line Protection Agreement with FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC (“*FPL Energy*”)

Easement:

Bill Lee discussed with the Council the easement dated 11/7/77 and a future easement with the heirs the Paine family. That family claims they own the land that the Sewer Line is currently on. This discussion continued until the council all felt comfortable with their concerns about the easement.

Scope /Extent of Project:

Al Hodsdon reviewed the specifics of the Sewer Line Replacement project. He recommends replacing 570 feet of both pipes (the section where the pipes have less than 4 feet of cover) within the existing easement. He explained that the line needs at least 4 to 5 feet of cover to protect it from freezing. He warned that if the pipes are not lowered, at least one of them would freeze the first winter after the dam is removed. Mr. Hodsdon stated that replacement of the sewer line would require some blasting. He assured the council that the blasting would not harm the Dallaire Street Slope. The cost of the project is estimated at \$257,400.00. He answered all questions and listened to concerns from each councilor, Mr. Heavener, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wiley and Mr. Fletcher.

Chairman Saint Amand revealed that there were still many issues to discuss and the hour was late. After polling the Council and with agreement from Mr. Wiley, a motion was made by Mr. Manson and seconded by Mr. Russell to table Resolution No. 5-2008 until March 24, 2008.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mr. Byrne to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk of Winslow, Maine