

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Meeting held in the Parks & Recreation Building
114 Benton Avenue, Winslow, Maine

At 7:00 P.M. the Town Council Meeting was called to order.

- **Roll Call**

Attendance was taken with the following Town Councilors present: Ben Twitchell, Jerry Quirion, Patricia Ayer, Lee Trahan & Ray Caron.

Also Present were: Interim Town Manager Paul Fongemie, Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam, Code Enforcement Officer Adam Bradstreet, Police Captain Haley Fleming and School Superintendent Peter Thiboutot.

- **Recite the Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

- July 27, 2020
- August 3, 2020

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve the minutes from July 27, 2020 and August 3, 2020; motion seconded by Ms. Ayer.

Motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

- **Communications**

- MMA – Proposed Nominees for 2021 Executive Committee:
Motion by Mr. Quirion to name Interim Town Manager Paul Fongemie the designee for the 2021 Executive Committee; motion seconded by Mr. Twitchell.

Motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

- Election Clerks Needed:
Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam expressed the need for Election Clerks to work during the Presidential Election in November; the position has been advertised on the Town's Facebook page and website. Ms. Gilliam said that due to the Covid-19 Virus the Election Clerks have great concern about being exposed to the public on Election Day, she also said that many of the workers are considered high risk due to their age and/or preexisting conditions they may have.

Town Councilor Steve Russell arrived at 7:10 p.m.

- **Reports of Committees and Commission**

- Town Manager's Report
- Department Reports
- Finance Committee Report (Treasurer's Warrants)
- Financial Report

A brief review of reports was made by the Interim Town Manager, Police Captain and the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve the Department Reports; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan.

Motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Caron opened the meeting up for public comment; hearing none, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

Tabled at August 12, 2019 Council Meeting

- Resolution No. 25-2019:

Providing for: Authorization for the Town Manager to accept the attached proposal/letter of agreement from Dirigo Engineering to design a drainage system for property on the Cushman Road at a cost of \$14,000.

Interim Manager Paul Fongemie recommended the Council dissolve this Resolution from future discussion, saying it would be unlikely to proceed at this time or in the near future.

Motion by Ms. Ayer to take Resolution No. 25-2019 off the table for discussion and move it to old business; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan.

Roll Call: - Jeff West
 Y Steve Russell
 Y Patricia West
 Y Lee Trahan
 Y Jerry Quirion
 Y Ben Twitchell
 Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to authorize the Town Manager to accept the agreement from Dirigo Engineering; seconded by Ms. West.

Roll Call: - Jeff West
 N Steve Russell
 N Patricia West
 N Lee Trahan
 N Jerry Quirion
 N Ben Twitchell
 N Ray Caron

Motion failed by unanimous vote 0-6.

Tabled at the July 27, 2020 Council Meeting

- Order No. 15-2020:

Providing for: The Sale of Five Tax Acquired Properties.

Interim Manager Fongemie has recommended this item be taken off the table so the town can dispose of these properties.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to take Order 15-2020 off the table for discussion; motion seconded by Mr. Twitchell.

Roll Call: - Jeff West
 Y Steve Russell
 Y Patricia West

Y Lee Trahan
Y Jerry Quirion
Y Ben Twitchell
Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Twitchell to authorize the sale of five tax acquired properties; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan. Discussion followed.

Mr. Fongemie said three properties would be put out to sale and two properties would be sold back to the previous owner for the amount of outstanding taxes due. Property owner Tom Davis spoke briefly about the two properties that will be transferred back to him. Discussion continued.

Motion by Ms. West to amend the motion and remove the two properties that are intended to transfer to Tom Davis; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan.

Roll call on the amendment:

 Jeff West
Y Steve Russell
Y Patricia West
Y Lee Trahan
Y Jerry Quirion
Y Ben Twitchell
Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

It was noted that the two properties that are intended to be transferred to Tom Davis will be reviewed by the Town Attorney and will be brought forward to the next Town Council Meeting.

Roll call on the original motion to put the remaining three properties out to sale:

 Jeff West
Y Steve Russell
Y Patricia West
Y Lee Trahan
Y Jerry Quirion
Y Ben Twitchell
Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Ordinance No. 4-2020: An Amendment to the Winslow Zoning Map to Rezone the following Lot on Tax Map 13 Lot 115 from High Density Residential Zone to Mixed Use Zone.

Code Enforcement Officer Adam Bradstreet briefly addressed the Council on the request.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve Ordinance No. 4-2020; motion seconded by Ms. West.

Roll Call: Jeff West
 Steve Russell
 Patricia West
 Lee Trahan
 Jerry Quirion
 Ben Twitchell
 Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

- Resolution No. 33-2020: Providing for: Authorization to compensate Paul Fongemie as Administrative Officer with the Powers and Duties of Manager during the transition to a new Town Manager.

Motion by Mr. Twitchell to approve Resolution No. 33-2020; motion seconded by Mr. Quirion.

Roll Call: Jeff West
 Steve Russell
 Patricia West
 Lee Trahan
 Jerry Quirion
 Ben Twitchell
 Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Roberts Rules of Order
 - Mr. Quirion requested this item be discussed and said the Council needs to be more respectful of each other and to follow the Roberts Rules of Order to keep the meetings more orderly. Mr. Caron stated the Town Charter requires the Council to follow Roberts Rules.
- Consumer Fireworks Ordinance
 - Mr. Caron said he has received complaints from residents concerning noise complaints regarding fireworks. Police Captain Haley Fleming said the Police Department had not received many complaints. No further action was taken.
- The Acceptance of a Town of Winslow Diversity Declaration.
 - Mr. Caron briefly discussed the intention of this item and said it would be brought forward to the Town Council as a Resolution.

- Sale of Town Owned Properties
 - There were several properties discussed and it was decided that the Code Enforcement Officer would inspect the properties and determine their potential. Mr. Caron said this item would also be brought back to a future Council Meeting for possible action.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Russell to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Ms. West.

Motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa J. Gilliam
Town Clerk