

Fort Fairfield Town Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
6:00 P.M.

I. Roll Call

Councilors: All present.

Staff: Ms. Powers, Neadra Dubois, Tony Levesque, Jennifer Gaenzle, Chief Cummings, Ella Leighton, Darren Hanson, Shannon St. Pierre, Mitch Dufour, Deputy Chief Cody Fenderson

Citizens: Eleven citizens present (five from Quality of Place)

Local Media: Star Herald and Fort Fairfield Journal

II. Prayer

III. Pledge to the Flag

IV. Public Comment Period

Mr. Butler – “I would like to thank Fort Fairfield Fire and Ambulance again for picking up my father again and treating him with really great respect. He’s awful glad we’ve got the service here. Number two, again, most people know I usually walk here in the mornings at the gym and one of the taxpayers (one of the citizens) said that they were very fortunate that we have a place, the Armory, to walk and they are very grateful for the Town of Fort Fairfield to have that for them. Thank you.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “I would like to take a moment also and commend the Town, Darren and the boys, the past week or two, has been doing a lot of willed preparation out in the country, windrowing the banks on the secondary roads, it makes a world of difference. I know, I live that way. I just want to thank them. Also, the Police Department, hats off, you guys are doing a great job. It’s nice to see all the vehicles out and about. Thank you.”

V. Correspondence and Reports

A. Licenses/Permits

The Town has received an application for an On-Premises Liquor license for River’s Edge Variety on January 7, 2022.

Recommendation: Council Approves the application for On-Premises Liquor License for River's Edge.

Mr. Butler motioned to approve the application for On-Premises Liquor License for River's Edge.

Mr. Ouellette seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative

B. Financial Report

From the Treasurer:

The Town received December Revenue Sharing in the amount of \$59,018.58 on December 22, 2021. Total revenue sharing received to date is \$413,965.67. The Town is at 47.97% vs budgeted of 50.00% which is down \$16,035.83.

On November 5, 2021, LJM, LLC, deeded to the Town of Fort Fairfield, property located at 39 Cheney Grove; identified as Map 35 Lot23-F and recorded in Book 6261 Page 188. The property has an assessed value of \$9,400.

The 2021 Real Estate Taxes on this property is \$176.28. Since the Town is exempt from paying taxes, the Tax Collector is asking the Council to approve writing off \$176.28 in real estate taxes as uncollectable. She's also attached a copy of the Map Card and the tax bill for this property for the Council to look at.

Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the writing off of \$176.28 in real estate taxes as uncollectable.

Mrs. Libby seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Affirmative

C. Aroostook Waste Solutions Report – Mr. Rogeski

Mr. Rogeski reported that they did not have a meeting in December and there was nothing specific to report. He did touch base with Mark and he said that things are going pretty smooth with the budget so far this year.

Ms. Powers mentioned that the next meeting is the 28th of January.

VI. Proclamation Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council 2021 Spirit of America Award

The Spirit of America Foundation was established in Maine to encourage volunteerism and commendable community service. Since the first Spirit of America Foundation award was presented in 1991 on November 26th to Alma Jones by Augusta's Mayor, William Burney, well over 500 Spirit of America ceremonies have taken place all over the great State of Maine.

The Spirit of America award is presented to a local person(s), project, or group for outstanding community service. Using Fort Fairfield's criteria to honor the recipient(s). The Spirit of America Foundation has awarded the Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council the honor of the Town of Fort Fairfield Spirit of America Award 2020.

Recommendation: Council votes to accept the Proclamation for the Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council the Spirit of America Award.

Mr. Butler made the motion to accept the Proclamation for the Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council the Spirit of America Award.

Mr. Ouellette seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative

Whereas, The Spirit of America Foundation established in Maine to encourage volunteerism and commendable community service, and

Whereas, The Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council continually shows itself to be a dedicated, dynamic service organization within the community of Fort Fairfield, and

Whereas, The Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council has shown a commitment to initiate and take actions that enrich the quality of life for Fort Fairfield citizens, and implemented ways to improve the quality of life within the community of Fort Fairfield, and

Whereas, The Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council has had a significant impact on the lives of the citizens of Fort Fairfield, and

Whereas, The Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council works with other organizations, volunteers and committee members to greater the impact of their service projects within the community of Fort Fairfield, and

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council.

Now, Therefore, We, the Town Council of Fort Fairfield, do hereby recognize the Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council on this day January 19th, 2022, for their exemplary citizenship and outstanding achievements and honors brought upon this community as the Town of Fort Fairfield Spirit of America Award Winner.

The Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council is the Town of Fort Fairfield 2021 Spirit of America Award winner.

Throughout the Town of Fort Fairfield, and further extend appreciation to our Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council to all their Members for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to our community.

Ms. Powers took a photo of the five Quality of Place members that were at the Town Council Meeting, holding the framed Proclamation.

VII. Old Business

A. Mission Broadband

Mark Van Loan from Mission Broadband was here in October to discuss their findings from the RFPs for the Town Wide Broadband RFP project and to answer any questions that Council may have had regarding the presentation.

While here, Mr. Van Loan also shared ideas on Community Outreach for Council.

Council has two new members that have not heard this presentation and have not had the time to look at the information that was presented.

Recommendation: That Council delay answering the RFPs until all Council Members are able to update themselves better on this topic.

Mr. Butler made the motion to delay answering the RFPs until all Council Members are able to update themselves.

Mrs. Libby seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative

VIII. New Business

A. County Broadband Committee Outreach Letter

On December 22, 2021 the County Broadband Initiative sent out the information Council has before them concerning their latest outreach attempts. They are taking a critical first step in what will be huge strides for Aroostook County communities and they are asking for help to make it happen. The document includes details on how the community can help.

The County Broadband Committee (CBC) received a \$20,000 planning grant from ConnectMaine. This will enable CBC to kick this effort off with funding for important tasks like engineering design, modeling options and mapping. They may also receive an additional \$10,000 for these project costs by participating in the newly formed Community of Practice effort under the Maine Broadband Coalition.

There is a possibility for more funding through the estimated over \$400 million being allocated to the State of Maine in support of statewide broadband access improvements. CBC needs to develop a broadband coverage map of every road in every community in Aroostook. They have created a questionnaire to verify speeds for download and upload.

Recommendation: Council supports the outreach to the citizens and businesses of Fort Fairfield in the participation of this survey to better identify further, the broadband needs of the community.

Mr. Ouellette makes a motion that Council supports the survey.

Mr. Butler and Mr. Pelletier seconded at the same time.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative

B. Caldwell's Auto, LLC and Caldwell' Sanitation, LLC Donations Rec Department

Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §5654 states that a conditional gift for any specified public purpose offered to a municipality may be accepted or rejected by its legislative body.

Discussion: Caldwell's Auto, LLC and Caldwell's Sanitation, LLC have offered to sponsor \$250.00 each towards a sound system for the recreation department's Multi-Purpose Building. This sound system will be used throughout the year, providing

music and public address functions for the recreation areas surrounding the building. The total combined donations equal \$500.00.

Recommendation: That Town Council accepts the donation of \$250.00 each, from Caldwell's Auto, LLC and Caldwell's Sanitation, LLC, totaling \$500.00.

Mr. Butler makes a motion for the Town Council to accept the donations for \$250.00 each, totaling \$500.00.

Mr. Pelletier seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative

C. FFFR Forestry Grant*

A letter from Deputy Chief Cody Fenderson:

In late 2021, Fort Fairfield Fire Rescue applied for the Maine Fire Service, Volunteer Fire Assistance grant for the 2022 year. This is a matching grant program that assists department with purchasing equipment that supports Forest and Wildland Fire operations. The Forestry Committee of the Maine Fire Chief's Association and two Forest Rangers met to review applications on December 22, 2021.

Fort Fairfield Fire Rescue has been selected and awarded a total of \$2,225.95. This represents fifty percent of the cost to purchase two radios, one backpack blower, four flame flapper tools, four McLeod tools, four Pulaski tools, eight collapsible backpack pumps, and eight hundred feet of forestry hose. These were items we chose as a department to strengthen our wildland fire capabilities, and are the only things that this grant will support.

They request that the council approve Chief Browning or Deputy Chief Fenderson to sign the acceptance forms for the grant, purchase the equipment out of our current budget, and submit the receipts for reimbursement of the \$2,225.95 that was awarded through this grant.

Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §5654 states that a conditional gift for any specified public purpose offered to a municipality may be accepted or rejected by its legislative body.

Fort Fairfield Fire Rescue has been selected and awarded a total of \$2,225.95 from the Maine Fire Service, Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. This is a matching grant.

Recommendation: That Town Council accepts the \$2,225.95 grant and allow Chief Browning and or Deputy Chief Fenderson to sign the acceptance forms for the grant, purchase the equipment out of the FFFR current budget, and submit the receipts for reimbursement of the \$2,225.95

Mr. Butler makes a motion for the Town Council to accept the grant of \$2,225.95 and allow Chief Browning and Fort Fairfield Fire Department to purchase the equipment out of the current budget and submit the receipts for reimbursement of the \$2,225.95.

Mr. Ouellette seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative

D. Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Nomination Forms.

The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award and Lifetime Achievement Awards to be given at their Annual Dinner.

The Citizen of the Year Award recipient is an outstanding individual recognized for their impact on the lives of the citizens of Central Aroostook County. This special individual is someone who has had notable contributions and successes in the communities and shows dedication and spirit beyond what is considered regular duty.

The purpose for this nomination is to recognize contributions of a community driven person. Please use a separate sheet of paper to list the reasons for nominating a candidate for this award, reasons such as, community contributions, present & past community activities, charity/philanthropic efforts, ways this person has improved the quality of life in Central Aroostook County and any other pertinent supporting information.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is an outstanding individual recognized for their impact on the lives of the citizens of Central Aroostook County. This special individual is someone who has had notable contributions and successes in the communities.

The purpose for this nomination is to recognize contributions of a community driven person over the whole of a career. Please use a separate sheet of paper to list the reasons for nominating a candidate that has achieved notable successes during their lifetime, such as their impact in the areas of helping children in education, recreations or self-improvement activities, helping the elderly of our community and assisting the general public on safety issues, improved living situations, work for the betterment of the communities or any other pertinent supporting information.

The Chamber has extended the nomination deadline to January 20th, 2022.

E. Ordinance Discussion Budget Committee Proposal

After reviewing the Charter, this would require an ordinance conforming to the adoption procedures of the Charter.

According to Section C-14(A)(1) of the Charter, an ordinance is required in order to “establish... any town department, office or agency.” A standing (i.e., permanent) budget committee would constitute a town agency and that its members would constitute town officials. For these reasons, the Charter envisions that such a body may be created only by ordinance adopted by the council in accordance with the adoption procedures described in Section C-15 of the Charter.

The Council is the municipal legislative body with the power to adopt ordinances, but the Council may do so only after publishing the ordinance using proper procedure and language and only after a public hearing on the ordinance is held at least seven days following publication (see Section C-15(B) of the Charter). An ordinance to establish a budget committee would not be eligible for adoption as an emergency ordinance under the procedures described in Section C-16 of the Charter.

The information submitted is from MMA’s website and is a sample from one of their 70 information packets. It does not follow our procedure or language according to our Charter.

Recommendation: Council discusses whether they would like to proceed with an Ordinance for Budget Committee to be introduced at a Special Council Meeting or the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting in February.

Mr. Butler makes a motion to not proceed with an Ordinance for Budget Committee.

Mr. Pelletier makes a motion to proceed.

Mr. Ouellette seconds Mr. Pelletier’s motion.

Mr. Kilcollins directs back to the first motion, to clear it from the table.

Mrs. Libby seconds Mr. Butler’s motion.

Discussion:

Mrs. Libby – “I just want to kind of go over what we would be looking to achieve with this committee. It would be an advisory committee and it will be what looks like

a two-year seat, is that what we're looking for? A two-year term of individuals that would be on the committee. They would sit down, they would meet and discuss whatever they wanted to discuss and then they would put together a report for us to view. Is that correct?"

Mr. Pelletier – "That is correct."

Mrs. Libby – "And we would be the people that would choose who's on the committee?"

Mr. Pelletier – "Yep"

Mrs. Libby – "So, but you're saying that this doesn't currently fit in the ordinance that we have?"

Ms. Powers – "Right, this ordinance that's being proposed is for a Town Meeting form of government, according to Attorney Flewelling from MMA Legal and Attorney Currier from our own Town Attorney."

Mrs. Libby – "So, if they're an advisory, it still affects that?"

Ms. Powers – "So, the language for this Budget Committee Ordinance would have to be redone to fit the language of our Charter. But, it would still require five to seven members for Council to determine, you have to have an odd number, then Council would have to determine, because this is just a suggestion, this isn't the actual language, Council would have to determine what they want their language to state for composition appointment, qualifications, terms and vacancies.

Mrs. Libby – "So, other than giving citizens an additional voice, what does this do to the Town? Like, what, other than just giving, like, them an extra voice, giving extra people a say and looking at the budget, what does this? It doesn't affect anything."

Mr. Kilcollins – "I think, I think, in the procedures of words that would affect our laws that we follow, for Municipality, versus what we could have, other than a committee, even though it's an acting voice, as long as we as elected bodied government, of what we do, has the final say. There's, is that? Okay, so let me back up and make this clear, because I'm trying to digest it."

Mr. Pelletier – "Well, Council would have final say."

Mr. Kilcollins – "Yes, Council would have final say. If anybody that wanted to pursue in depth, more of the budget, that could be a helpful, for information only, and we're the ones using that information to educate ourselves, more in depth of a certain budget, that is not allowing them to be using any powers other than information. So,"

Mr. Butler – "Mr. Chair,"

Mr. Kilcollins – "Yes."

Mr. Butler – "I would like to make a statement. We are a Town Council form of government, Town Manager, Town Council form of government. It's been that way for years. We've got a Charter that says that. When our Founding Fathers created and established this Town, these subjects have been brought up. Now, we have, I believe last year maybe five public meetings, in all those public meetings and in front of everyone in the public, there's always a time for public comment, which we listened to the citizens and the comments before we make our decisions on the budget. This has been a well-established practice that we've practiced for years, and years, and

years. And we'd have to change the Charter and everything that our Founding Fathers set forth. It's been working good for all these years; I don't understand why it's decided that it's not working. We do have the opportunity to listen to the citizens in Fort Fairfield and their concerns on the budget, we had, even after the last budget we had, we had an extra meeting with the concerns of the public. It's hard to say I didn't do the Charters, that the citizens do have a say. We, as a Council, are the Budget Committee. We've always been the Budget Committee. Throughout the years, I've been on the Council, well, this will be my fifteenth year, we've always listened to what our citizens tell us, and what they would and how we would (mumbling) what we votes on them, or the way they want it. I don't see the need to establish a citizen committee to go over a budget, a lot of them what I hear is we need to reduce the taxes, we need to reduce the taxes. Well, it's understandable. But, we also have to understand that sixty-five to seventy percent of our budget we have no control over. We have no control over the school budget. We have no control over the county budget. When they send us that bill, we have to pay that bill. So, you're telling me, I wanted to bring my last bill, and I came in, I was going to bring it with me and I forgot to, but I paid eight hundred dollars for this tax year for MSAD20. I'm paying a certain amount, about two or three hundred dollars, I'm just throwing these out there, I don't have these numbers with me, for, for the County, and, in between that County and School is our little Municipal Budget. To reduce the taxes the way you want, (mumble), you'd have to and have no say in it, by State law, we have to fill the budget. The School Budget, we can't set, we can't even set the Mil Rate until we get the School Budget. So, we, even on the last process, we passed the budget, and the Mil Rate wasn't set until we got the bill from the School Department. And, even at that and all the bills so far, the Town Manager and the Department Staff, we reduced our budget by a mil. A half a mil, I'm sorry, about a half a mil. So, we did our due diligence as a Budget Committee. So, and we did listen to the citizens, they said they didn't want to leave the taxes where they were, well, we did one better, we reduced it. And this process has been working for many, many years, long before I was even sitting on the Council, it's been followed by the Ordinance and the Charter. I see no sense in changing the Charter and bringing on a Committee that can say 'Well, you can't spend money here but well, we've got sixty-something percent of our budget that we can't have no control over'. And this is what they want. They want to reduce taxes, well, I'm all for reducing taxes, but not at the expense of our citizens. We need emergency services, we need the services in the Town Office, and in order to get the tax rate down where some people want, we have to eliminate all the Municipal. Because we'll still have to, by law, pay for the School Department, we still have to, by law, pay for our county. I'm tired of, taking services away from the citizens. We've talked about being a senior citizens community, they need the Ambulance Service, they need the Fire Department, they need the Police Department."

Mr. Pelletier – "Who's talking about taking services away, Mitch? I have not heard of anybody talking about taking services away. I have not heard that. It's news to me. Can I speak like this?"

Mr. Kilcollins – "Yes, yes."

Mr. Pelletier – "Okay, okay. Who's talking about taking away services in Fort Fairfield? I have not heard it."

Mr. Butler – “When you talk about reducing services, and that’s what they’re talking about last year because they didn’t want the Fire Department or Emergency Service. One person even says, ‘Get rid of the Emergency Service, get rid of the Fire Department, Get rid of the Ambulance Service’.”

Mr. Pelletier – “I haven’t heard that, and I’m not in favor of it, okay? I don’t see where there would be any problem having an advisory made.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “See, I don’t think, I don’t think we have to change the Charter.”

Mr. Pelletier – “Wouldn’t people in this Town want to see business here? I’m sorry.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “I don’t think we need to go to the value of changing the Charter.

Mr. Pelletier – “You don’t.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “I think there is a language involved”

Mr. Pelletier – “What’s it gonna cost? We could gain a whole lot from this you know.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Well, I look at it and we’ve got a lot of information in the past, in the future that we’ve got to digest, at a short, I feel a short period of time. There’s a lot of changes that we gotta look at. As far as, you know, where’s our money coming from, what are we looking at for revenue sharing, where the flation of everything that we’re faced with every day. And, it’s, we need all the services that we have here.”

Mr. Pelletier – “Absolutely. And I’m in favor of it all.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “I think to have more information, through a broader time frame that we get the budget submitted if we had more people working on them up to when they’re given to us to have a bigger idea of you know, a more clearer picture, we can answer different questions, easier, more clearer, know that it’s been studied to the point where the dollar is working for us instead of losing, you know. And, I’m for anything that we can get for support. I don’t, like I said, I don’t think we need to change the Charter. At what we’re looking at right now, for what time it would take, I feel if we took this to our Town attorney and have our Town attorney review it and write up a language, if it’s there, that would allow this without interfering with our Town Charter. It would be worth it.”

Mr. Butler – “We’ve already gone over it with our Town attorney, they said with the form of government we are, Town Council, Town Manager form of government that we are. This Committee is set up for a Town Meeting type thing, where there is no Council or no Selectmen. I could see a Committee setting up for something like that. We found right now that even the Committees that we do have in the Town of Fort Fairfield, and boards that we have, are having a hard time finding people to cover those boards.”

Mrs. Libby – “I have a feeling that what will happen with this Committee, is that, and I’m not saying I’m for it, against it, whatever at this point. But, I think they will find out the same thing that we found out last year, is that they’re gonna review the information, they’re gonna have different ideas, different thoughts, opinions, whatever, but that the numbers come down to what the numbers are and you kind of get to a point where you can only do so much with what you have, and I think that it’s gonna be like gung ho in the beginning, but towards the, you know, as it kind of dies

out and things calm down with the budget, that we are gonna have a hard time to find people to be on this Committee.”

Mr. Butler – “That’s fine, Melissa. If, on the Town, like I said, we’re a Town Council, Town Manager, Town Council type...”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Form of government.”

Mr. Butler – “Form of government, thank you. And, this has been a well-established thing in Fort Fairfield for many, many years. Many years, and there’s never been a problem. There’s five people up here, budget, I consider us the Budget Committee. We do listen to the people in Town, and I talk to the people in Town, and I know every one of you in here talk to people in Town to reduce the budget and to see what they can. But, this, the form of government that we are, this is something that we can’t, the way it’s written, we can’t.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Yeah, the way it’s written.”

Mrs. Libby – “So, we’re not allowed to have advisors to anything, or is it just to the budget? ‘Cause this is, I’m just asking a question, like, so as far as this affecting the Charter, and how”

Ms. Powers – “No, no.”

Mr. Pelletier – “That’s not what it’s saying is it?”

Ms. Powers – “No, that’s not what it’s saying at all.”

Mrs. Libby – “I need to understand more about how it’s affecting the Charter to have an Advisory Committee.”

Ms. Powers – “So, because in our Charter, the Town Council is the form of government.”

Mrs. Libby – “I understand that.”

Ms. Powers – “We don’t have a Town Meeting, so it basically is not.”

Mrs. Libby – “So the advisory meeting is separate, not with us?”

Ms. Powers – “Correct.”

Mrs. Libby – “Okay.”

Ms. Powers – “But, you have to have that established in your Charter to allow for a Budget Committee. And, we don’t, so we would have to change the Charter to do that, and then, you would to put the ordinance forward, as it was explained to me.”

Mrs. Libby – “Okay. And if we put it in place, in order to remove it, we have to do the same steps. But, it can be done.”

Ms. Powers – “Yes, because you’re establishing, as it says here, you’re establishing a Town Department Officer Agency. By Charter, you’re doing that. And, we don’t have a Budget Committee established. So, all of the other Boards/Committees that we have were already established prior to, and this one was not because Council meets with Department Heads individually, and then, you have two Public Hearings as well, or as many Public Hearings as you’d like to have and then you vote, finally, in June on based on all the information you have gathered from those. So, essentially, the Budget Committee is the Council.”

Mrs. Libby – “So, is the intent for this Committee also to meet with the Department Heads, or, I mean, I don’t know who put this in here to ask about it, so I just want to verify that.”

Mr. Ouellette – “I did. The object was to get more input from the Town’s people and Town’s people that are more versed in budgets that we obviously aren’t. The four, or the five of us on here aren’t as experienced as some of the folks here in Town.”

Mrs. Libby – “Right.”

Mr. Ouellette – “And, that is why we’ve put this up to discussion.”

Mrs. Libby – “I think for me, I would like to get more information as to what the Budget Committee be, like, would they be meeting with the Department Heads, would they be...”

Mr. Ouellette – “That’s something that we, as Councils, have to decide.”

Mr. Pelletier – “We’d have discussions.”

Mrs. Libby – “Okay. I think that, that’s something that has to be set in place before I’d be comfortable saying that yes I want it.”

Mr. Butler – “In order to do a Committee like that, we have to change our Town Charter.”

Mrs. Libby – “Right.”

Mr. Butler – “Anything, with anything Committee like we have to change the Town Charter to adjust to that. Even to do that, it would take seven or eight months even to just to get to the power to change it, to address anything. So.”

Mrs. Libby – “I mean, I’m not opposed to changing the Charter, I don’t think change necessarily always is a negative thing, I just think that I want to make absolutely sure that this Council has control of what the Committee does before we say we can have a Committee.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “I think the answer to this would educate us all would be to get with our Town attorney and have him meet with us with the Charter and get the questions and answers and we’ll fully understand.”

Mr. Butler – “Andrea has already done that. Andrea has already called the Town attorney and stuff like that.”

Ms. Powers – “I don’t mind asking Attorney Currier to come for the February Council Meeting. I don’t have a problem with that.”

Mrs. Libby – “So, can this be tabled and discussed at the next Meeting, that way he’ll be here too?”

Mr. Pelletier – “(mumbling/talking softly facing Mr. Kilcollins)”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Yeah, well, I think right now, I’d like to, if we, we have to have a motion to table it until we get more information and or a date set up with our Town attorney.”

Ms. Powers – “You have a motion on the floor currently that you have to address.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Right, but I was just. He asked a question though. We had a motion not to proceed and you (Melissa) seconded it, so, do we, so we’ll go for a vote on that. Melissa?”

Mrs. Libby – “So, we’re voting not to proceed at this time? So, Aye”

Mr. Butler – “Aye”

Mr. Pelletier – “Wait, are we voting to table it ‘til we find out more information?”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Well, yeah, we gotta close out the motion that he made to not proceed. Ok? And, so, that’s where this is going right now. We’re voting on ‘to proceed with this or not to proceed with it’.”

Mr. Kilcollins points at each of the Councilors – Mrs. Libby “Aye”; Mr. Butler “Aye”; Mr. Ouellette “Nay” and Mr. Pelletier “Nay”. “So, we can introduce another motion after this on this subject.”

Mr. Levesque – “You need to complete this vote first.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Right, complete this vote.”

Mr. Pelletier – “What’s that, Tony?”

Ms. Powers – “You have to complete your vote, you haven’t voted yet, sir.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Okay, and I vote ‘Nay’. So now we need a motion to pursue this.”

Mrs. Libby – “So, I make a motion that we table this to get more information.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “So, we have a motion, do we have a second?”

Mr. Pelletier – “I second it.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Now, we can have a discussion.”

Mr. Levesque – “No discussion on a motion to table.”

Ms. Powers – “Right, there’s no discussion on a motion to table.”

Mr. Kilcollins – “Okay, so we have a Motion and a Second, we can vote.”

Mrs. Libby – “Aye”

Mr. Butler – “No”

Mr. Pelletier – “Aye”

Mr. Ouellette – “Aye”

Mr. Kilcollins – “And, I vote Aye”

Vote: Mrs. Libby and Mr. Butler voted “Aye.” Mr. Pelletier, Mr. Ouellette and Mr. Kilcollins voted “Nay.”

IX. Minutes of the January 3, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting.

Mr. Butler made the motion to accept the Minutes for the January 3, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting as written.

Mrs. Libby seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Affirmative

X. Warrants: #13: \$302,889.11 #14: \$457,153.85

A. Warrant: #13

Warrant #13 in the amount of \$302,889.11 was completed on 12/20/2021.

B. Warrant: #14

Warrant #14 in the amount of \$457,153.85 was completed on 01/06/2022. Please note that this amount includes \$178,532.09 for SAD #20.

Mr. Butler made the motion to accept Warrants as written.

Mr. Pelletier seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Affirmative

XI. Other

XII. Executive Session
1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters

Mr. Butler made the motion to enter into Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters.

Mrs. Libby seconded.

Vote: All Affirmative

Executive Session started at 6:44 PM.

No action taken.

Mr. Butler made the motion to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Ouellette seconded.

Executive Session ended at 7:29 PM.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Butler made the motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Libby seconded.

Vote: All Affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Neadra E. Dubois,
Council Secretary

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