

MARS HILL TOWN COUNCIL
Council Meeting Record
03/17/2020
6:00 PM

Council Members Present: Trent Lundeen, Rena Kearney, Mike Stitham, Frank Mahan, and Donna McClung. Also present: Darrell Wilson, Gerald Cousins, Kelly Garrison, and Dave Cyr, Town Manager

Dave Cyr called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM, and swore in Donna L. McClung as a Councilor.

Motion by Lundeen, seconded by Mahan to nominate Michael Stitham as Council Chair.

Motion by Lundeen, seconded by McClung to cease nominations. Motion to cease nominations passed 5-0. Motion to nominate Stitham to Council Chair was passed 4-0-1, with Stitham abstaining.

Motion by Stitham, seconded by Mahan to nominate Trent Lundeen as Council Vice-Chair.

Motion by McClung, seconded by Kearney to cease nominations. Motion to cease nominations passed 5-0. Motion to nominate Lundeen to Council Vice-Chair was passed 4-0-1, with Lundeen abstaining.

Motion by Lundeen, seconded by Kearney to accept the meeting record of the February 18, 2020 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Dave reviewed the Financial Report for the week ending March 5, 2020. The FY 2020 budget numbers have not yet been entered into TRIO, and are thus not shown on the Financial Reports. Our benchmark Year TO Date is 9.6%. Our budgeted expenditures are at 10.6%, although our budgeted revenues are at 1.8%. We also collected \$25,259 in Real and Personal Property, which is not reflected in the revenue figures. Motion by Lundeen, seconded by Mahan to accept the Financial Report for the week ending 03/05/2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation:

There was no request for Public Participation.

Old Business

1. Dave provided an update on the Gizoquit Stream project. He is trying to find partners for the project. The Department of Conservation has declined to commit to the project. He had been scheduled to meet with a representative from Senator King's office and the acting sector director for the Border Patrol, but has had to postpone the meeting. He will bring back additional information on the cost to remove the culvert in its entirety without replacing the stream crossing to the April meeting. No further action was taken.
2. Dave reviewed the email he had received from Steve Tracy requestiing that we release the personal property left at his former residence as well as his response. This will be brought back to the Council in April. No further action was taken.
3. Donna McClung provided an update on the steps taken to move the Central Aroostook Emergency Medical Services Authority forward. They have received the Federal ID#, and have established a bank account, and are working on securing grant funding from various sources including the development of a Go Fund Me site. They appear to have located a used ambulance in Tennessee which will serve their needs. They are advertising the position of Paramedic Coordinator, after their one candidate chose to accept a job offer with Houlton Ambulance. Jim McKinney has agreed to stay on as interim director. Donna will be recommending that they utilize Northern Light Occupational Services on Presque Isle for pre-employment physicals. They are in discussion with a doctor to assume the position of Medical Director, although at a

higher cost than originally envisioned. She was asked whether they were going to be able to develop this service for the budget figures that had originally been discussed at the beginning of the year. She admitted that they were about \$200,000 over that original budget. Concern was expressed about costs moving forward, more specifically capital costs for equipment replacement. Dave suggested that a Capital Reserve account be set up with all three communities contributing equally, and separate from the projected \$25 per capita rate. No further action was taken.

4. There was no other Old Business brought before the Council.

New Business

1. Dave explained that the original agenda had provisions for a Public Hearing for the renewal of the Mars Hill Country Club's liquor license. However, in an effort to minimize the number of people at our meeting, he had spoken to Andrew McQuade about delaying the hearing to April. Andrew called back later after he had spoken with the Board of Liquor Control; they had recommended against delaying the license approval. They provided him information that the Council could waive the Public Hearing requirement if conditions were met. He had researched the statute and verified that we could meet those conditions. Motion by Lundeen, seconded by McClung to accept the request for a waiver of the Public Hearing Requirement and approve the Mars Hill Country Club's Liquor and Auxiliary License Renewal. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Dave presented the results of the 2020 Municipal Election, No further action was taken.
3. Motion by Kearney, seconded by McClung to accept the recommended appointments by the Town Council and confirmation of appointments by the Town Manager as shown on the attached list. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Motion by Lundeen,, seconded by Kearney to enroll in the MMA Workers Compensation Safety Incentive Program. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Motion by McClung, seconded by Lundeen to close the municipal buildings to the public starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 4:30 PM for two weeks, with the Town Office Staff to work from home, and to ensure that all employees remain paid. Motion carried 5-0.
6. There was no New Business brought to the Council.
7. Motion by Kearney, seconded by McClung to set the date and time for a Council Workshop on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Motion by Kearney, seconded by McClung to set the date and time for the next regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Chairman Stitham adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

David D. Cyr
Town Manager