

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Tim Nichols, Trudy Ferland, Robert Stackhouse and Heather Donahue. **ABSENT:** Michael Cianchette. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Beverly & Gary Rollins, Scott Strom, Annaleis Hafford, Dennis & Connie Thies, Carol, Mike, Gabe and Gigi Ouellette, Tom & Sharon Chadwick, Linda Bubier, Donn & Mary Jane MacLauchlan, Charles & Linda Moon, Melanie Wakefield, Pam & Emma Dorman, Linda Parker, Joyce A. Jones, Petra Turner, Steve & Paula Salley, Jane & Don Woodruff, Suzanne Mercier, Royce Sposato, David Wells, Rich Pellegrino, Diane Lasselle, Faye Cummings, Loretta Martin and others.

1. **Deputy Mayor Nichols** opened the meeting by leading the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The Council observed a moment of silence.

Deputy Mayor Nichols noted for the record that he would be voting tonight to make a quorum.

2. Adoption of minutes of the regular meeting held on April 7, 2015.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Ferland** that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 7, 2015 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. **PRESENTATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Presentation of the Pittsfield Spirit of America Award to Beverly Rollins

The Town Manager opened the presentation providing background. Beverly Rollins was selected by the Town Council as the recipient of the Spirit of America Award. The criteria for the award was “impact, compassion, intensity, longevity and recency” for the volunteer efforts. Bev’s commitment to the community, region and State certainly exemplify these criteria over the decades that Mrs. Rollins has volunteered as a member of many committees and organizations.

The Sprit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that was established in Augusta, ME to promote volunteerism. For a number of years, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo County events were held and the Spirit of America Tribute was presented in the name of nearly 100 Maine municipalities. The group expanded into Somerset County in 2012 and has promoted the program to all the Somerset communities. Pittsfield decided to participate in 2012 and chose the Pittsfield Food Pantry due to its reach to so many people over such as a period of time. For the second year of the program, the Town Council chose Bud Jones. For the third year of the program, Dr. Thomas Pierce was selected as the recipient.

For the fourth year of the Pittsfield Spirit of America Award, we are proud to choose Beverly Rollins for her dedication to the community and extensive volunteer service as a member of many community, regional and state organizations as well as local non-profits.

Pittsfield Volunteer Beverly Rollins chosen for the 2015 Spirit of America Award:

Mayor Robert Stackhouse presented the following information: The Sprit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, Maine to promote volunteerism. The criteria for the award is “impact, compassion, intensity, longevity and recency” for volunteer efforts. Bev’s commitment to the community, region and State certainly exemplify these criteria over the decades that Mrs. Rollins has volunteered as a member of many committees and organizations.

These are just a few of Bev’s volunteer efforts:

While employed at Cianbro for 34 years in the Accounting Department, Bev raised funds and organized teams for the annual Multiple Sclerosis and Breast Cancer walks. She has been a past organizer for the MS Society of Maine for their walks. Bev serves as Clerk of the First Universalist Church and has been an active member of the church for more than 40 years. Her contributions include helping with fundraisers such as the annual turkey supper, Easter memorial and the past annual wreath project. Bev was honored several years ago when chosen as the recipient of the “Unsung Hero Award given by the Northern New England district of the UUA. Mrs. Rollins serves on the Advisory Council of the Welcome Table at her church which oversees groups that put on meals at the Welcome Table. Approximately fifty people attend the table each week which provides a free meal open to the public.

Bev is currently President of the Pittsfield ARTS Club (Always Ready to Serve). This is part of the Maine General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) which is also a national organization. Volunteering is a big part of the organization. The ARTS club has raised funds in the past for the library, theatre and local historical society. The club has chosen the American Legion Post #32 of Pittsfield as their 2015-2016 project. In the past the ARTS Club sponsored breakfast at the Central Maine Egg Festival and now hosts the annual Quiche and Cheesecake Contest during the festival.

Mrs. Rollins is a founding member of the Friends of the Sebecook Valley Health Women’s Health Center. For many years Bev organized Basket Bingos to raise funds for the Nancy Stone Breast Cancer Fund. She has been an active member of the Sebecook Valley Health Auxiliary for the past several years. The auxiliary’s main purpose is to raise funds for the local hospital. Bev is also involved in many activities outside the Town which are too countless to mention.

The Sprit of America Foundation expanded and promoted the program in Somerset County in 2012. Pittsfield decided to participate in 2012 and chose the Pittsfield Food Pantry due to its reach to so many people over such a long period of time. For 2013, the Town Council chose Bud Jones and in 2014, Dr. Thomas Pierce was selected as the recipient, both because of their long-standing volunteerism and impact on the community.

For the fourth year of the Pittsfield Spirit of America Award, the Pittsfield Town Council is proud to choose Beverly Rollins for her dedication to the community and extensive volunteer service as a member of many community and state organizations as well as local non-profits. The Council commended Mrs. Rollins on her achievement.

Mrs. Rollins thanked the Town Council for the honor and thanked the audience, indicating that she would be unable to do what she does without the support of all those here. Everyone she has asked for help has come forward to assist with all of the volunteer projects that she

has worked on and asked for assistance. Because of all of this assistance, she is able to what she does in a volunteer capacity. Bev is extremely pleased and honored to be selected for this award.

There was a short break for congratulations and pictures to be taken.

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events:

Saturday, May 2, 2015: 19th Annual SVCC Business and Community Expo

Wednesday, May 13, 2015: 8th Annual Regional Job Fair

Other Important Events:

Saturday, May 2, 2015: Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration: Cleaning up the Town Farm Trail System

CANCELLED: Saturday, May 9, 2015: Bike Rodeo sponsored by the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club; Bike Swap Corner with Recycling Committee; and Bud's Shop N' Save Anniversary Celebration

General:

Several private sector business activities remain under review and small projects continue to be underway. Several commercial properties have recently been sold, are under option, or will be leased. To address remaining available small to medium locations, additional promotional pieces beyond our regular promotion of available properties had been provided to economic and community development resources and sites. All properties have been acquired or are in process except the former Ben's Breakfast which has suffered some internal damage that is currently being addressed (before being marketed) and the former Chalice which has been taken off the market.

As of the date of writing this agenda item, the Town is working on three proposals/background materials for three business proposals/property inquiries.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 15-08: (Public Hearing) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains to accept all tax year payments of David Hudson, including interest and lien costs, for the property at 146 Waverly Street (Map 033, Lot 017), the Town having acquired said property as a result of automatic foreclosure of a 2003 property tax lien, recorded in the Somerset Registry of Deeds on June 9, 2004 at Book 3322, Page 267, which matured on December 9, 2005. The Town Council further authorizes the Town Manager to execute a municipal quitclaim deed releasing the Town's interest in said property to David Hudson.

Deputy Mayor Nichols opened the Public Hearing. No one wished to speak for or against Ordinance 15-08. The Public Hearing was closed.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Ordinance 15-08 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted the 2003 taxes on this property matured on December 9, 2005.

On March 31, 2015, Mr. Hudson who has been in possession of the property since 2003, paid off the taxes. The Town Attorney recommends that the property be quit claimed to Mr.

Hudson. As you know, a quit claim deed releases any interest that the Town has in a property.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

5. REPORTS: TOWN MANAGER, FINANCE, ORDINANCE & RECYCLING COMMITTEES:

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 04/07/2015:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: None.

2. Special Municipal Election on April 23, 2015: The Town of Pittsfield will be holding a Special Municipal Election on April 23, 2015 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers to elect a Councilor At Large for a currently vacant seat. Please be sure to join us to vote!

3. Reflections of the Civil War News from the Pittsfield Public Library: Experience "Reflections of the Civil War" with live music, drama, food and fun Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 at the First Universalist Church in Pittsfield. Join us to celebrate Pittsfield's Civil War heroes and reflect on the legacy of the War for our youth, our town, and our lives today. The short play "A Civil War Veteran Returns" will be performed by two Maine Central Institute actors. MCI's award-winning a cappella group "Chameleon" will sing Civil War ballads. Meet re-enactors from the 20th Maine Company B and enjoy Civil War era refreshments!

This special event is presented as part of our community's participation in the year-long project, "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War", a grant program funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and awarded by the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council.

4. High on Life, Not on Drugs Run/Walk: The Annual High on Life, Not on Drugs Race will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at MCI at 10:00 am. Registration opens at 8:30 am. The first 100 participants to arrive the day of the event will receive a FREE t-shirt. Forms are available at the Town Office and may be mailed to HealthySV, 447 North Main Street, Pittsfield or bring completed registration forms to the event.

5. Library Program for Book Discussions: The book discussion group meets Thursdays at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join. The library can help you get the books.

Thursday, May 14 -- Whistling Past the Graveyard

6. 43rd Central Maine Egg Festival: The 43rd Annual Central Maine Egg Festival will be held Monday, July 13, 2015 through Saturday, July 18, 2015. The Egg Festival Committee schedules their events the same week as the Kiwanis Karnival which is set by the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club when the Carnival company is available.

Egg Festival Committee meetings are being held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm until June - July when the group meets more often. For more information, contact

Stephen McCarron, President at president@centralmaineeggfestival.org

Finance Committee: None. **Ordinance Committee:** None. **Recycling Committee:** None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 15-38: Resolved that the Town Council accept the resignation of Gary R. Jordan, Jr. as Town Councilor and Mayor due to relocation to another community.

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Councilor Stackhouse** that Resolution 15-38 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted Gary R. Jordan, Jr.'s resignation should be accepted by the Town Council and then the subsequent vacancy can be filled by nomination.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

ORDER 15-04: Ordered that the Town Council elect among its members a Mayor to serve for the remainder of the 2015 year.

Councilor Donahue nominated Robert Stackhosue. **Councilor Ferland** seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Councilor Ferland** that Order 15-04 be adopted inserting Robert Stackhouse.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-39: Resolved that the Town Council Call a special election for Councilor – District 2 on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Ferland** that Resolution 15-39 is adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-40: Resolved that the Town Council Approve that nomination papers for Councilor – District 2 be made available on April 27, 2015 and that the filing deadline for said nomination papers will be May 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM due to a shortening of the nomination papers process in order to meet Charter regulations as approved by the Town Attorney.

The Town Manager noted that this will allow the Election to take place on June 9, 2015 with the school referendum.

Moved by **Councilor Ferland** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 15-40 is adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-41: Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of Nitram Excavation & General Contractor, Inc. of Benton, ME for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program (CWSRF) Peltoma Avenue Sewer Replacement in an amount to not exceed \$ 352,869.00 and Authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract for same once approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Resolution 15-41 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted at the 03/03/2015 Town Council Meeting, the CWSRF Peltoma Avenue Sewer Main Project was authorized to be put out to bid with the pre-bid meeting on Friday, 03/27/2015 and the bid opening on Friday, 04/03/2015.

Annaleis Hafford presented the contents of her letter of recommendation to the Town Council. She noted that the contractor is qualified to perform the work and that the price was within budget, leaving a contingency to address any issues that may come up.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-42: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager and Deputy Tax Collector to issue notices of Tax Acquired Property Sale and place Tax Acquired Parcels out to bid as follows: (1) Property Map 018, Lot 052 located on Phillips Corner Road, Pittsfield, ME; (2) Property Map 027, Lot 041 located at 177 West Street, Pittsfield, ME; and (3) Property Map 025, Lot 004 located at 211 Library Street, Pittsfield, ME.

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Councilor Ferland** that Resolution 15-42 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town did not receive any bids from the prior two bid processes on the first two properties. The third property has not gone through the extra step with the IRS as the IRS does not recognize the State of Maine's lien process and the property was not redeemed. Therefore, we have obtained legal advice to move forward on the disposition of this property.

In order to move items forward and to hopefully dispose of these properties, the base bid has been lowered to absolutely what is necessary in order to clear out the taxes, costs and interest on the first two which did not sell previously and there is a small amount of profit in the third one.

The Councilors and Town Manager discussed the three properties and the bid prices.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-43: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute the Application for an Outdoor Fireworks Display as property owner for the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Fireworks for the 2015 Egg Festival to be conducted by Central Maine Pyrotechnics subject to receiving approval of the FAA and the appropriate insurance certificate naming the Town of Pittsfield as additional insured.

Moved by **Councilor Ferland** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 15-43 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted this item is on the agenda in order to have approval in hand for when the Pittsfield Greater Area Kiwanis Club and the Central Maine Egg Festival Committee finalizes details with Central Maine Pyrotechnics on the fireworks display for the 43rd Anniversary of the Egg Festival. In order to file with the FAA, we will need the completed State Fire Marshal Office's Application for Outdoor Fireworks Display including the map and materials from the fireworks company. The Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis has hosted the fireworks for decades at the Egg Festival. As the Town is the property owner, we are required to sign the State application. The application materials have been under progress for awhile now and we are getting closer to the cut off date for approval. The same company will be conducting the fireworks. The company has had ample insurance in the past.

The Town will need to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for approval for the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis to be able to utilize the airport for the fireworks. This process takes several months.

I will file for the FAA permit when we receive all of the necessary items so that we can file. As we get closer to the federal deadline, it is harder to obtain approval and very time-consuming. If we can apply earlier, it is much better.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-44: Resolved that the Town Council excuse the absence of Councilor Cianchette from the Town Council Regular Meetings of March 3, 2015; March 17, 2015; and April 7, 2015.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 15-44 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted under the Town Charter, if a Councilor misses three consecutive meetings, the Town Council needs to formally excuse the absences. Michael's work has taken him out of the state for a period of time. He was back and attended meetings in both January and February, 2015. Michael is now away again and when he returns from his work assignment, he will attend meetings. Michael has thanked the Town Council for their understanding and patience with his work responsibilities.

As you know Michael has been reviewing the Council Packages and keeping up to date on items as much as communications will allow due to his location. Recently, he has found that the e-mail has not worked and he has provided a secure e-mail for forwarding materials for his review.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-45: Resolved that the Town Council sign an Acknowledgement to commend James Love, PA-C for his dedication to patients, staff and community upon his retirement from the medical profession.

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Councilor Ferland** that Resolution 15-45 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted James Love, PA-C will be honored at a retirement party on May 9, 2015. The Town was notified of the retirement and requested to address his contributions. A resolution was prepared for the Town Council Meeting for signatures.

Resolution to commend James Love reads as follows:

The Town Council would like to commend and thank James Love, PA-C for his many years of dedication and service to the community and region. His service as a medical provider began in 1986 at the SVH Emergency Room and continued until 2002 when he joined Seabasticook Family Doctors, the Federally Qualified Health Center in the region until his retirement in 2015. Jim is known for being well respected by his peers and very caring to his patients. The Pittsfield Town Council commends James Love for his many contributions to the medical field in Pittsfield and the region.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-46: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the following list of Election Workers effective until May 1, 2017 pursuant to Title 21-A, Section 503.

REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	GREEN	UNENROLLED
Melissa Flewelling Ronda Belgard Marilyn Humphrey Walter Reuter Connie Lasselle Wendi Knowles Faith Humphrey Matthew Bagley Danielle Bagley Brenda Goewey Katherine Flanigan	Donnie Hallenbeck Rhonda Woodman Donald Belgard Zyra Hetherman- Murray Jean Lee Rebecca Geagan Frank Geagan Suzanne Mercier Belinda Stackhouse Debra Short Nancy Shorey Eileen Wright Nancie Mcleod Donna Dunphy Constance LaGross Carolyn Langert Michelle Biron Marcia Homstead	James Cianchette	

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Resolution 15-46 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a housekeeping item to keep our election worker list up to date, however, it is a very important housekeeping process as this assists the election process and we do not have to scramble to locate workers and have additional approvals to move forward.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Financial Reports as of 03/31/2015:

Budget Expenditure Report
Revenue Collections Report
Tax Acquired Property Report
Economic Development Revolving Loan Update
Housing Revolving Loan Update
Transfer Station/Recycling Monthly Report
Theatre Monthly Report
Excise Tax Collections Comparison Report
State Revenue Sharing Comparison Report
Personal Property Tax Collection Report
Real Estate Property Tax Collection
Briefly Reviewed by Town Manager

Other Reports as of 03/31/2015:

Building and Plumbing Permit Reports
Library Report-Librarian's and Library Trustees Minutes
Police Report
Self-Explanatory – Not Reviewed

Updates:

Water & Sewer Projects Update – The Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent has been busy with all the routine tasks that are required under the State law and items for common sense to be proactive as possible with very limited staff. The staff is preparing for clean-up and evaluating all of the damage from the difficult winter. There are a lot of lawns/areas to fix as well as town infrastructure of gate boxes.

I have asked the Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent to start working on bid specs to address the fencing situation at the Sewer Treatment Plant/Lagoon System. The staff likely can work with a contractor, perhaps with quotations for the rip rap to be fixed and participate in that project. The fencing is a large cost that we need to determine if it will be done over 1 or more years.

CWSRF Peltoma Avenue Project Closing: The closing was today, however, the bank did not receive the funds as of yet. Once the funds arrive and the State DEP signs off on the expenses to date, there are encumbrances to pay so a warrant will be prepared and the Councilors called to come sign the warrant. As we do not have the funds, we could not issue a warrant today. In addition, we have not received approved expenses sheets from the State as of yet.

Highway Projects Update – It is Sweeping...Sweeping...Sweeping. Lots of cleanup and addressing water issues is taking place as well as changing over the equipment from winter to spring/summer. Paving contractors are now calling for appointments to view the roads put out to bid and we are compiling the tree cutting listing. We will not be bringing in the tree cutting listing to the Town Council until we determine how to address the trees along Somerset Avenue. There are likely a few to be cut as part of the grant project, however, we

can not start it as of yet. So, if we had to cut three trees, we would get quotations and do the work and then depending upon the funds left, issue a bid or just cut some trees. This is because of the time-sensitive nature of everything.

Request of Property Owner to pave in the Town right-of-way for a parking plan for the lot - The Town has received a request to pave within the town right-of way in order to have a paved area that they can access their vehicle without issues in mud season. If we are interested in assisting, this would require an agreement and/or use permit of the town right-of-way. The Town Attorney is away until May so this can be addressed at that time. Once we have a format, we can then utilize it for other situations in which items are in the Town right-of-way and have a standard form.

MDOT Bid Award – Reviewed paperwork.

SAD #53 to attend May 19, 2015 Council Meeting with final budget figures

Proposed State Budget Impact/Legislation affecting Municipalities & Proposed Legislation:

Most of the discussions the last two weeks since the Council Meeting has been about the Transportation Committee work regarding how to address the funding for needed improvements for the State of Maine Road and Bridge System.

Code Enforcement/Junky Yards: We are awaiting the information from the Building Inspector regarding the property on Leonard Street so that the entire situation can be re-reviewed by the Town Attorney with a recommendation for the Town Council.

Proposed Ordinance Amendments and Ordinances to implement the new Comprehensive Plan Process: It has been a long complicated process at the Planning Board for implementation ordinance structure for a variety of reasons. The Building Inspector and Planning Board are coming to the end of the process and now addressing the more complicated aspects of having the ordinances match. Another public hearing is scheduled for the May Planning Board Meeting. There could possibly be another public hearing in June. I would see the Ordinance Committee meeting this summer starting in late June to review all, which will be good as we should be back to a full Council then.

Wallycam Concept: Update of Mr. Cunningham’s proposed project took place.

Regional Broadband Planning: KVCOG is starting a regional process and if this is an area of interest to any of the Town Councilors, I can advise of the meeting schedule and activities, once established.

Grants Update:

New Grants:

Airport Grants: Airport Master Plan Update – On-going, should have a summary document shortly. Town received projections of usage and requested they be revised.

Airport Grants: Airport Taxiway Reconstruction – to be completed late this spring/early summer.

Airport Grants: Airport Apron Expansion – to be completed late this spring/early summer
Belvedere Fund for Historic Preservation

HealthySV: Community Resources Program – Events have been scheduled in Warsaw Middle School, Vickery School and Manson Park School. Officer Mike Cote is the Visiting Resource Officer. Reviewed the updated handout with the Town Council.

Project Canopy Grant: Gateway to Downtown – The project has been approved by the State to proceed once the training video is available. Reviewed handout with Town Council.

USDA Sewer Rehabilitation Grant – Retainage is left and will be addressed later this year so that this grant can be closed out.

Other Grant Opportunities:

Efficiency Maine Incentives – will be exploring possibilities for some of the town buildings
Local Roads Sign Replacement Program – The Town applied for a grant for replacement of Directional signs that are outdated, not reflective, missing/damaged due to vandalism or would be new ones that should be installed. The match for the award will be 10% which is a wonderful deal. Depending upon the number of towns that applied and the funds available, we will see if we qualify later this year. The Town identified 84 signs for replacement. The Town would not receive a grant for 84 signs, but we could receive a grant for a percentage which would be great. Signs and sign posts are extremely expensive.

PeopleForBikes Grant – obtain funds for a variety of projects is under review. In order to apply the Bike Pedestrian Committee will need to meet and we have made another request to KVCOG's Planner who was organizing this project free of charge.

Rural Development – USDA has advised that they have RD funds available through loan and grant that would fit well with the future sewer work. If the Town would like, RD will meet with the Town. There was a discussion about our new debt and how it is being handled in the sewer enterprise fund.

Located possible foundation funding: Review Opportunities

8. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Audience: None

Council:

Councilor Donahue: I wanted to congratulate you on being elected for the Mayor's seat. It is going to be empty here next to me. I wasn't here for the last meeting, but I want to thank Gary for all his years of service. I am really proud of our Town. Beverly's award tonight shows how strong volunteerism is in Town. It is the backbone of the Town.

Councilor Stackhouse: I want to thank everyone for their support putting me here in the Mayor's seat. I will try to do my best. I want to congratulate Bev on her award. The amount of work can attest to the work she does here In Town. She is everywhere.

Councilor Ferland: I would like to second what Heather said. I was thrilled to see Beverly receive that award. It was a great turnout. Congratulations to Councilor Stackhouse.

Councilor Nichols: Congratulations to Bob on being Mayor. It was a long time coming. Patience is a virtue. I am glad Bev got the Spirit of America award. She deserves it. I noticed in the paper that Stan Short changed his enrollment to unenrolled. That's probably one of the reasons why I have never run for a State seat. I wouldn't vote along party lines for items that would affect our Town negatively, but rather for what best for the people that put me in office. I am sure he is going to get some blowback from that. I hope its going to all work out. So far the river has stayed down. It was looking a bit high at Manson Park the other day.

Councilor Cianchette: Absent.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session for Title 1, Section 405, 6.C., Economic Development, Disposition of Property and Acquisition of Property

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** to enter into executive session to discuss Economic Development, Disposition of Property and Acquisition of Property under Title 1, Section 405, 6.C. at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Donahue**.

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Donahue**. The Town Council exited executive session at 8:20 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Councilor Ferland** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk