

MINUTES

For a special meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Robert Stackhouse (arrived at 6:03 pm), Timothy Nichols, Scott Strom, Michael Cianchette, Howard Margolskee and Heather Donahue. **ABSENT:** Marie Manning. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth.

- 1. Deputy Mayor Nichols** opened the meeting until **Mayor Stackhouse** arrived.
Deputy Mayor Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The Council observed a moment of silence.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 17-53: Resolved that the Town Council approve the use of the funds in G/L#4-110-00 Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$250,000 as the Town's match for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program for the Main Street Sidewalk Project and encumber such funds, which will be for a project of substantial magnitude for economic development for the community in keeping with the Council's prior discussion and designation of such funds; and if the grant is awarded, then to authorize the Town Manager and Deputy Treasurer to expend the funds for this purpose.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 17-53 be adopted.

The Town Manager provided background on the agenda item. Several years ago the Town Council had agreed to set this fund aside for a special project of significant importance to the Town for economic development. Over the last several months the Town Council has discussed how this project would significantly enhance economic development by revitalizing the downtown and assisting a local business with the hire of employees. The Council voiced their support of this great economic development project.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 17-54: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to file a 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program Application for the Main Street Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$250,000; to make such assurances on behalf of the Town as required as part of the application; upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing said program; and to sign all documents necessary for the grant as depicted in the Council Resolution.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 17-54 be adopted.

The Town Manager advised that the Council had discussed all of the details in the Council Resolution during past Council Meetings including the public hearing. The Town Manager reviewed the requirements for the record. This resolution puts in writing the Town Council's support of the project from the beginning through implementation and addresses all items required by the State of Maine if the project is chosen to move forward. The Council Resolution shall become a part of the official record of the Town Council Minutes.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that the meeting be adjourned at 6:14 p.m. All in agreement.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

Karen Baker, Deputy Clerk