

# MECHANIC FALLS TOWN COUNCIL

May 2, 2016

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lou Annance, Chair  
Stephen Bolduc  
Cathy Fifield  
Nick Konstantoulakis  
Wayne Hackett

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Koriene Low – Town Manager  
Shirley Marquis – Town Clerk

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Win Durgin, Sun Journal  
Amber Albison  
Brian Jarvis  
Mike Garey  
Lydia Fisher

Lou Annance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with all Council present. We stood and saluted the flag.

## **Reports:**

### **1.01 Council Meeting Minutes April 4, 2016, 1.02 Municipal Financial Reports**

### **1.03 Departmental Reports Submitted**

Cathy Fifield made a motion to accept the Council Minutes, Financial Reports and Departmental Reports as submitted. Seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

## **Public Comments:**

Mike Garey of Yates Street is here with some of his neighbors to ask the Council to do something with the NO parking on Yates Street. He has lived here for 30 years and has never had a problem with parking on the street, if he or his visitors needed to. He said he understands that because of the street being so narrow, and it is in the ordinance of no parking on Yates Street, that the Police will be policing the street and will give out tickets. Amber Albison has been there 7 years, and they do park in their driveway, but if the kids want to play basketball or play with chalk, they park their vehicles on the side of the road. They can't do that now, or they could get a ticket, or their visitors will when they come to visit. Mike mentioned that maybe there could be parking from 6am to 9 pm or parking on one side of the street, or making Yates Street a One-Way Street. The Council thanked the Yates Street residents for coming to the Council meeting with their concerns. The Council said that they would have Koriene, the Public Works Director and PD check out the street and the issue will be brought up at the June Council meeting. The Council mentioned that East Dwinal Street will be checked also.

**Reports of the Town Manager:**

**Old Business**

**3.01 Recreation Committee**– Koriene let the Council know that she has been working with Scott Lessard and it is a work in progress. The meetings are too long (3 hours) and the Secretary has not done the minutes yet. They need some control/guidance, Koriene will be attending the next Recreation Committee meeting.

**3.02 Community Day Update**– Koriene told the Council the next meeting is Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and the plans are coming together. Lou said that everything that has happened in the past will be happening this year. He has heard that the Legion will be making a float for the parade, and he hopes other businesses will be doing the same. There will be a flea market in the depot square parking lot. Friday and Saturday June 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>. The Couples competition will be on Friday night. Hoping for success and good weather.

**3.03 5 Corners Update**–Koriene explained that the work will be happening, just that it is being delayed a little. The State is purchasing the Quonset huts at SMD property, but have to give them 90 days to empty them. It will be late summer construction to be finished in the spring.

**New Business**

**4.01 Replacement Trustee Sanitary District** – Nick made a motion to appoint John Hawley as the replacement trustee on the Sanitary District board. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous. He is replacing Roger Guptill.

**4.02 Approve Warrant for June Election** – Koriene explained to the Council that these are the same figures that were voted on the other night. Stephen Bolduc made a motion to approve the Warrant for the June Election as presented. Seconded by Cathy Fifield. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

**Ordinances, Resolves, & Licenses**

**5.01 Accept Darryl Gibson to vacant slot on Rec Committee** – Wayne Hackett made a motion to appoint Darryl Gibson to the Recreation Committee. Seconded by Cathy Fifield. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

**5.01 Approve Silver Spur Bottle Club Renewal** – Wayne Hackett made a motion to approve the Silver Spur Bottle Club Renewal. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

**5.01 Accept Resignation of Jeremy Judd from the Planning Board** – Wayne Hackett made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeremy Judd from the Planning Board. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

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**Executive Session – Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. SS 405(6) (a)**

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter 1 M.R.S.A. SS 405(6) (a). Seconded by Wayne Hackett. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to go into regular session. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No discussion. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Marquis  
Town Clerk

6/6/2016

**Public hearing Yates Street Parking**

**Members Present:**

Lou Annance, Council Chairman

Wayne Hackett, Vice Chair

Cathy Fifield

Steve Bolduc

Nick Konstantoulakis

**Staff Present:**

Koriene Low, Town Manager

Lisa Prevost, Finance Director

Fred Sturtevant, Fire Chief

Jeff Goss, Police Chief

Scott Penney, Public Works Director

**Others Present:**

Brian Jarvis

Winslow Durgin, Sun Journal

At 6:30 pm, Council Chairman Lou Annance called the Public Hearing to order with all Council members present. We stood and saluted the flag.

Lou Annance asked for public comments on changing Yates Street from No Parking both sides to a one way street from Highland Ave to Pine Street allowing parking behind white lines on the left side of the street between 5/16 and 11/15. There would be no parking during the winter months.

Fred Sturtevant commented that the street is narrow. It is tight to get a fire truck through but it can be done with no parking. That being said, the fire department has had only two calls on that street, both for chimney fires during winter months. If there is an emergency on the street and they can't get through, they will push vehicle out of the way anyway. As long as they leave one lane open, it should be okay.

Wayne Hackett asked if anyone had measured how far out the white line would be. Scott Penney stated that parking stalls are 10 feet wide.

Nick Konstantoulakis commented that he didn't like the one way idea. He didn't think that would solve anything.

Brian Jarvis commented that if traffic is just one way than cars don't have to pass each other and avoid a parked car.

Cathy Fifield asked if it was just the people on the left hand side of the street who want parking on the street. Brian Jarvis replied that the people who live on the right hand side all have long driveways to park in.

Fred Sturtevant suggested perhaps making the street one way with parking on the left hand side for a trial period to see if it works and then re-visiting the issue at a future date. Wayne Hackett liked this idea but would suggest no parking on the corner.

Nick Konstantoulakis said so if we go with a six month trial period we would come back and discuss this again 12/5. People from Yates Street would come in and express their opinion at that time.

Scott asked how far out the white lane would be. Lou suggested 12 feet of travel lane and then paint the line for parking. This might mean parked cars may be partially on private property. Jeff Goss suggested that some property owners might have a problem having cars parked on their property.

Wayne asked if a motion would be needed to make Yates Street one way with parking on the left hand side temporarily and Koriene Low told him a motion would be needed but this is just a public hearing on the issue. A motion and vote will take place during the Council meeting that begins at 7 pm. Scott was going to measure the road tomorrow to determine how far out the white line for parking would be. The Council wants to wait for that information to make a motion for the change. Jeff Goss did say the Council should be aware there would be a cost involved as we would need to order signs indicating the one way.

The public hearing on Yates Street was concluded at 7 pm.