MECHANIC FALLS TOWN COUNCIL

 January 4, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair

Wayne Hackett

Stephen Bolduc

Cathy Fifield

Nick Konstantoulakis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Koriene Low – Town Manager

Shirley Marquis – Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Win Durgin, Sun Journal

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** December 7, 2015  **1.02 Municipal Financial Reports 1.03 Departmental Reports Submitted**

Cathy Fifield asked about the Pension & Insurance Salaries line. Koriene explained that she thought it was when John Hawley got paid for his accrued sick time. No further discussion. Cathy Fifield made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments at this time.

**Reports of the Town Manager:**

**Old Business**

**3.01 RSU Budget Update** Koriene explained that the RSU Board only wants one representative, so Stephen Bolduc will be the Council Representative and report back to us.

**3.02 Historical Society Update** Koriene said that she has the keys to the building, and is waiting for Matt Gary to close up the building, then we will get it insured, and that Lisa has not heard a thing about the account. Nicholas Konstantoulakis attended the meeting and he stated that Joan Walton needs to go the bank and take her name off the account, once that is done, then Lisa can be added. Koriene said that she would call Joan tomorrow.

**3.03 Dog Park DEP** Koriene met with DEP at the Walker Road Transfer Station, and DEP stated that the property is large enough for 2 dog parks, one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. DEP will do a testing to make sure there are no toxic fumes at no cost to the town. Nick mentioned that Matt Gary had concerns because he is an abutter to the property. When this

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becomes closer to becoming a reality, we will notify all the abutters and hear their concerns. The Committee needs $3,000 just for fencing, and they only have $1,700 in their account. They are planning a spring event, but they do need more members on the committee.

**3.04 Androscoggin Chamber** Koriene said she met with the Androscoggin Chamber and had a good meeting and working on having an After hours meeting, and working with Kathy Leonard of Auburn Manufacturing to sponser the event.

**3.05 Business Letters of Introduction** Koriene sent out letters to area businesses, and most of the responses were wait until after the holidays. She is meeting with Belanger Realty tomorrow.

**3.06 County Lawsuit** Koriene said she gave the Council a copy of the Sun-Journal article and because some of the Council hadn’t received the letter, would bring this item up at the next meeting. But wanted the Council to know that things are happening.

**New Business**

**4.01 Community Day** Lou Annance stated that he had talked with some people and there is not much interest. He said maybe try a meeting, and advertise it and see what happens. Koriene will schedule a date for the meeting.

**4.02 Summer Camp Sue Marston** Koriene said she met with Sue Marston, and Sue is anxious to get back to it. The Season will be 9 weeks, June 20th to August 19th. Sue would like to be paid for 10 weeks instead of 9 weeks, she works hard to get the program ready for the kids and would like to be paid for her time. They would like to have 2 field trips per week instead of one. Run with 2 FTE and 6 part time FTE, 50 kids max. She would like to advertise for openings.

**4.03 Town Office Closures** The Town offices will be closed Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Holiday.

**Ordinances, Resolves, & Licenses**

**5.01 Code of conduct & Background checks** Koriene stated that 4 of the Council had not filled out the paperwork.

Lou Annance stated that the Revenue Enhancement Committee will be meeting here on Tuesday, January 12th at 7 pm with some Solar builders in reference to a solar farm. Solar has come along way in the technology. It is an open meeting, the public is welcome to attend.

Cathy Fifield mentioned that a friend of hers goes to Casco to pay for compost. It was mentioned that Kathryn does composting at our transfer station. Koriene will check with Kathryn and find out the details.

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Wayne Hackett stated that with the Authorization for the Background Check does not say Elected Officials. This paperwork is to protect the Town from fraud issues or working with children.

Happy New Year!!!

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Marquis

Town Clerk