MECHANIC FALLS TOWN COUNCIL

February 1, 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. We stood and saluted the flag. Wayne mentioned that there were no seats put out.

**Reports:**

**1.01 Council Meeting Minutes** January 4, 2016 **1.02 Municipal Financial Reports 1.03 Departmental Reports Submitted**

Cathy Fifield made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments at this time.

**Reports of the Town Manager:**

**Old Business**

**3.01 Dog Park –** Koriene stated that she met with the Dog Park Committee, they still only have 3 members, and they have raised approximately $2,000. Koriene said she checked with our attorney and the Town would be open to liability. The three members will meet next month to decide if they are going forward. Lou mentioned that he did not think the Town should be responsible to maintain the park. The committee thought that the Public Works department would clean the park every day. Stephen mentioned that he thinks it’s a little out of town to be used often; there is no visibility at Walker Road. He applauds the Dog Park committee for their efforts. Wayne mentioned that it should be in Town; people could walk their dog to the park and let them have fun. The Police could monitor the activity. We don’t need to add to Scott’s list of duties to pick up dog poop.

**3.02 Community Day – Koriene** stated that 7 people that were very excited about holding the Community Day. They want to bring back the parade and the horribles parade for the children. They would like to move some of the activities to the other side of the bride. They

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have set the date as Saturday, June 1st. Jen is contacting all the vendors from last year. Koriene has jump drives of all the correspondence and pictures from past years that were on John’s computer. The next meeting is Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 pm in the council chambers. Nick mentioned that the MFDC meets that night; Koriene said they could meet in her office.

**3.03 County Law Suit –** Stephen mentioned that he had gotten a copy of the set budget, and gave it to Koriene. We haven’t heard from the Lawyers yet.

**3.04 Historical Society –** Nick mentioned that Lisa is now taking care the expenses. He also mentioned that they want to sell the pipe organ. Cathy Fifield stated that the organ was part of the Town’s history. Wayne said he didn’t think they own it; it is the Town’s property. They are selling the church pews for $200 apiece, they are trying to stay afloat, and there is 2 or 4 left. He then mentioned that he’s really not sure how many have been sold. Win mentioned that he was in the building last month and it seemed that only 2 or 4 of the pews were gone. The State will be helping them with the inventory. Their next meeting is on Sunday, February 21st at 2 pm in the Library. Wayne stated that they should not be selling anything. Nick said that they were going to get an appraisal for the organ first. Stephen Bolduc made a motion that before the Historical Society decides to sell anything in the building; they need to get Council approval. Seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**New Business**

**4.01 Town Office Closures –** Koriene said the Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th for President’s Day.

**4.02 Appoint New Member Planning Board –** Cathy Fifield made a motion to appoint Walter Goss to the Planning Board. Seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**4.03 Dates for Budget Meetings –** Koriene told the Council the dates for the Budget meetings will be February 29 and March 21 here at 7 pm with the public hearing to be held April 28 and the voting held June 14th with the State Primary. She also said she has sent the dates to the Budget Committee members. The Council said they wished to hold a budget workshop before meeting with the Budget Committee, to familiarize them with the budget. Koriene said she could have a budget done this week, but it wouldn’t have the construction numbers. The Council will hold a budget workshop on Monday, February 8th at 7pm.

**4.04 Approve Personal Protective Equipment Policy & PPE List -** Koriene said that Kathryn had out this policy together and it was presented to the Safety Committee at their last meeting. Stephen Bolduc made a motion to adopt the Personal Protective Equipment Policy as presented. Seconded by Cathy Fifield. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

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**4.05 Water Results –** Koriene explained that Steve French had been asked to use the pumping station for the data collection from the U.S. Geological Survey. A year and a half later, we got the results. The study shows how great our water supply is. The only chemical that was noticeable was road salt. This in Maine is common. It was asked that Koriene ask Steve about a lot of chlorine lately?

**Ordinances, Resolves, & Licenses**

**5.01 Approve & Sign Dog Warrant –** Stephen Bolduc made a motion to approve and sign the Dog Warrant. Seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

This concludes everything Koriene had.

Cathy Fifield made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Marquis

Town Clerk