MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair

Wayne Hackett, Vice Chair

Stephen Bolduc

Cathy Fifield

Nicholas Konstantoulakis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Koriene Low – Town Manager

Miranda Hinkley – Town Clerk

Lisa Prevost – Finance Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nancy Petersons – Historical Society Member

Jim Craig – Historical Society Member

Eriks Petersons – Historical Society Member

Win Durgin

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

**Reports:**

* 1. **Council Meeting Minutes** June 6, 2016 and June 27, 2016
  2. **Departmental Reports Submitted**
  3. **Municipal Financial Reports**

Cathy Fifield made a motion to approve the reports and meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Lou Annance. So voted. Unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

**2.01 Public Comments and Introduction of new Town Clerk, Miranda Hinkley**

Reports of the Town Manager

Old Business:

Item 3.01 Future of the Historical Society building

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the numerous repairs needed (Foundation, roof, oil tank, electrical, heating system, chimney and lead paint removal) and lack of funding to complete. Mr. Petersons was passionate about keeping and repairing the 150 year old building as it is the oldest building in the town. Councilor Annance suggested a new cement block building may be more advantageous so as not lose valuable historical items and to remain fiscally responsible. Councilor Hackett would like an engineering firm contacted for an accurate estimate for a feasibility study. Councilor Konstantoulakis will request and accompany J. Bryant to inspect the oil tank. If we are able to complete a feasibility study, a question will be added to the next referendum election for voting on cost of repairs vs. new building.

Item 3.02 Recreation Committee

The recreation committee voted against the beer tent previously discussed as it would likely create issues. The committee failed to provide a proposed budget requirement for 2016-2017 and are now aware of the process. They are requesting to split their final re-payment to the town for the ball field lighting into 2 annual payments. $2500.00 to be paid in 2016-2017 and the remaining $2500.00 to be paid in 2017-2018. Wayne Hackett motioned to approve the request, seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. All in favor, so voted. Unanimous

Item 3.03 Five Corners update

The town should be seeing some progress as construction on route 26 is underway.

Item 3.04 Sewer Extension

In an effort to being more businesses to the town, the sewer should be extended. Town Manager Koriene Low feels that the development of Five Corners area is held back due to no town sewer access. We were hoping to attach to the new system being installed on route 26, however the casino has opted to wait until their hotel is completed and the installation on this side of Welchville will likely not occur for 3 additional years. There will be a meeting with AVCOG on September 13th to see what types of grant money we can obtain for this.

Item 3.05 Harvest Hill Auction update

An auction took place. Owners attempted to file additional bankruptcy and were denied by the Judge. There were no bids and the mortgage companies now hold the ownership. The lawyer representing the mortgage companies have stated that the taxes will be paid prior to foreclosure date of January 2017. Unsure of their intent to pay in full and bring account current or pay just the amount to prevent foreclosure.

Item 3.06 County Budget Committee Vote

Two representatives (at least one Councilor) are needed to serve on the County Budget Committee. Nicholas Konstantoulakis motioned to nominate Stephen Bolduc and Norman Beauparlant to represent District 6. Cathy Fifield seconded the motion and all were in favor. So voted. Unanimous. Official Ballot was signed.

New Business:

Item 4.01 Mil Rate for 2016-2017

Three options were provided, one decreasing the current mil rate, but allowing for almost no overlay. The second option would allow for additional overlay but keep the mil rate the same, and the third option increased the mil rate while substantially increasing the overlay. None of the options were favored by the Council. It was requested that a new figure be calculated allowing for a drop in mil rate, and am overlay that more accurate reflects previous years’ needs. Wayne Hackett motioned to approve a decreased mil rate allowing $1000 in overlay. Stephen Bolduc seconded the motion. So voted. Unanimous. Mil Rate for 2016-2017 is 21.319 mils on the dollar.

Item 4.02 Preliminary 2015-2016 year end figures

Lisa Prevost presented the figures for anticipated year end and asked that the Town Manager place a formal request to have excess legal fees from prior personnel issues moved from the legal fund to contingency funds. Wayne Hackett motioned to approve said request. Nicholas Konstantoulakis seconded the motion. So voted. Unanimous.

Ordinances, Resolves & Licenses:

Item 5.01 Appointment – Paula Bolduc, Library Trustee

Appointment Matthew Gary, Recreation Committee

Cathy Fifield motioned and Wayne Hackett seconded in favor of appointing Paula Bolduc as Library Trustee and Matthew Gary to the Recreation Committee. Stephen Bolduc has to abstain from voting and all others voted in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

Resignation Fred Huntress, Forrester

Resignation Matthew Gary, Historical Society Chair

Stephen Bolduc motioned and Nicholas Konstantoulakis seconded in favor of accepting resignations from Fred Huntress as Forrester and Matthew Gary as Historical Society Member

Item 5.03 Office closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day Next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th.

Item 5.04 Sign County Payment Agreement.

County agreement was signed by all Councilors.

Item 5.05 Liquor License – M & K signatures

License request was previously approved by Chief Goss of the Police Department. Stephen Bolduc motioned to approve, Nicholas Konstantoulakis seconded the motion. So voted. Unanimous. Signatures placed.

Wayne Hackett motioned for the Council Meeting to enter executive session for Personnel Issues as covered in 1 M.R.S.A section 4056 A. Motion was seconded by Stephen Bolduc.

Meeting went into executive session at 8:30pm. Clerk vacated the meeting and all recording of minutes stopped.

Executive Session ended at 8:39pm as a unanimous vote.

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.