MECHANIC FALLS TOWN COUNCIL

 August 3, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair

Wayne Hackett, Vice-Chair

Stephen Bolduc

Cathy Fifield

Nick Konstantoulakis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

John Hawley – Town Manager

Shirley Marquis – Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tina Marie Beaudet – Shooter’s Sports Pub

Edward Hanson - Shooter’s Sports Pub

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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** June 1, 2015 **1.02 Municipal Financial Reports 1.03 Departmental Reports Submitted** Wayne Hackett made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Seconded by Cathy Fifield. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments at this time.

**Reports of the Town Manager:**

John asked that we take Item 5.02 out of order because the people present are from Shooter’s Sports Pub.

**5.02 Liquor License – Renewal- Edward Hansen, Shooter’s Sports Pub –** Cathy Fifield asked if Jeff has approved the renewal application. Yes, he did. Cathy Fifield made a motion to grant the Liquor License renewal application for Shooter’s Sports Pub. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. No discussion. So voted. Wayne Hackett abstained. They were told they could pick up the license tomorrow morning

**3.01 County Charter Law Suit –** John explained that motions have been filed with the court and the County is aware of the suit. They have remained steadfast in their position that they are right, so it will require a court judgement.

**3.02 Road Paving Bond –** Even though it has been approved by the voters, a formal vote of the Council needs to occur to enter into a bond agreement with Androscoggin Bank, to borrow $500,000 at 2.94% interest rate. Paving is slated for late summer to mid fall per our request.

Wayne Hackett made a motion to enter into a bond agreement with Androscoggin Bank to borrow $500,000 at 2.94% interest rate. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous. Win asked who was awarded the paving bid, Pike Industries. Scott requested putting off the paving so that they can do ditching and culvert replacements.

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**3.03 Lane Road Construction –** John explained that construction has not begun. Josh Pratt lost 2 key personnel and the actual construction of the culvert won’t be done until late August.

**3.04 MMA Executive Committee Ballot –** A formal vote needs to occur for the proposed slate of nominees to the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee. Stephen Bolduc made a motion to vote for the 4 people on the MMA Ballot. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**3.05 Third Avenue Construction –** Public Works and the Water Department are currently one week into the reconstruction of Third Avenue. So far they have run into no problems or surprises and the weather, although hot and muggy, is cooperating. This week they are rebuilding the base. **4.01 Public Works Pick Up Truck Bids –** John explained that 7 bid applications were sent out and 4 came back. He said it seems something is not right there is too much of a disparity in the pricing. Scott doesn’t want full doors because it adds to the length of the truck, but does want the bench seat for when the crew goes to classes. Wayne made a motion to award the bid to Rowe Auburn contingent on the vehicle being a F350. Seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. So voted.

**4.02 Leased Space at transfer Station –** John stated that he wanted to make the Council aware that he has entered into a one-year lease agreement with Corcoran Environmental for storage space at the transfer Station. The agreement is for the use of a 60 foot by 70 foot area for the storage of roll-off cans in exchange for $150 per month. Don’t know how long they will need the space, but we will not be plowing that space in the winter.

**4.03 Harvest Hill Concerts –** The last couple of weeks we have been working to make sure those concerts at HHF will pose minimal negative impact to the community. Due to a loophole in our ordinance, there was no permitting required from us. HHF has been cooperative as far as working with us in regards to safety. A proposed ordinance will be reviewed by the Planning Board in August to close the loophole.August 15th Great White is coming, they believe they are going to get a good crowd. They have agreed to hire medical and traffic control. This is a lesson learned, the Planning Board meeting August 17th we will work on a mass gathering ordinance, there is no standards for on scene police, fire/rescue, toilets, etc. Meeting at 6pm, there will be some other changes to shoreland zoning and abandoned property ordinance. The Planning Board was dead-set against the abandoned property ordinance, but we need to have legal recourse to go after the mortgage holders to take care of these abandoned properties.

**4.04 2014-15 Budget –** We are very pleased to announce that the closing of the books for the previous fiscal year ended fiscally well. We only expended 95.83% of the budget and collected 4.46% more in revenues that projected. That should return a little more than $125,000 to the fund balance. These funds need to go to audit before we can use it. The Audit happens in October.

**4.05 2015-16 MIL Rate –** We need to set the MIL rate for the 2015-16 fiscal years. John showed the Council 3 possible tax rate scenarios lowest $21.33 with $807 overlay, highest $22.00 with $99.257 overlay and middle $21.60 with $40,488 overlay. Council thought the overlay need not be so high. Our current mill rate is $21.20. Wayne Hackett made a motion to go with a mill rate of $21.45 with an overlay between $10,000-$12,000. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. So voted. Unanimous.

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**4.06 Assessor’s Return –** It is that time of year when you need to approve paying the County tax bill.Stephen Bolduc made a motion to pay the County Tax bill in the amount of $157,488.40. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. So voted. Unanimous.

**4.07 County Budget Committee –** According to the County Charter, when a vacancy occurs on the County Budget Committee, the Budget Committee needs to make an appointment to fill the vacancy until the next term. A recommended replacement must come from the Town in which the vacancy represented. The Council will think about it and bring their recommendations to the next Council meeting.

**4.08 MMWAC Contract –** John explained that he negotiated and locked in a rate of $67.32 per ton for our waste (plus a 2%-4% CPI increase per year after) for the next five years. We are currently paying $70.36 and average around 450 tons per year. Our tonnage is way down.

**Ordinances, Resolves, & Licenses**

**5.01 Liquor License – Catered Event – American Legion Post #150 @ The Silver Spur** John explained that we were contacted by Eric Wightman from the State Compliance and Enforcement asking us to NOT issue any licenses for the Silver Spur until they were in compliance with the State of Maine. Because the Liquor License is a Catered event to be held on August 22, 2015, a wedding, Cathy Fifield made a motion to grant the Liquor License –Catered Event for the American Legion Post #150 at the Silver Spur contingent on State compliance, before the August 22, 2015 date. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**5.03 Abatement Request – CR & Sons Garage Door Installations, $68.21**

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Stephen Bolduc made a motion to write-off the two abatements for CR & Sons Garage Door Installations in the amounts of $68.21 and $116.97. Seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. So voted. Unanimous.

Cathy Fifield made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. So voted. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley A. Marquis, Town Clerk