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:**

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Lou Annance called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with all Council present. We stood and saluted the flag.

**Reports:**

* 1. **Council Meeting Minutes** August 1, 2016
  2. **Departmental Reports Submitted**
  3. **Municipal Financial Reports**

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to approve the reports and meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. So voted. Unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

**2.01 Public Comments:** No public present

Reports of the Town Manager

Old Business:

Item 3.01 Future of the Historical Society building

No representation by the Historical Society at this meeting. Within the past 30 days, the oil tank was confirmed to be leaking significantly enough that replacement was imminent and Nick Konstantoulakis along with Jay Bryant concluded it must be done prior to DEP fines are implemented. Town paid bill of $1800.00 for replacement and would like the Historical Society to reimburse for ½ that amount. ($900.00). Estimates for an official survey range from $5,000 (Woodbury Hill in Auburn) to $12,500 (Gayle Company of Weymouth, Massachusetts) with a large gap in what is included in the survey. The historical society only have approximately $1400-1500 in their account. There was discussion about where else they could relocate and none of the options were acceptable. The idea was presented to poll the citizens at the November election “Would you support spending $250,000 on the Historical Society’s Church?”. The decision was made to continue the issue to October 2016 Council meeting allowing the Historical Society time to meet with Nick.

Item 3.02 Fiscal Year Closeout / County Vote for Budget

Lisa Prevost presented the fiscal closeout figures. We had approximately $71,000 more than budgeted remaining prior to audit. This figure will be added to our previous balance to give approximate balance of $172,000.00 in our General Fund.

Item 3.03 County Vote for Budget Members

Stephen Bolduc and Norman Beauparlant will represent the Town on the County Budget Committee. Schedule was sent to Steve for his upcoming meeting dates and times.

Item 3.04 Five Corners update

There was a pre-construction meeting held and it is anticipated that the construction at Five Corners will be completed by end of year. Buses will be able to travel through as special provisions will be made at those times. There will be a weekly meeting held throughout the construction project and a Public Meeting regarding paving.

Item 3.05 Head Start Building

The roof around the front foyer was found to be rotting and would not sustain another winter without collapse. This was removed as a temporary solution. The Public Works Crew will need to plow and shovel the entrance as the doors swing out.

New Business:

Item 4.01 Christmas And Community Day Funds

The accounts for Christmas and Community Day are still in the name of the Former Town Clerk. We need to assign a new signer and Town Manager recommends Miranda Hinkley as she has accepted the role of the former clerk in spearheading these events. Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to accept he nomination of Miranda Hinkley as co-signer on the above mentioned accounts. Councilor Bolduc seconded. All in favor. So voted – unanimous.

Item 4.02 New Forrester – Gregory Seamans of Oxford

Koriene Low explained that she reviewed the recommendations and resume of Mr. Gregory Seamans, who comes highly recommended. She has spoken to the candidate who is aware that there is no salary offered. Payment will be per occurrence, as needed. Councilor Konstantoulakis motions to accept this nominee. Councilor Hackett seconds the motion. So voted. Unanimous.

Item 4.03 Review and sign General Assistance Guidelines

The Councilors reviewed the new GA guidelines and approved by unanimous vote the motion given by Stephen Bolduc and seconded by Nick Konstatoulakis.

Item 4.04 MMA Dividend Check

The town received a check in the amount of $961 as dividend for our efforts at reducing risk.

Item 4.05 Abatements and 2017 budget

2017 Budget refigured as there was an error in calculations. The refigured amount increases the overlay to $6500. Wayne motioned to accept the new 2017 budget. Cathy seconded and item was voted unanimously to accept.

Abatements were presented as our error, previous Homestead Exemptions were not included in the tax figure sent to the residents. Stephen motioned to approve both abatements, Wayne seconded. So voted, unanimous.

Ordinances, Resolves & Licenses:

Item 5.01 Appointment – Catherine Griffiths Resignation from Budget Committee

Koriene presented Catherine Griffith’s resignation and Councilor Bolduc motioned to approve such. Councilor Hackett seconds the motion. All in favor, so voted.

Item 5.02 Code Enforcement Update

Fred Collins has arrived as our new Code Enforcement Officer and is doing a great job thus far.

5.03 Office closed MMA / Columbus Day / Veteran’s Day

The Town Office will be closed on Columbus and Veteran’s Days in accordance with the holiday schedule posted previously. Koriene requested that the office be closed for the annual Maine Municipal Association meeting on October 5th as well. Nick motioned to accept the request, Stephen seconded the motion. All in Favor, so voted.

Nicholas Konstatoulakis motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.