MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair

Wayne Hackett, Vice Chair

Stephen Bolduc

Nicholas Konstantoulakis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Koriene Low – Town Manager

Miranda Hinkley – Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Win Durgin

Elaine Vaill

Barry Vaill

Reverend Gary Drinkwater

Diane Drinkwater

Nancy Petersons

Eriks Peterson

Francis Gilbert

Jim Craig

Matt Gary

Councilor Lou Annance called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with 4 members of Council present, Councilor Fifield was scheduled to be absent. We stood and saluted the flag.

**Reports:**

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

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

**Public Comments:**

**2.01 Public Comments:** Matt Gary thanked the Town for the opportunity to serve as member of the Recreation Committee for the past 20 years. He further stated that he is resigning as he feels it is time for him to move on and the Recreation Committee is in a good place at this time.

Reports of the Town Manager

Old Business:

Item 3.01 Future of the Historical Society building

The town was approached by Mr. Vaill of the Angelican church who would like to take over the building currently occupied by the Historical Society. Mr. Vaill, along with other members of the church as well as Historical Society representatives walked through the building and discussed the necessary repairs and upgrades. The church is aware of the condition of the building and presented their position to the council. Being that there is no other Angelican church located in Oxford county or the Lewiston/Auburn area, they thought Mechanic Falls would be a perfect place to make home to the church as it is centrally located. Mr Vaill states that they have complete support from the New England chapter of the Angelican Church and provided a letter from the same as verification. The church is ultimately asking to purchase the building with the condition that they will allow the Historical Society to continue utilizing the building for meetings, events and to display historical artifacts. The church would like to begin using the building immediately until the transfer of ownership is completed if the Town agrees to sell. The Council then discussed the idea, questioning parking issues, liability, and wording for the deed. The Council decided that since the building was given to the town under the condition that if sold, the proceeds would be donated to a not for profit organization, they would donate the building to the church. This made more sense as they would likely receive payment for the building and then donate the proceeds to the same entity that payment was received from. There will be a conditional deed allowing use of the facility by the historical society and providing safeguards if the church should dissolve. The Town Manager was tasked with having the documentation prepared for review at the November Council Meeting. Regarding the use prior to transfer. Councilor Bolduc motioned to allow the use of the building by the Angelican Church so long as proof of liability insurance is provided naming the Town of Mechanic Falls as secondary beneficiary. Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded the motion and the Council voted unanimously to approve.

New Business:

Item 4.01 Water Department Budget Meeting

The Budget meeting for the Water Department will be help on December 14th at 6:30pm.

Ordinances, Resolves & Licenses:

Item 5.01 Resignation of Matt Gary, Recreation Committee & Jennifer Boenig, Revenue Enhancement Committee

Stephen motioned to accept the resignations of Matt Gary and Jennifer Boenig. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. Unanimously voted.

**Last Minute addition: Election Clerks**

The Town Clerk recommended the following election officials be appointed for the November 8, 2016 General Election…

Nancy Petersons – Election Warden

Michelle Emery

Jackie Preston

Brenda Coleman

Lydia Fisher

Councilor Bolduc motioned to appoint the above named individuals as election officials for the November 8, 2016 General Election. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. So voted, unanimous.

Stephen Bolduc motioned for the Council to go into executive session citing M.R.S.A. 405(6)(F). Seconded by Nick Konstantoulakis. All in favor, so voted.

Executive Session began at 7:47pm and ended at 8:24pm by motion of Councilor Konstantoulakis which was seconded by Councilor Bolduc and unanimously voted.

Councilor Bolduc motioned to adjourn. Councilor Hackett seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by unanimous vote.