MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair

Wayne Hackett, Vice Chair

Cathy Fifield

Stephen Bolduc

Nicholas Konstantoulakis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Koriene Low – Town Manager

Miranda Hinkley – Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Gary

Councilor Lou Annance called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

We stood and saluted the flag.

**Reports:**

* 1. **Council Meeting Minutes** February 6, 2017
  2. **Departmental Reports Submitted and Code Enforcement**
  3. **Municipal Financial Reports**

Councilor Annance verified that all Council Members had reviewed the meeting minutes and reports. Councilor Fifield made a motion to approve the reports and meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. So voted. Unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

**2.01 Public Comments:** No publiccomments.

*Reports of the Town Manager:*

Old Business:

Item 3.01 Foreclosed Property on Lane Road

The Council voted to foreclose on a 74 acre parcel located on Lane Rd. The Town Manager has recommended that $1522.54 be moved from Fund Balance to the Overlay Account to cover the past due taxes on this property. Councilor Bolduc motioned to move funds necessary to cover the arrears taxes on Lane Rd Foreclosure Property. Motion was seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis and voted unanimous to accept. Councilor Hackett raised concerns regarding liability and possibility of posting “Enter at own Risk” signs.

Item 3.02 Recreation Committee Fund Raiser

The Recreation Committee is requesting permission to hold a fund raiser on town property with Dad’s Place Catering and the serving of alcoholic beverages. The Recreation Committee understands that if approved, they will need to hire a Police Officer for security during the event. Councilors discussed and agreed that this was approved last year and there are no objections to this event taking place this year.

New Business:

Item 4.01 Dedication of Town Report

The Council discussed a new candidate for dedication of the Town Report. Ernestine Sleeper has been a resident of Mechanic Falls for over 75 years and is a great candidate for this year’s dedication. We will research her life and prepare a written dedication, her picture from the Sun Journal article last year will be used. All Council Members agreed to Ernestine Sleeper as this year’s dedication selection.

Ordinances, Resolves & Licenses:

Item 5.01 Maurice’s Restaurant to Cater Chamber Event

Maurice’s Restaurant of South Paris has been selected to cater the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce event being held in Mechanic Falls this month. They are requesting permission from the state to use their South Paris Liquor License in Mechanic Falls for this one event. Councilors voted to accept this request and signed license request for forwarding to State ATF Licensing Division.

**Item 5.02 Town Clerk Leave of Absence**

The Town Clerk will be having a surgical procedure on Monday, March 13th and will be out of the office for 3 weeks for recovery. The Town Manager is currently pursuing a fill in clerk for this time frame.

Councilor Bolduc then motioned to enter Executive Session under 1MRSA405(6)(A). Seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. Voted Unanimous to enter Executive Session at 7:21pm and emerged at 7:46pm.

Councilor Fifield motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Bolduc. All in favor – unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.