



**TOWN COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2016**

Christopher Brunelle, At Large 2016
Eric Metivier, District 1 2016
Roger Bickford, District 2, 2016
Dale Crafts, At Large 2017
Normand Albert, At Large 2018
Kasie Kolbe, District 1 2018
Allen Ward, District 2 2018

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairman, Roger Bickford, called the meeting to order and waived the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:04 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Bickford, Brunelle, Metivier, Crafts, Albert, and Ward. Councilor Kolbe was excused. Also present were Diane Barnes, Town Manager; Tracey Steuber, Economic & Community Development Director; Dennis Douglass, Code Enforcement Officer; Karen Paradis, Planning Board Chairman; Planning Board Members Donald Fellows, Dan Nezol, Scott Hall, Richard Long, Don Lemieux; Amanda Bunker, Contracted Town Planner; and approximately five citizens in the audience.

WORKSHOP WITH PLANNING BOARD

Amanda Bunker reported the Planning Board was working on an access management ordinance, online mapping database, property maintenance ordinance, development a medical marijuana ordinance, and several zoning revisions. She said the Planning Board was reevaluating some standards, but it is almost ready to go. She indicated Mr. Douglass had done a lot of work on the property maintenance ordinance and that it was almost ready to be finalized. There was some discussion about whether to include regulating yard sales here or in a separate ordinance. She reported Mr. Douglass will be attending training on January 22 on dangerous buildings and that once he sees how that goes he would wrap up that end of the property maintenance ordinance. Mr. Douglass said he received input from Lewiston's staff that has had a lot of experience with these issues. Ms. Bunker reported there is some question whether the town can or should regulate it. They are waiting to hear from the town attorney. She reported the survey done didn't reveal any definite news since both sides were pretty even on the issue.

Ms. Bunker reported the 2015 Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2011 and never approved by the State of Maine; however it has since been approved. Some sections need to be updated again, but technically it would only be good for 10 years by law. She pointed out some design standards and access management could affect the plan.

Councilor Bickford indicated businesses have asked that yard sale business be regulated since some may be abusing this privilege. Mr. Douglass said these types of permits are hard to enforce. Councilor Crafts asked how many are abusing it. Mr. Douglass indicated three or four.

Councilor Ward explained how dangerous buildings affect the community and how Lewiston had done an excellent job cleaning them up. Mr. Douglass mentioned that it should not take long to finish up the property maintenance ordinance once he attends this training. It is primarily done, he said, but he would like to double check that the process we have outlined is the same process they teach at the upcoming training.

Ms. Bunker reported she was working on a business façade program. She said once a program like this gets going it can inspire other businesses to use it to spruce up their storefronts.

Ms. Paradis asked if there were other issues the Council would like the Planning Board to consider. Councilor Bickford said lawn sales would be a good one to finish. Mr. Douglass indicated the property maintenance ordinance would be ready for Council's review in April. Ms. Paradis thanked the Council for the opportunity to meet with them.

ADJOURN WORKSHOP

Seeing no further workshop business, the Chairman adjourned the workshop at 7:00 PM.

Twila D. Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM/MMC
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