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Town Council Meeting Minutes



Thursday, February 28, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in the Matthew Thornton Room

Vice Chairman Rothhaus called the meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Councilor Boyd, Councilor Flood, Councilor Harrington, Councilor Koenig, Town Manager Eileen Cabanel, and Finance Director Paul Micali. Chairman Mahon and Councilor Dwyer were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Rothhaus led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

The first session of the Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School All Purpose Room. The Town Council will meet on Thursday, March 14th and March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Matthew Thornton Room.

eReaders are now available to check out at the Library. There are several Nooks and Kindles preloaded with content available to check out for up to two weeks. Patrons must be over 18 years old with a valid Merrimack Library card. Parents or legal guardians may check out eReaders for children under age 18 with the understanding they are responsible for the device. Please see the website for more information.

Comments from the Press and Public - None

Recognitions, Resignations and Retirements

1. Acceptance of Town Committee Resignation

Submitted by Town Council Chairman Tom Mahon and Vice Chair Finlay Rothhaus

The Town Council to consider the acceptance of the resignation received from Phil Straight of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

MOTION made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Koenig to accept the resignation of Phil Straight from the Parks and Recreation Committee, with sincere regret. **MOTION CARRIED** 5/0/0

Vice Chairman Rothhaus read into the record the Certification of Appreciation:

"In recognition of your service as a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Your dedication and commitment to public service during your appointment as a member of the Town of Merrimack Parks and Recreation Committee is to be recognized. Your service and devotion to the Merrimack Parks and Recreation Committee has had a valuable affect upon this community. We wish to extend to you our sincere appreciation for your outstanding performance of duty."

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Councilor Harrington relayed Mr. Straight wished to express his compliments to the Parks and Recreation Committee for the good work they do. She noted Mr. Straight has been involved in many efforts on behalf of the Town for a number of years, including having been involved with Watson Park, since its conception. Councilor Flood added not only was Mr. Straight active with the Watson Park Committee, but was a key participant. He was also Chairman of the Pavilion Sub-Committee, which will be another testament to his good work.

Appointments

1. Annual Review with the Heritage Commission

Submitted by Heritage Commission Chair Anita Creager

Per Town of Merrimack Charter Section 6-6, at least annually, there should be an annual review with the Heritage Commission. This agenda item is to highlight the commission's significant actions, current projects, anticipated actions, and to raise any concerns the Council should know or could act on.

Anita Creager, Chairman, Heritage Commission noted the Commission currently consists of four (4) full-time members, one (1) alternate member, and the Council Liaison, Finlay Rothhaus. The Commission continues its work on updating the tour brochures for Reeds Ferry and Souhegan Village as well as the creation of a brochure for Thornton's Ferry. Ms. Creager spoke of the display case placed in Town Hall and the photographic displays of Merrimack District Schools, WWII, and structures formerly located within the Town, e.g., Merrimack Airport. She commented each time an article appears in local newsprint additional photos become available. She noted the arrival of a plaque from Pennichuck Water Works, which depicts the history of the Village Dam. The plaque will be installed near the fire station. A plaque has also been made to recognize the site of the Seaverns & Fields Bridge (covered bridge). Both plaques will be installed in the spring.

Signage for the Chamberlain Bridge will be completed within the next few years; once the sidewalk has been upgraded. As part of the sidewalk upgrades some of the railing will be removed, and replaced with the new language "Chamberlain Bridge".

The Commission continues to research copies of portraits to be mounted in the Matthew Thornton Room. The portraits will be of the same size and frame type as the existing portrait of Matthew Thornton. Ms. Creager noted the Commission was provided an original portrait of Nathan Parker; whose son was tragically killed in 1814 when a tornado struck Merrimack. Mr. Parker had a lot to do with the Town's background; owning a great deal of land in Reeds Ferry and the northern portion of town. At some point in time, an original portrait of Mr. Parker's Wife will be donated as well.

Historical signs were presented to the owners of 21 homes. The Commission will continue this endeavor for the next two years until complete.

Two Eagle Scout candidates have performed work on the three historic graveyards; tipped gravestones have been straightened and supported in accordance with procedures identified by the Old New Hampshire Graveyard Association. There remain broken and buried stones to be addressed; however, she is of the belief this work is best performed by adults. Another Eagle Scout candidate has expressed a desire to recreate the WWII monument, which was formerly located at the front of the library. When

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the road was widened and the sidewalk put in, the monument was removed and disappeared. The original monument was built by Mr. Lester Langley who has volunteered to assist the Scout in his endeavor. The question remains as to where the monument should/could be located.

The Commission manned booths at the Business Exposition as well as the Knights of Columbus Craft Fair; however, not having Christmas cards available for sale, they did not make a good deal of profit. After running out of cards, it would found not to be financially feasible to have reprints made (\$5/card). This winter the Commission is busy taking photographs of additional areas. Electronic copies of the photos will be used for greeting cards. Slightly smaller cards can be produced at a more reasonable cost. It is also believed reprints of the original cards could be produced at a lesser cost if the photographs are provided in electronic form.

There remains an opening on the Commission for one (1) full-time member and two (2) Alternates, and may be an additional vacancy for an alternate position in the June timeframe.

Councilor Boyd suggested possible locations for the proposed WWII memorial to be the Abbie Griffin Park or Town Hall (opposite side of steps). With regard to membership, he questioned whether consideration has been given to reaching out to students in the senior class at the High School. Ms. Creager was pleased with the suggestions, and stated she would speak with the Town Manager about the possibility of locating the memorial at Town Hall.

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant Application (CDBG)

Submitted by Planning and Development Consultant Gerald Coogan

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment on the progress being made with the County's \$500,000 Economic Development CDBG award, the status of the CDBG grant and loan and any other matters relating to the Town's Community Development Block Grant award.

Mr. Gerald Coogan, Planning & Development Consultant, stated the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is run by the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). There is approximately \$9 million in funding available each year; half dedicated to economic development and half to housing and community development. In January of 2011, the Town was awarded a grant of \$500,000 the purpose of which was to sub-grant \$480,000 to the Regional Economic Development Center of Southern NH, who in turn loaned \$475,000 to Resonetics, LLC. of Nashua. Resonetics is a laser micromachining manufacturer of medical goods, industrial goods and capital equipment. The funding enabled them to do a \$4.27 million project and relocate to a new facility where they were able to expand and customize their location and hire 25 new employees.

With the creation of 25 new jobs the CDBG commitment has been met and the grant can be closed out. Mr. Coogan stated he has been coordinating his efforts with Nancy Larson, Planning & Zoning Administrator as well as Paul Micali, Finance Director, and noted a meeting is scheduled for March 13th with Amy Currie, representative of CDFA, to review the information provided on the grants management system and determine if any additional information is needed. It is hoped the grant will be closed out within the next month or two.

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When asked about the disparity between the dollar amounts identified in the last sentence of the first paragraph of the memorandum dated February 8, 2013, which reads: “The purpose of the award is to sub grant \$480,000 to the Regional Economic Development Center of Southern NH (REDC), who in turn loaned \$475,000 to Resonetics, LLC. \$5,000 was for loan servicing.” and the end of the second paragraph, which reads: “Of the total \$500,000 award, the Town of Merrimack received \$25,000 for CDBG grant administration.” Mr. Coogan explained the \$25,000 figure should in fact be \$20,000.

Councilor Koenig requested clarification of the process of closing the grant. Mr. Coogan responded the loan is still outstanding; however it is the responsibility of the REDC to manage loan servicing, collection of payments, etc. With the creation of 25 jobs, the Town has met its commitment under the grant terms and agreement with the CDFA. Once that is met the grant can be closed out and the responsibilities of the Town considered complete. Mr. Coogan noted there is an agreement between the Town of Merrimack and REDC that they will perform certain functions to ensure the grant is used properly, jobs created, etc.

Vice Chairman Rothhaus opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

No one from the public addressed the Council.

Vice Chairman Rothhaus closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Councilor Koenig commented when the request first came before the Council it was pleased to help out and in fact the Town received a commendation from the Governor for supporting a business in a neighboring community.

Legislative Updates from State Representatives - None

Town Manager's Report

Planning staff met with the engineer for Atrium Medical this week, and final plans are expected to be submitted for Planning Board endorsement within the next week. Atrium will likely begin construction of their 108,000 sq. ft. addition at 40 Continental Blvd in April, with an approximate 18-month construction schedule.

On February 19th, the Planning Board conditionally approved both a subdivision of the property and construction of a 120,000 sq. ft. high-bay warehouse/office/flexible industrial building at the “Flatley site” off of D.W. Highway (near Saint-Gobain). Town staff as well as some members of the Council visited Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics on February 21st, as part of the Business Visitation Program. One of the main items manufactured is stadium roofs. Although a worldwide business, a lot of the manufacturing is conducted in Merrimack. Their company policy is if they cannot be #1 or #2 in a particular industry they drop the line. The facility operates 24 hours a day and employs 250 individuals.

The replacement bridge at Wire Road, where it crosses over Baboosic Brook, is moving right along. Three 60' long precast concrete beams were placed on the bridge abutments last week by a crane. The project is expected to be completed this spring. Pictures of the project are posted on the PWD

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Facebook page.

The Highway Division estimates they have expended approximately 90% of the current budget for overtime for snow/ice removal and 80% of the salt/sand budgets. The budget is tracking appropriately at this time.

Consent Agenda

1. Acceptance of Changes to Chapter 180 – Temporary Sales Locations and Vendors [Final Reading]

Submitted by Town Manager Eileen Cabanel and Finance Director Paul Micali

The Town Council to consider final approval of the recommended changes to Chapter 180 – Temporary Sales Locations and Vendors of the Merrimack Town Code, pursuant to Charter Article 5-4.

MOTION made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Harrington to move the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 4/1/0

Councilor Boyd voted in opposition.

Councilor Boyd requested anyone interested in understanding his position review the minutes of the Council's February 14th meeting.

Old Business

1. Dog Park Update and Request to Begin Forestry Project

Submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Sherry Kalish and Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Tom Thornton

The Parks and Recreation Committee to provide the Town Council with an update on the Dog Park and also request approval to move forward with Stage 1, Clearing and Forestry.

Sherry Kalish, Director, Parks and Recreation and Tom Thornton, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Committee, provided the Council with a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached), which outlined the location of the dog park and provided statistical information on the number of registered dog owners in Merrimack as well as information on dogs in the U.S.

Speaking with regard to the clearing and forestry, Mr. Thornton informed the Council the project is being approached in stages. Stage I is Clearing. The Town's Forester, Dan Cyr, will provide the specifications needed for the Request for Proposal (RFP). The proposal will include storm drainage as well as a construction plan. The Parks & Recreation Committee has voted to support the project. Approval is sought from the Council for Stage 1; beginning the bid process.

Stages 2 and 3 relate to park requirements, e.g., fencing, gate heights, etc. Stage 4 provides a financial update; \$2,831.72 available. Fundraising suggestions include a Pawsta Supper, Bark in the Park, Dog Days, Dog Walk, solicitation of sponsorships, and a request of the Town Council and Parks and Recreation Committee to release \$6,500 from the Watson Park Fund (LCWF). Stage 5 outlines the responsibilities and rules of the park, e.g., dogs must be leashed upon entering and leaving, owners must clean up after their dog, users of the Merrimack Dog Park do so at their own risk, etc. It was

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noted PWD will be responsible for some maintenance of the property. When asked about ground cover, Mr. Thornton stated it would likely be natural, e.g., crabgrass. He suggested a decision would be made after viewing the site upon completion of the clearing. Stage 6 is relative to publicity. Stage 7 is related to the final items and grand opening, e.g., obtain approval of rules by Town Council, addition of signage, benches and/or picnic tables, and a target date of June 2013 for the grand opening.

Councilor Koenig questioned why publicity efforts would not get underway until the May/June timeframe. Mr. Thornton stated public awareness would be heightened at events such as the Easter Egg Hunt where fundraising efforts will take place. Excitement will continue to build and will grow as the park is closer to completion. Town Manager Cabanel noted comments were made the site is void of saleable timber, and questioned whether there is the intent to clear additional areas as a means of financing tree removal. Mr. Thornton stated the logger would accept the timber and provide some revenue. When asked if forestry activities would occur outside of the boundaries of the dog park, Mr. Thornton stated they would not. Councilor Flood stated her belief the Conservation Commission would be conducting a forestry project in conjunction with this project. Director Kalish explained when they met with Mr. Cyr there was discussion of the possibility of foresting either the dog park portion as a single project or the entire side of the parcel (park and along field behind function hall) as well as the treed area between the parking lot and ball field (some trees have fallen and other are in need of removal). She remarked the discussions have taken place; however, if the Council wished for the dog park project to be done as a stand-alone project that could occur as well.

Town Manager Cabanel stated a concern with Deed restrictions as well as the current stormwater plan. She stated the need for any professionals bidding on the project(s) to be provided with a copy of the Deed and associated restrictions as well as the Town's stormwater management plan in advance as the project may be more onerous than might be believed at first glance. Councilor Flood noted Mr. Cyr's letter indicated, as part of any bid, stumping and possibly brush movement such as chipping would be included. Town Manager Cabanel questioned whether the results of the bid would be presented to the Council and whether it is the intention of the Conservation Commission to donate any proceeds from the forestry performed outside of the immediate area of the Dog Park or to offset some of the cost of the Forester. Director Kalish stated she would speak with the Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Tim Tenhave; however, believes the land is not conservation land, which causes some confusion as to how the Commission is tied into the project. Director Micali commented Mr. Tenhave was in attendance at a Council meeting on an evening when the Dog Park was being discussed, and suggested looking at Wasserman Park. Director Micali stated he would reach out to Mr. Tenhave to determine the plans of the Commission in advance of any final determination.

MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Boyd to initiate Stage 1 of the Dog Park

ON THE QUESTION

Councilor Flood noted the Conservation Commission is responsible for the hiring of the Town's Forester. She noted, Mr. Tenhave had indicated if there were profit to be made from forestry the revenue would go into the Parks and Recreation Fund. Director Kalish stated she has not been informed of that. Town Manager Cabanel remarked Director Micali has stated the Commission has jurisdiction over all of Wasserman Park. Director Micali stated his belief the Commission is the stewards of the park. Town Manager Cabanel stated the need for the Commission to be made aware of

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the restrictions on the property. Councilor Harrington expressed her doubts the Commission would have jurisdiction over the gifted portion. Town Manager Cabanel stated she would look into the matter further. When asked, she stated any revenue received from a forestry project would be appropriated by the Town Council.

MOTION CARRIED 5/0/0

New Business

1. Road Acceptance of Crestview Circle

Submitted by Public Works Deputy Director Kyle Fox

Per Subdivision Regulations Section 5.01.1(f), the Planning Board has released the performance bond and recommended acceptance of Crestview Circle.

Kyle Fox, Deputy Director, Public Works Department (PWD), stated Crestview Circle was part of the sub-division known as the Bartlett-Phillips sub-division; a 1,078 linear foot cul-de-sac road off of Lawrence Road. Constructed began in the fall of 2010 with final punch list items completed in December of 2012. On January 22, 2013, the Planning Board voted to recommend acceptance.

MOTION made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Harrington to accept Crestview Circle as a recognized public way in the Town of Merrimack. MOTION CARRIED 5/0/0

2. Request for Use of Capital Reserve Funds for Engineering Study for the McGaw Bridge Road

Bridge Replacement Project

Submitted by Public Work Deputy Director Kyle Fox

The Town Council to consider the Public Works Department's request to withdraw up to \$54,525.00

from the Road Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund for the engineering study for the McGaw Bridge

Road bridge replacement project. McGaw Bridge Road bridge is a Municipal Red List bridge.

Deputy Director Fox stated McGaw Bridge Road is a short road connecting Wire Road to Daniel Webster Highway. The bridge on McGaw Bridge Road is on the Municipal Red List and was built in 1940, is a 23' span, Jack Arch bridge, which is an old style type of bridge (smaller I-beams encased in miniature arches encasing the steel beams in the concrete). The bridge crosses Baboosic Brook. In 2006, the weight posting was reduced to 20 tons. In 2007, the Highway Department performed a smaller rehab project on the deck of the bridge (addressed holes in the deck). The major problem with the bridge, beyond the substandard condition of the railings and the poor condition of the deck, is the bridge scour having reached critical status.

As a means of providing an explanation of the scour issue, Deputy Director Fox stated the bridge has the superstructure (beams) sit on abutments, which sit on footings, which are underwater. What happens when a scour sensitive area occurs is the current from the flow is undermining the footings, which, if allowed to go too far, has the potential to topple the bridge.

The latest inspection by the Department of Transportation (DOT) shows it undermining by as much as 4' underneath the footings. Following that inspection, the Town received a letter stating it is likely, in

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the near future, we will see a further downgrading of the weight limit or perhaps a closure. Deputy Director Fox noted the State cannot instruct the Town to close a bridge but rather can only recommend. It is the decision of the Town Council to close a bridge or post a specific weight limit. He added, the Council generally follows the advice of the DOT.

Since 2000, the bridge has been in the State Aid Bridge Program. As part of that program the State reimburses the Town 80% of the costs of engineering and construction. After receiving the letter from the DOT, Deputy Director Fox contacted the head of the Bridge Aid Program, and questioned whether the project could be moved up on the list (current scheduled for FY17). The program is full through at least 2020. What was allowed was for the project to go out to design. If the design is completed and federal or state monies become available or another town is unable to fund an approved project, the Town would be able to capitalize on funds that might become available. Deputy Director Fox noted the Council was provided a copy of the engineering study proposal, the State has accepted the proposal and is willing to go forward, and the request before the Council was for approval to withdraw up to \$54,525 from the road infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund to fund the engineering study. The Town's 20% share would be \$10,905. When asked, he stated reimbursement would occur right away.

Councilor Flood questioned who performs the engineering studies and whether the work is done in-house. Deputy Director Fox responded the studies are very complex and well-defined parameters have been established by the State Aid Bridge Program, e.g., hydraulic analysis, wetlands delineation survey, historical resource delineation, structural analysis, etc. He added, upon completion of the engineering study (Phase I) the consultant would make a recommendation on bridge type, which itself would be based on economics and what fits best for the community. Councilor Flood questioned which authority is responsible for inspection of bridges, and was informed the State Department of Transportation has that responsibility.

When asked if the engineering study would provide interim measures that might be considered, Deputy Director Fox responded the scope would be replacement for the bridge and would not focus on remediation. He added the DOT would not participate in remediation of the bridge. Having received the letter from the State, the question was posed as to when a determination would be made that the bridge should either be closed or the weight limit reduced. Deputy Director Fox responded every bridge in New Hampshire, of a 10' span or greater, is inspected every two years. When the bridge goes onto the Red List inspections are done yearly. Next November another inspection will be conducted at which time a decision will be made. He noted, the PWD looks at the bridge, and if something should appear dire the State would be contacted and could be asked to perform an intermediate inspection.

Vice Chairman Rothhaus remarked, at this time, the State is allowing a weight of 20 tons to cross the bridge. He suggested, if the situation were dire enough to be concerned with a collapse the State would inform the Town so that it could be remedied immediately. Deputy Director Fox agreed, and commented if the Town were to experience floods such as it did in 2006 the State would be contacted as it is the flood type waters that will damage the structure. He added having experienced normal flows since 1940, it has taken this long to get the bridge to the condition it is in today.

When asked about the number of labor hours involved, Deputy Director Fox reiterated the State Bridge Aid Project is very structured/rigid and for good reason; the State is contributing the lion's share of the costs and wants to ensure the quality of the bridges (life expectancy of 75-100+ years). One of the

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stipulations of the program is going through the Qualified Bid Selection process when selecting a consultant. In that process, communities send out a Request for Proposal to at least three firms, preferably five. When the proposals are received they are reviewed only on the qualifications of the companies bidding (no dollar figures are provided or discussed). Once a selection is made (single selection) negotiations begin on project costs. If unable to reach agreement negotiations can begin with the second selection. He remarked negotiations were pretty quick in this situation given it is the fourth project the company has been used for. He stated the company to be both competitive and conscientious. He added, as part of DOT acceptance, the proposal has gone through their review as well. He also noted much of the proposal relates to sub-consultants, e.g., geotechnical consultant and surveying consultant.

Councilor Boyd remarked the Council has been aware of the issue since 2007. In 2006 the bridge was reported as fair. In 2007 there were deficiencies presented that forced the Town to make the appropriate updates. He commended Deputy Director Fox for coming forward to try to get a placeholder as it is a public safety issue the Council needs to be proactive with.

When asked where in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) the project is placed, Deputy Director Fox stated it is identified as a project for FYs 16 and 17, which is due to its placement on the State's ten-year plan. Councilor Koenig remarked the bridge has been pushed out on the CIP since 2006. Deputy Director Fox responded the bridge has been in the State Bridge Aid Program since 2000. When the Turkey Hill Road Bridge went on the Red List the Town asked the State to bump the McGaw Bridge in favor of the Turkey Hill Bridge (due to traffic volumes). The same thing happened with the Wire Road and Bedford Road Bridges (traded those two projects for this one). When asked if any other project would be impacted by utilizing the funds as requested, Director Micali stated the funds are available and commented on savings achieved (approximately \$30,000) through inspection work on the Wire Road Bridge being performed by the Deputy Director, which had originally been budgeted to be performed by a consultant. He added savings will also be achieved on the Bedford Road Bridge project. He reiterated, although the Town has to pay the total costs upfront, the financial impact to the Town is 20% of total costs (\$10,000).

MOTION made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Flood to authorize the Public Works Department to withdraw up to \$54,525.00 from the Road Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund for the engineering study for the McGaw Bridge Road bridge replacement project as the bridge is on the Municipal Red List, and furthermore that the Town Manager and/or Finance Director be authorized to execute and/or endorse any or all documents to effectuate the transaction

ON THE QUESTION

Councilor Boyd commended Deputy Director Fox for the work he has done.

MOTION CARRIED 5/0/0

3. Polling Location for April 9, 2013 Ballot Vote

Submitted by Town Manager Eileen Cabanel

The Town Council to formally select James Masticola Upper Elementary School as the single polling location for the Town of Merrimack for the April 9, 2013 Ballot Vote, pursuant to Charter Article 3-4.

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Town Manager Cabanel stated the Town is required by Charter and State RSA to post the polling location within a certain number of days in advance of an election. A motion is requested to confirm and publicly state the polling place for the April 9th election to be at the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School.

Councilor Flood stated her understanding elections where large turnouts are anticipated will be conducted at the high school whereas those where smaller turnouts are anticipated will be conducted at the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School, and that this decision is based on the timing with which the high school has to approve its calendar.

MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Boyd that the single polling place for the Town of Merrimack be at the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School All Purpose Room. The hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This will take effect beginning with the April 9, 2013 election and continue until further notice. MOTION CARRIED 5/0/0

Minutes

Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013, January 10, 2013, January 14, 2013, January 17, 2013, and January 21, 2013 Town Council meetings.

MOTION made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 Town Council Meeting as presented.

The following amendment was offered:

Page 2, Line 25; replace the words “Councilor Koenig” with the words “Director Micali”

MOTION CARRIED 5/0/0

MOTION made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 Town Council Meeting as presented.

The following amendment was offered:

Page 2, Line 48; add a comma before the word “for” and after the word “purposes” and replace the word “of” with the word “about” so that the sentence reads: “Councilor Koenig asked, for clarification purposes, about conservation fund monies.”

MOTION CARRIED 5/0/0

MOTION made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Boyd to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 Town Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5/0/0

MOTION made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2013 Town Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED 4/0/1

Councilor Rothhaus Abstained

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MOTION made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Boyd to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2013 Town Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED 4/0/1
Councilor Rothhaus Abstained

Comments from the Press - None

Comments from the Public - None

Comments from the Council

Councilor Boyd thanked the employees of the Public Works and Highway departments for their diligent efforts in keeping the roads safe. He noted the Laconia World Champion Sled Dog Derby would begin the following day. The Derby is a three-day race beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. It will consist of a six-dog class, open class, and on Saturday and Sunday the three-dog Junior World Championships will take place. He noted he would be competing with his dogs and he and his wife are excited participants. He invited Merrimack residents to attend and witness an activity that is part of New Hampshire.

Vice Chairman Rothhaus informed the Council and the viewing audience the Town ice rink is in need of additional volunteers to assist in maintenance. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Town Hall.

MOTION made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Harrington to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5/0/0

The February 28, 2013 meeting of the Town Council was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by Dawn MacMillan