

Veazie Town Council Meeting
June 13th, 2023

Members Present: Chairman Chris Bagley, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Aaron Turcotte, Councilor Jeff Manter, Councilor David King, Town Manager Mark Leonard, Deputy Treasurer Andy Fish, Fire Chief Peter Metcalf and various members of the public.

ITEM 1: Call to order

Chairman Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present.

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Manager Leonard needed to correct the School AP and School Payroll Warrant numbers

ITEM 5: Approval of May 8, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023 Council Meeting as presented. Voted 5-0-0.

ITEM 6: Comments from the Public

Karen Walker thanked the Cemetery Committee, the 8th graders and Chris Bagley for helping with the placement of flags for Memorial Day.

New Business:

ITEM 7: Public Hearing on Ordinance Changes and Updates

Councilor Jeff Manter made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to move into Public Hearing at 7:03pm to hear public comments on the proposed ordinance updates, repeals and additions. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

There was no discussion.

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to close the Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance updates, repeals, and additions. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Action on Ordinance Changes and Updates

ITEM 8A: Chapter 3: Flood Plain Management (Update)

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to adopt Chapter 3 Ordinance named Flood Plain Management as presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8B: Chapter 7: Building Code (Repeal)

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to repeal Chapter 7 Ordinance named Building Code as presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8C: Chapter 8: National Electric Code (Repeal)

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to repeal Chapter 8 Ordinance named National Electric Code as presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8D: Chapter 13: Recreational Fields (Amendment)

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to adopt Chapter 13 Ordinance named Recreational Fields as presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8E: Chapter 23: Bond Issues (Repeal)

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to repeal Chapter 23 Ordinance named Bond Issues as presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8F: Chapter 25: Leases (Repeal)

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to repeal Chapter 25 Ordinance named Leases as presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8G: Chapter 35: Erosion and Sediment Control (New)

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to adopt Chapter 35 Ordinance named Erosion and Sediment Control as presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: Donation Requests

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to approve the donations as presented in Manager Leonard's Memo to the Council dated June 2, 2023 reference donation requests with the amendment of increasing Eastern Area Agency on Aging to \$500.00 and Boy Scouts of America Katahdin Area Council to the sum of \$350.00. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: Office Closure Request(s)

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Aaron Turcotte to authorize the closure of the Town Office on June 30, 2023 at noon time so staff can complete end of year business additionally, we authorize the Town Office to be closed on July 3rd, 2023. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 11: Appointments

ITEM 11A: Tax Assessor

Councilor Jeff Manter made a motion, seconded by Councilor Aaron Turcotte to appoint Benjamin Birch to the position of Tax Assessor for the term of 1 year. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 11B: Asst. Tax Assessor

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Aaron Turcotte to appoint Jacky Binette to the position of Assistant Tax Assessor for the term of 1 year. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 11C: Code Enforcement, Building Inspector, Local Plumbing Inspector and E-911 Addressing Officer

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to appoint Andrew Fish to the position(s) of Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Local Plumbing Inspector and E-911 Addressing Officer for a term of 1 year. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 11D: Alternate Code Enforcement Officer

Councilor Jeff Manter made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to appoint Mark Leonard to the position of Code Enforcement Officer for a term of 1 year. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 11E: Planning Board Members (2)

Councilor Jeff Manter made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to appoint Barbara Dalton to the Planning Board for a term of 3 years. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to appoint Anthony Cappuccio to the Planning Board as an Associate Member for a term of 1 year. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 11F: Budget Committee

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to reappoint William Hogan to the Budget Committee for a term of 3 years. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Other Business:

ITEM 12: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Council. Manager Leonard informed the Council that Veazie was successful on the Brown Tail Moth Grant. Waiting to hear how much that will be. Chairman Bagley wanted updates on the Tennis courts, website and school generator.

ITEM 13: Comments from the Public

None.

ITEM 14: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

Chairman Bagley wanted to move forward and see how we can improve the cemetery map layout to make the process easier for the future with the placement of flags and flowers.

ITEM 15: Review & Signature of AP Town Warrant #21 & #22, Town Payroll #24, #25 & #25A, School AP Warrant #20 & #21 and School Payroll #24, #25 & #26. The Town Warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 16: Adjournment

Councilor Paul Messer motioned to adjourn.

Councilor Aaron Turcotte seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:19pm

True Copy Attest,
Mark Leonard
Town Manager

