

**Gardiner City Council**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**5/15/13**

7:30 City Council Meeting called to Order. Mayor, Council, and City Staff in attendance and introduced themselves.

At 6:40 p.m., Council entered Executive Session. Councilor Leake made a motion to direct city staff to enter a purchase and sale agreement with Theresa Henderson for tax acquired property at 84 Brunswick Ave, second by Councilor Phil Hart. Unanimous Vote

**Public Hearing and Consideration of Cobbossee Aerie #4330 FOE Liquor License renewal** and Outside Consumption permit. Motion to Approve, Councilor Pat Hart, second Councilor Heath. Unanimous Vote

**Consideration of Establishing Donation Funds.** Motion by Councilor Johnston to setup funds allowing the City to accept donations for MacMaster Square projects and the Gazebo. Second by Councilor Phil Hart. Projects will be handled by the Recreation Committee. Unanimous Vote

**Discussion on Vendors at the Waterfront Park.** The Recreation Committee will be coming to Council with an RFP for vendors on the Waterfront. Councilor Phil Hart was wanted to make sure the local Venders were included in the process

**Discussion on FY 14 Budget** – City Manager Morelli said the largest concern is using \$175K from fund balance for the gap in budget. It would bring the balance down. This would be one year only. Councilors discussed their support of keeping the mil rate at 19.90 and need to continue to invest in community and support things that make us attractive, such as a vital downtown. City Councilors are concerned about the next budget and the potential deficits we may be facing due to decisions made at the State level. Mayor Harnett stated it was impossible to know what is happening at the State and that the Mayor's Coalition had put in a proposed amendment to the State Budget. There are good things happening in downtown Gardiner, and it is moving forward. Councilor Pat Hart asked to maintain funding for cemetery maintenance, Riverfest and Professional planner. Mayor Harnett would like to fund signage for downtown.

**City Manager Update** - City Manager Morelli told the Council that the City received a \$400K grant from Brownsfields.

**City Council Update** - City Councilors commented that the Artwalk on Water St was excellent and should be marketed for more traffic downtown. Councilor Phil Hart asked if the Tech Committee could look into charging a fee for Wifi downtown.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Deirdre Berglund