

**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**  
**Gardiner City Hall**

Mayor Thom Harnett called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present for the meeting were Mayor Thom Harnett, Councilors Terry Berry, Scott Williams, Phil Hart, Richard Heath, Maureen Blanchard & Jon Ault. Councilor Patricia Hart was absent. Also present were City Manager Scott Morelli and City Clerk Lisa Gilliam.

**Executive Session – Discuss a Real Estate Foreclosure – State of Maine Title 1 Section 405:**

At 6:05 pm Councilor Berry made a motion to enter into executive session, motion seconded by Councilor Heath. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

Executive Session ended at 6:13 pm. Motion by Councilor Berry to approve the issuance of a Quit Claim Deed to the Estate of Richard Willard, listed as property map 2, lot 8 located on the Weeks Road; motion seconded by Councilor Heath. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS (Public comment for anything not on agenda):**

Mayor Harnett opened up the meeting to public discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Harnett closed the public discussion.

**Consent Agenda:**

Kelsey Barrett, who is a senior at Gardiner Area High School, was present to receive a Proclamation from the City of Gardiner. Motion by Councilor Phil Hart to present the Proclamation to Kelsey Barrett for her accomplishments academically and for her community involvement; motion seconded by Councilor Heath. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**New Business:**

None

**Police & Fire Department Dispatch Discussion:**

Police Chief Jim Toman and Fire Chief Al Nelson gave a presentation on the dispatch proposal and the changes they would like to move forward with. They stated that over the past several years they have had discussions with different dispatch centers in hopes of finding cost savings and gaining efficiencies if a switch were to be made. Chief Toman & Chief Nelson are in agreement that they would like to move forward with a switch of dispatch centers as there will be cost savings and both departments will gain efficiencies. A brief discussion followed. Councilor Heath made a motion to enter into negotiations with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services, motion seconded by Councilor Berry. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Consideration of Carry Forward Items:**

Finance Director Denise Brown was present to review the items that are recommended to carry forward into the municipals next fiscal year. Public Works Director Tony LaPlante was also present to address the items that involved his department. A brief discussion followed. Motion by Councilor Berry to approve the carry forward items as presented, motion seconded by Councilor Heath. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Sale of Landscape Items at 18 Dennis Street:**

City Manager Morelli informed the Council that the City received an offer from Chris Whalen to purchase the landscaping items for the price of \$150. A brief discussion followed. Motion by Councilor Phil Hart to sell the items at 18 Dennis Street as presented, motion seconded by Councilor Ault. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Consideration of Merrymeeting Trail Interlocal Agreement:**

City Manager Morelli introduced Councilor Heath and Tom Reeves who have been instrumental in putting this agreement together. Manager Morelli said the city attorney had reviewed the contract and did not see any issues if the City were to enter into the agreement. Tom Reeves then spoke on how the agreement was developed. A brief discussion followed. Motion by Councilor Heath to approve the Merrymeeting Trail Interlocal Agreement; motion seconded by Councilor Berry. Discussion continued with Mr. Reeve explaining the budget involved along with the participation of each community that enters into the agreement. Mr. Reeve also stated there would be two members of the City Council appointed to the board. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Consideration of Charging Ordinance Review Committee with Making/Changes to Shoreland Zoning Restrictions:**

City Manager Morelli spoke briefly on the business known as Choppers Hair Salon. He said they had been denied their licenses and permits by the City due to it's location within the shoreland zone. Code Enforcement Officer Barb Skelton addressed the issue with the City Council and explained the conflict with the zoning. Discussion followed. Mayor Harnett stated he would not be voting on this item due to a professional conflict of interest. Manager Morelli said that in the future he hoped the City would be able to work with businesses that end up in similar situations and resolve any issues that might be considered a violation of city ordinances or zoning regulations. Councilor Heath also stated he would not be voting on this due to his professional conflict. Motion by Phil Hart to refer this item to the Ordinance Review Committee; motion seconded by Williams. Motion carried 5-0 with Mayor Harnett and Councilor Heath abstaining.

**Liquor License Renewal – Smith Wiley Post #4 American Legion:**

Mayor Harnett opened the Public Hearing. The City Manager gave a brief summary on the liquor license renewal for the Smith Wiley Post #4 American Legion. With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Harnett closed the Public Hearing. Motion by Councilor Ault to approve the renewal of a liquor license for the Smith Wiley Post #4 American Legion; motion seconded by Councilor Heath. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Liquor License Renewal – Pasta'z Restaurant:**

Mayor Harnett opened the Public Hearing. City Manager Morelli gave a brief summary on the liquor license renewal for Pasta'z Restaurant. With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Harnett closed the Public Hearing. Motion by Councilor Phil Hart to approve the liquor license renewal for Pasta'z Restaurant; motion seconded by Councilor Ault. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Liquor License Renewal – Cobbossee Aerie 4330:**

Mayor Harnett opened the Public Hearing. City Manager Morelli gave a brief summary on the liquor license renewal for Cobbossee Aerie 4330. With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Harnett Closed the Public Hearing. Motion by Councilor Ault to approve the liquor license renewal for Cobbossee Aerie 4330; motion seconded by Councilor Heath. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Special Event Permit – City Block Party:**

Manager Morelli reviewed this Special Event Permit for a City Block Party to be hosted by the Sheepscot Valley Community Church; he stated there would be no cost to city services for this event and that they would be providing proof of insurance to cover this event. Motion by Councilor Williams to approve the

Special Event Permit for a City Block Party to be hosted by the Sheepscot Valley Community Church; motion seconded by Councilor Heath. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Special Event Permit – Weekly Yoga Class (Summer):**

The City Manager reviewed this Special Event Permit with the City Council. This permit is to host a weekly yoga class at the City's Waterfront Park; he also stated this event would have no impact on City services. Motion by Councilor Ault to approve the Special Event Permit for the Weekly Yoga Class at the Waterfront Park; motion seconded by Councilor Blanchard. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**City Manager Update:**

There were no new updates from the City Manager.

**Council Updates:**

Councilor Richard Heath – Informed the Council that the Red Zone Company was now providing wireless broadband service in area. City Librarian Anne Davis said she spoke with this company and found their fees would not be less for the City of Gardiner.

Councilor Phil Hart – Expressed his appreciation for having the PowerPoint presentation emailed to the Council.

Councilor Maureen Blanchard – Said she was pleased with the recent street cleaning and thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work. She also suggested that in the future the City Council should rotate their committee assignments which would allow the Councilors to have more experience with the various boards and committees.

Councilor Jon Ault – Congratulated Councilor Blanchard for being mentioned in a Kennebec Journal article. He also reminded everyone to vote on Facebook for the Gardiner Food Co-op who is trying to win a \$25,000 grant from State Farm Insurance.

Mayor Harnett – Mentioned that the Gardiner Food Co-op and Café have opened for business; he said it's a wonderful community place as well as being a great place to shop. He also stated that Johnson Hall had finished up their performance season and said they would next be hosting the outdoor waterfront concerts which will begin in the summer months.

Motion to enter executive session by Councilor Heath; motion seconded by Councilor Ault. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**Executive Session Per 1 MRS 405 (6) (E) regarding Legal Advice on a Real Estate Matter (Partridge Dr.):**

**Executive Session Per 1 MRS 405 (6) (E) regarding Legal Advice on Contract Negotiations (Ambulance Service):**

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lisa Gilliam, City Clerk