

Gardiner City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2007
City Council Room
7 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor McLean called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

2. Roll Call

Members present; Phil Hart, Brian Blanchard, Martha Mentall, Jean Dellert, Phil Hart, Richard Rambo, Richard Nickless
Absent; Chuck LeBlanc

3. Petitions, Communications, Resolutions, & Public Hearings

Consideration of Comments from the Public on Issues that do not appear elsewhere on the Agenda. No members of the public were present

Motion to accept the MSAD11 Referendum Warrant addendum agenda by Councilor Rambo, seconded by Councilor Nickless.

Vote unanimous

4. New Business

4.1 Second Reading of Resolution 7-26 Authorizing Borrowing from the Maine Bond Bank.

Motion to accept by Councilor Mentall with seconded by Councilor Rambo striking out the 12 feet and just put "new" sidewalks.

Vote was unanimous.

Mayor MacLean asked if the Council wanted to discuss the Addendum regarding Northwest Quad. Councilor Hart asked if this was regarding the Northwest Quad. Jeff said that is was and explained why to the Council. There were 6 votes excluding the mayor for the sidewalk addendum.

The Mayor asked the council to consider the MSAD 11 referendum warrant. He asked if there were any questions, and Jeff Kobrock explained what it is. Councilor Hart asked if we considered the legal ramifications to get this on the ballot so quickly. Kobrock mentioned that this is fine.

Motion to accept this MSAD11 Referendum, by Councilor Mentall, seconded by Councilor Nickless.

Vote was unanimous.

5 City Manager Report

Jeff mentioned the upcoming elections. He said that there will not be a satellite polling station this year. The Secretary of state has made the decision to use the City of Gardiner as a model for ADA compliance. He also spoke of changes with absentee voting. Phil Hart

mentioned that the city should get a notice out to the community with these changes. Councilor Hart mentioned he will help work on this. Jeff mentioned that City Hall will be opened on Saturday before the elections to accept absentee ballots from 8:00am until noon. Jeff mentioned that there is historic group that is interested in moving the caboose. DOT will have it removed if they don't want it. Martha Mentall asked Jeff if he was familiar with legal partnerships. There was a short discussion on this topic.

Jeff Kobrock mentioned that there are two big issues that need to be discussed. The first is the Boys & Girls Club being their own organization. The second is on November 14th there will be a workshop regarding the consolidation of the City and the Water District. Councilor Nickless asked if there has been any opposition regarding this, and Jeff said no. He stated that this is being done to make things more efficient for the city and the residents. Jeff discussed this in more detail.

6 Council Discussion

Councilor Rambo began with a discussion regarding the Ordinance Review Committee. He mentioned his concerns about the Business/Professional district zoning in 2008. Jeff stated that this issue will come back up for discussion in the Spring. Rambo asked some questions to Jeff as to exactly what the Ordinance Committee is and what they do, there was a detailed discussion related to this topic. Councilor Nickless stated that this is a public decision because it affects the people who live on Brunswick Ave. The council then decided to discuss this further in a Workshop specific to this subject. The Mayor asked each councilor if they had issues that they would like to discuss. Councilor Hart mentioned School Consolidation. The rest of the councilors had no issues to discuss.

The Mayor mentioned that he and Mayor Cates have been asked to participate in a Board Retreat on November 2nd at the Samoset Resort regarding "Marketing the Region." He will speak of the Rail Trail and the Artwalk.

7 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Edwards
Council Clerk