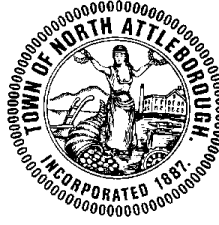


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MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 29, 2019
6:00 PM
TOWN HALL LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lapointe called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and invited the audience to join the Town Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

Keith Lapointe
Justin Paré
Michael Lennox
Darius Gregory
JoAnn Cathcart
Julie Boyce
Adam Scanlon
John Simmons
Kathleen Prescott

Members Absent:

Documents Reviewed:

- Minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting
- Measure #2020-009

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-President Paré moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2019

Councilor Lennox seconded the motion

The motion carried 7-0-2 with Councilor Prescott and Councilor Simmons abstaining.

III. RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

No one was present to address the council.

IV. TOWN COUNCILOR NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCILOR SCANLON:

Thanked Representative Poirier and Senator Rausch for their advocacy of North Attleboro at the State House.

COUNCILOR BOYCE:

Announced that Jim Stonefield of Hootie & the Blowfish will be at the First Baptist Church on August 3rd at noon, to talk about his life experiences.

PRESIDENT LAPOINTE:

Thanked all of those involved in another successful Kid's Day

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. SUB - COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad-Hoc Finance Sub-Committee:

Vice President Paré reported that the Finance Sub-Committee met and took votes on measures 2020-007 and 2020-008. The Finance Committee voted 2-1 to recommend favorable action on measure 2020-007.

Vice-President Paré moved to approve the transfer of \$16,100 from the Reserve Fund to the Conservation Commission Expenses for FY2020

Councilor Lennox seconded the motion

The motion passed 8-1 with Councilor Cathcart opposing.

Vice President Paré reported that the Finance Committee voted 3-0 to support measure 2020-008.

Vice President Paré moved to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$35,600 from the salary reserve account to various department accounts to cover the budget delta for part time employees.

Councilor Lennox seconded the motion.

The motion passed 9-0.

Ad-Hoc Rules Sub-Committee:

Councilor Lennox reported that the Rules Sub-Committee met on July 25th. The Sub Committee divided the group of rules into sections and began working on section one, which refers to the time the Council meets, location of the meetings, quorum, and what goes into making up an agenda. The Sub-Committee also discussed some items outside of section one.

Ad-Hoc By-Law Sub-Committee:

Councilor Cathcart reported that the By-Law Sub-Committee will be meeting on July 31st. Two measures were forwarded to President Lapointe to be forwarded to the Town Manager and Town Attorney for review. Those measures are in draft form for standing committees for By-Law and Finance.

Ad-Hoc Town Manager Search Process Sub-Committee:

President Lapointe reported that there are no new updates from the Sub-Committee. He will send a copy of the updated RFQ that has been published to the council members. President Lapointe will also inquire from the Human Resource Director if any firms have sent proposals yet.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Measure 2020-009 – Establish a Maximum Amount and Rules for Line Item Transfers

Vice-President Paré moved to refer measure 2020-009 to the Ad-Hoc Finance Sub Committee for review.

Councilor Lennox seconded the motion.

The motion passed 9-0

b. Updated guidance from the Charter Transition Committee

President Lapointe reminded members that the council will be following the Charter as strictly as possible.

The council received updated guidance regarding requests and follow up from council members, requests from the President to the Town Manager and council members seeking information.

Charter Transition Committee member Mitch MacDonald addressed the council to inform them that the Charter Transition Committee adopted a process for guidance and incoming requests to all be forwarded to the Chairman to keep a log, discussed in open meeting and responded to in writing. A log will be kept of all communication to establish a legislative history for the town.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Acting Town Manager Gallagher:

Submitted the first memo with an update of the warrant information and inquired if the process was sufficient. The consensus of the Council was that the process will work.

Reported that the state has come up with a budget number for the town with a reduction of \$230,830 in net state aid, which has a total budget impact of \$297,194. Given those numbers, the council discussed the possibility of writing a letter to the state. Council President Lapointe will add the topic to the next agenda for further discussion and debate.

Announced that there are still openings on various boards and committees in town and applications are due by August 2nd at noon. Council Vice-President Paré recommended sending something out via social media.

Announced that Representative Poirier was able to get \$50,000 for the Allen Ave Bld. for improvements.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Paré moved to adjourn.

Councilor Lennox seconded the motion.

The motion passed 9-0.

The Town Council adjourned at 7:09 P.M.