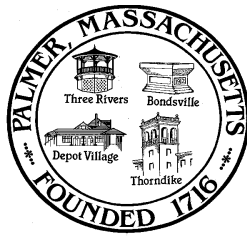


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PALMER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, June 23, 2009 @ 7:00 PM
Town Council Meeting Room, Palmer Town Building
Minutes

1. Called to order at 1903
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Mr. Magiera, Mr. Backus, Mr. Duguay, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Williams, Ms. Barry, Mr. Streeter, guests Mr. Macey (AFCW), Ms. Salzmann (Chair-School Board), Ms. Rhonda Brown, Mr. Paul Benard (Chair, Board of Health), Mr. Lukaskiewicz (Bd. of Health)
 - b. Absent: Mr. Remillard, Mr. Dinuovo, Mr. Burns
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Consent of the agenda order: Mr. Backus moved, Mr. Duguay seconded, vote was 6-0 to accept agenda
5. Discussion-FY 2010 Budget
 - a. Mr. Benard: discussed payroll of board members
 - i. Mr. Streeter discussed history of council discussions pertaining to hiring a Health Agent as inspector
 - ii. Mr. Benard explained that there seems to be no need to hire another agent
 - iii. Mr. Hebert questioned certifications of agents and frequency of inspections
 - iv. Mr. Williams spoke for the efficiency of the inspectors
 - v. Mr. Duguay asked about the board's ability to finish yearly inspections
 - b. Mr. Macey: Gave brief history of employee givebacks in Palmer; current contract expired last July and has been extended in good faith pending reaching a new agreement; employees are asking for sacrifices to be shared; spoke of postponing hiring recreational director to make up \$20,000 loss in funding
 - i. Mr. Backus asked about reasons for prior cuts
 - ii. Mr. Williams asked about funding for recreational director; hope was that that position would be self funded after a time but not at present
 - c. Ms. Corbin: Thanks to Ms. Barry for speaking up for employees at WWTP; spoke of unfairness of taking hours from bottom-level employees; secretaries and people who provide dedicated customer service
 - d. Ms. Watson: Asked about town awareness of ARRA funds; Mr. Streeter spoke of funding available to the town at this time. She spoke also of the cut she took last year and her sacrifice.

- 1 e. Mr. Streeter: began to discuss current figures:
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3 6. Mr. Duguay moved to go into executive session per Chapter 39, Sec. 23B(3), Ms. Barry seconded
4 motion; Roll call vote was unanimous to go into executive session at 1922 and to return to regular
5 meeting when finished
6 7. Meeting called back to order at 1943
7 a. Returned to Mr. Streeter and discussion of conflicts of interest pertaining to stabilization
8 vote
9 i. Discussed Board of health Stipends for milk and vermin inspectors on an as-
10 needed basis; there are no more inspectors
11 ii. Discussed phone services provided in budget and detailed phone use
12 iii. Discussed utilities during construction of Council on Aging
13 iv. Discussed Revaluation services and detailed expenditures
14 v. Medicare Reimbursements: Covers two employees not covered in original
15 budget; recommends that we add \$85,000 to school budget to cover Medicare
16 reimbursements
17 vi. Recapped handout covering changed items since last discussion
18 vii. Discussed changes in budget planning since Budget plan of June 12 and itemized
19 changes and the reasons therefore
20 viii. Recommended that stabilization vote be rescinded due to changes just detailed
21 b. Discussion:
22 i. Library bill consolidation: we would look to that in the next fiscal year
23 ii. Mr. Duguay: can these monies be used for schools? No; budget was already
24 adjusted using free cash
25 iii. School figure would be \$15,115,000.00 including stabilization funds.
26 iv. Discussed snow and ice removal funding and application of revised funding
27 levels previously discussed to school budget
28 v. This scenario still uses free cash to balance budget; does not fund replacement
29 cruiser or pay off snow and ice removal
30 vi. Discussed upcoming meetings 30th is definite; people should be available the 29th
31 vii. Mr. Hebert moved to reconsider rescinding stabilization vote; Mr. Backus
32 seconded motion
33 1. Discussion of motion to reconsider:
34 a. Ms. Barry recused herself for the school budget discussion,
35 citing conflict of interest
36 b. Mr. Magiera recapped discussion and stabilization vote process
37 c. Number on June 10 was \$414,830,000
38 d. Council took money out of stabilization to bring them to
39 \$15,030,000
40 e. Right now it stands to give them \$285,000 more than we had two
41 weeks ago not using stabilization funds
42 2. Mr. Streeter recommends tabling vote due to legal procedures previously
43 discussed about stabilization vote; vote would fail because not enough
44 councilors are here to vote
45 3. Mr. Duguay tabled this issue to be taken up at the next meeting
46 4. Mr. Magiera needs to talk to councilors not present in order to set a date
47 certain for next meeting
48 8. Discussion-Upcoming Casino Committee Meeting Appointments
49 a. July 8 will meet with Mr. Chudy and subcommittees
50 b. Please submit questions for casino committee in writing over the next week
51 c. Working session to be televised; meeting to be open to the public
d. Casino report could be made available on line

- 1 9. Update-Charter Review Committee
- 2 a. Reviewed charter mandate for review of charter
- 3 b. At this time Mr. Duguay and Mr. Hebert are councilors on committee; have five total at
- 4 this time
- 5 c. Read authority and scope of charter review committee
- 6 d. Asked for volunteers to submit letters of interest to Mr. Streeter at the Town Building
- 7 10. Mr. Backus moved, Mr. Williams seconded to adjourn; vote was unanimous to adjourn at 2020

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9 Respectfully submitted by

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12 Ramon M. Dole
13 Recording Secretary
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