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**PALMER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 8, 2010**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER 7:02

ROLL CALL, Mr. Streeter, Town Manager, Mr Burns, Mr Williams, Mr Duda, Mr Heilman, Mr Duguay, Mr Hebert, Present; Mrs. Barry, Mr Magiera, Mr Remillard, Absent,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT OF THE AGENDA ORDER

Mr Burns: I would like to add to the agenda the appointments to the Economic Advisory Committee, Western Mass Regional Task Force, and the Library Board Of Trustees, Under 7F of the agenda Mr Duguay made motion to accept Mr Hebert 2nd Vote 6-0 in favor.

VISTORS COMMENTS [items not on the agenda] - None

Minutes Of Preceding Town Council Meetings - None

Old Business

A) Public Hearing: Ordinance #2010-02 Zone Change, Called to order at 7:04 pm Mr Hebert read the Planning Boards recommendations, Their recommendation was 4/0 Not In favor of the petitioner's zone change. Mr Hebert then read a letter from the attorney for Ruport Reality, LLC into the record, to withdraw the petitioner's request for a zone change. Motion to accept the withdrawal for zone change made by Mr Dugay, 2nd by Mr Williams. Vote 6/0 in favor to accept the withdrawal of petition for proposed zone change. Public Hearing Closed at 7:06

B) Resolution 2010-22 Amendment to Council Rules And & Procedures

Read by Mr Burns, with amendments. Motion made by Mr Duguay to accept resolution as amended; 2nd, by Mr. Williams. Vote 6/0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Update on Mill Design Competiton [Linda Leduc to report]

Mrs. Leduc briefly explained that the design competition for the Thorndike Mills ended on 1/15/2010. The next step is closed judging in February after the judging is complete In March the ten design's will be displayed at the Palmer Public Library for the People's Choice voting .At the end of March the design submissions will go to the PVPC in Springfield for display. The first week of April a juried decision and the People's Choice will be announced at the final Award Celebration Event .She will keep everyone informed to the date of this event.

B) Discussion Item: Charter Commission request for Home Rule Legislation

Mr Mastalerz the Vice Chairman of the Palmer Charter Commission, requested the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to work with Senator Brewer and Rep, Smola to petition the State Legislature, under the Home Rule Amendment, to place the following question on the November ballot: "Shall this town approve the charter revision recommended by the Charter Commission as summarized below?"

Mr Duguay made the motion in favor Mr Williams 2nd the motion Vote 6/0 in favor. (Resolution 2010-24)

C) Discussion Item: Recreation Director Mr Streeter presented a job description, qualifications, and duties for a Recreation Director. Discussion was held between the Council, and Mr Streeter the matter was held over till the next Town Council Meeting, So absent members may add input as they played a role in the creation of this position.

D) Discussion Item: Town Council Subcommittee Reorganization

Mr Burns presented the new appointments. He also requested the chair person of each group hopefully have a meeting with in a few weeks to address specific issues in accordance to each certain group's duties.

E) Discussion Item: Proposed Finance Advisory Committee

Mr Burns read his idea about the creation of this committee and why it would be beneficial. Mr Streeter expressed his concern's that in many ways it violates the Town Charter. A brief discussion was held and the topic was sent to sub committee for review.

F) Appointment to Library Board of Trustees, Economic Development Sub Committee, Western Mass Regional Task Force.

Motion to appoint Mr Duguay to the Library Board made by Mr Hebert, 2nd by Mr. Williams. 6/0 vote in favor.

A motion to appoint Mr Williams to the Economic Development Sub Committee was made by Mr Hebert, 2nd by Mr Duda 6/0 vote in favor.

Mr Duda volunteered for the position on the Western Mass Regional Task Force motion by Mr Duguay 2nd by Mr. Williams 6/0 vote in favor

55 **Sub Committee Reports - None**

56 **Town Manager's Report**

57 Mr Streeter reported on the progress of a proposed recycling center at the Emery street location. He's been working
58 with the DEP and other town officials. He is very enthusiastic, for this site and in the future to expand it's use for a
59 transfer station. Also his concerns for the Palmer Public Schools Improvement, as the school's are not as new as
60 every one would wish to believe, the Superintendent is working with the School Committee, Town Council, to put
61 together a bond question. To address the key capital needs for these facilities, Also he thought it would behoove the
62 council to take a tour of the school's to see first hand the issues the facilities director is dealing with.

63 He spoke on the Eager Tennis Courts, the courts need color sealed, patched, and have a new berm installed. The
64 total needs will be better evaluated come spring. The group of supporters seems willing to invest time, energy and
65 money. I have no issues. As long as the council approves the concept to allow this group bring the court up to
66 playable conditions. The Main St. Bridge in Three Rivers: As you may recall in the fall of 2008 we received a report
67 that downgraded the bridge to a 4. The bridge will need to be renovated or replaced within the next decade. The cost
68 estimate was 111,000 a year ago to repair the bridge, I have asked Mr Smola and Mr Brewer to assist in securing
69 funds, Mr. Brewer responded to me saying a Mass DOT agent will be in touch with me soon.

70 The Council On Aging has begun the move back to Memorial Hall. Until they receive a certificate of occupancy, the
71 hall will remain closed. The CSO Phase IV project has been awarded to L&D Services in Monson. Financing through
72 MWPAT is underway; we still anticipate the potential for ARRA Stimulus principal forgiveness. Construction should
73 start in April.

74 A variety of questions were asked from councilors on all topics covered in the manager's report.

75 **COUNCILLORS OF THE ROUND TABLE**

76 Mr Heilman had no comments

77 Mr Duguay informed everyone that the Rotary Club is taking over the Nostalgia Day Event

78 Mr Duda announced Pathfinder is to hold the 3rd annual Robotics Competition on FEB 27 commencing at 9am the
79 event is free.

80 Mr Hebert and Mr Williams had no comments.

81 Mr Burns Congratulated Mr Johnson on being named CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR and
82 thanked him for all his hard work.

83 Motion to adjourn made by Mr Hebert 2nd by Mr Williams 6/0 in favor

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Respectfully Submitted By Philip Hebert