

Town of Windham

Town Offices 8 School Road Windham, Maine

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Town Council

Thursday, June 11, 2020

6:30 PM

Online Via Zoom

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I. Roll Call of Members.

Present: 7 - David Nadeau, Tim Nangle, Clayton Haskell, David Douglass, Nicholas Kalogerakis, Jarrod Maxfield and Brett Jones

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS.

20-133

To countersign the Regional School Unit No. 14 warrant calling a Regional

School Unit Budget Referendum to be held on July 14, 2020.

Attachments: 20-133 Cover Sheet

RSU TOWN OF WINDHAM WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

A motion was made by Vice Chair Nangle, seconded by Councilor Nadeau, that the Order be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6 - Councilor Nadeau, Vice Chair Nangle, Councilor Douglass, Councilor Kalogerakis,

Council Chair Maxfield and Councilor Jones

Opposed: 1 - Councilor Haskell

20-142

To adopt a resolution requesting the Governor to work with our elected Representatives to put in place guidelines and practices as soon as possible that will let any business who wants to be open to be able to do

Attachments: 20-142 Cover Sheet

Resolution 20-142

Patrick Corey said he was pleased to see the Resolution and the Council's work. He appreciates the sentiment and agrees that the Legislature should be working with the Governor, as we know our communities and the businesses associated in our communities.

Councilor Jones said working as an EMS he is torn on this one. He feels opening up too quickly could lead to potential problems, however, he does not feel it is fair that some businesses are allowed to be open and some are not. He said Councilor Kalogerakis's

comments hit home with him. He will support the resolution but is cautious with his EMS background. He said as long as it is done smartly he thinks it is time to open things up.

Councilor Nangle referred to the first page where it says based on the Infection Rate by Zip Code data, this is meaningless. Just because there is only 37 infections in Windham does not mean we don't have 500 that are infectious in Windham at any one time. In Section II how do we police this? There are people who say "I'm not going to wear a mask." Section III the zip code data means nothing. Section IV he agrees with. Section V he feels is too weak. He does not feel he can support this.

Councilor Douglass thanked Councilor Jones as being an essential service provider. He respects Councilor Nangle's comments but disagrees. He said the Governor is opening all the other Counties in the State based on low numbers, and if she can do it for the State, then Windham can be open for their low numbers.

Councilor Nangle said businesses do not even know what they are supposed to do. They don't take the time to figure it out. How do we educate the businesses? It is their responsibility to understand the Governor's regulations. He said businesses are saying "don't open me up just to shut me down again." That is what will happen when the second wave comes.

Councilor Maxfield sees everyone's point of view. They are hoping that somebody in Augusta reads this and pays attention to it. He does not think that this resolution demands that anybody open up anything. We elected people to represent us in Augusta and they should be there helping to make these decisions.

Councilor Kalogerakis said he hears both sides but until the governing side provides the formula, the metric, it doesn't make sense. Businesses do not want to be open and not be safe. Even if you operate fully, if you don't operate safely, no one is coming back to your establishment. There is thousands of dollars being spent by businesses who do not have the extra money for the PPE equipment. The State doesn't police this, they are under staffed, even in the Health Department. It will have to be in good faith. If you go into a business and you don't feel safe, he suggests you leave.

The Resolution was read by Councilor Douglass.

A motion was made by Councilor Nadeau, seconded by Councilor Douglass, that the Order be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5 - Councilor Nadeau, Councilor Douglass, Councilor Kalogerakis, Council Chair Maxfield and Councilor Jones

Opposed: 2 - Vice Chair Nangle and Councilor Haskell

IV. ADJOURN.

Councilor Nangle left the meeting before the voting was completed for adjournment.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Nangle, seconded by Councilor Douglass, that they be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote at 7:05 p.m.

In Favor: 6 - Councilor Nadeau, Councilor Haskell, Councilor Douglass, Councilor Kalogerakis, Council Chair Maxfield and Councilor Jones

Vice Chair Nangle Absent: 1 -

Respectfully Submitted,

Morrell