

**Kittery Town Council  
October 22, 2018 – 6:00 pm  
Regular Meeting  
Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Lemont called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Introductory: Chairperson Lemont read the introductory.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairperson Lemont said that Councilor Beers will lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Roll call: Answering the roll were Councilors Frank Dennett, Jeffrey Pelletier, Jeffrey Thomson, Matthew Brock, Gary Beers, Vice-Chairperson Charles Denault and Chairperson Kenneth Lemont.
5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption: Chairperson Lemont cast one vote to accept the agenda as presented.
6. Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Amaral wanted to give Council an update on the energy and sustainability opportunities for the town. She said they have been working on avenues to save the town money, one of them being converting the street lights to LED street lights.

Town Manager Amaral said that Fire Chief O'Brien took the lead on this project and worked through the RFP proposal process, and in the end, received six, which ranged in price from \$237,839 to \$342,112 for the base project, including the cost of buying the lights from Central Maine Power. She said the return on the investment is between 2 ½ to 5 years.

Town Manager Amaral said they are going through the due diligence process with the most advantageous proposal, and if it comes out successful, she would be seeking funding through the CIP in 2020.

Town Manager Amaral said she is working with the Kittery Energy Advisory Committee and the KCC Board of Directors regarding solar panels. She said through the Chair of the KCC Board, we were able to get a free shade analysis for the municipal buildings, which includes the Town Hall, Transfer Station, Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Rice Public Library. She said the analysis did not come in favorably for solar panels and the cost is very high. She said the lifetime savings of \$217,000 would be 25 years. She said they could go in with a power purchase agreement, but the savings would be less. She said they are less likely to pursue this project and are looking at One Off projects for cost savings that will be implemented. She said if a project comes out of this, she will bring it forward in the next couple of years.

Town Manager Amaral said she sent a letter to the Dept. of Marine Resources asking them to postpone their decision on the experimental aquaculture lease to hold a scoping session or to at least get an opinion to see if the town had any authority to approve the lease request. She said she did receive a response from DMR which she included in Council's packet which stated that they declined to pursue the public scoping session because they received testimony and since the project is not in inter-tidal waters, the town does not have jurisdiction to approve the lease. She said there is nothing she can do to impact the process any further.

Town Manager Amaral said, as per Councilor Denault's request regarding the cats on Pocahontas Road, she did reach out to the organizations working with feral cats as well as Kittery Animal Hospital. She said she spoke with Dr. Moffat and scheduled a stakeholder meeting this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at the Kittery Community Center. She reached out to the residents who live on Pocahontas Road and they can talk about a "Community Cat Management" program to see what makes sense moving forward. She said she found out about this program through ICMA. She said she will bring this forward to Council if they would like to go with this program.

Town Manager Amaral said they will be starting the Title 16 recodification project on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and it will take about 18 months to complete. She said they will be working with the Board of Appeals and Planning Board to set up a working group as this is a significant part of the code. She said they are trying to find a way to recode Title 16 to make it easier to follow for staff, Board members and residents.

Important dates: Absentee ballots are still available through Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>; Workforce Affordable Housing Workshop is Weds. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> with a Site Walk at the Walker St. station at 3:15 pm and at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center there will be a public input session. She said on Friday the Design Team will be meeting at 6:00 pm at the KCC; Voter Registration is Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 8 pm, and the Mixed-Use Public Forum will be Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. She said Trick or Treat is Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and the election will be on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 8 pm at the Kittery Community Center.

Chairperson Lemont asked if Council had any questions.

Vice-Chairperson Denault said to the Town Manager, through the Chair, that when he was signing the warrants, he noticed that the bill for the lights was \$9,000 and he wanted to know if that was the average cost for the streetlights every month.

Town Manager Amaral said they will be taking a look at it.

Vice-Chairperson Denault said he hoped they look at it during the "due diligence phase" because that would be an annual figure of \$108,000 and even if it's \$100,000 that would be a significant savings, after that initial thing is paid off.

Councilor Thomson said to follow-up on Councilor Denault's comments, the FY'19 budget had \$120,000 appropriate for Street Lights which is the annual figure used in the budget.

Councilor Thomson said, through the Chair to the Town Manager, regarding the Pocahontas Road Cat situation, when he was dropping off their cats at the Kitty Hotel last week, he had a conversation with Dr. Moffat but obviously her conversation happened after he spoke with Dr. Moffat because he had voiced the very things she had said would happen.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes: 8/27/18 and 9/10/18 – Regular Meetings

August 27, 2018: Chairperson Lemont cast one vote to accept the minutes as amended.

September 10, 2018: Chairperson Lemont cast one vote to accept the minutes as amended.

8. Interviews for the Board of Appeals and Planning Board: none

9. All items involving the town attorney, town engineers, town employees or other town consultants or requested officials. {none}

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(100318-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing and ordains amendments to Title 10.3 – Stopping, Standing and Parking.

Chairperson Lemont asked if anyone would like clarification before he opened the public hearing and addressed the Town Manager for her input.

Town Manager Amaral said the recommended changes are strictly regarding the Foreside parking. She said, to give a little history, prior to her arrival, the previous Town Managers had held Foreside Forums on how to improve the parking and transportation situation in the Foreside. She said they had the Foreside Land Use Parking Study completed, which gave them more detail and direction.

Town Manager Amaral said she, along with staff, have met with business owners on a regular basis to brainstorm solutions, and out of those discussion came this proposal with a more concentric approach. She said there will be a single 15-minute spot in the heart of Wallingford Square where someone can run in and out, so it is a quick turn-over spot. She said everything will be 2-hour parking within a couple of blocks and 4-hour parking as you head out toward State Road. She said the long-term parking is further away and employees can leave their cars there if they are working in the Foreside.

Town Manager Amaral said they are not addressing parking on residential streets and the changes are only to correct the current enforcement and signage down there.

Chairperson Lemont asked if anyone wanted to speak, they may do so at this time, and that they state their name and address.

Paul Bonnaci said he is an architect and has an office in the Foreside. He said he and his wife own a small building downtown. He said they have been part of many groups and are ecstatic that they are finally starting to see things happening. He thanked Town Manager Amaral and said he has been part of the informal groups. He really appreciated getting feedback from the Town Manager, Planner and especially Dave Rich, the Public Works Director, who has done an incredible job downtown.

Mr. Bonnaci wanted to add to what the Town Manager had said about the 2-hour parking on Walker and Government Streets. He said what they are finding is that, during the day, parking is not as it was 7 years ago when people could park in front of the business they wanted to go to. He said they are getting a lot more tourists and they are finding that it is more for the businesses' employees parking, which becomes a problem. He said during the day a lot of parking is not used on Walker Street as you head toward State Road.

Mr. Bonnaci said when he attended the Foreside Fuel & More event and was asked if the Police are active downtown and he said they are and it is good there is some oversight on what is happening during the day regarding parking. He thought they agree with the idea and should try it and see how it works.

Shannon Hill said she lives in Kittery and owns the Mainely Meat Butcher Shop in the Foreside. She said that Paul hit it on the head for her. She felt thankful that the town can come together, listen and discuss the issues and make decisions that are important to residents, customers and business owners and work together cohesively.

Ms. Hill said personally, the 15-minute parking spot is important for her business because people do not stay a long time in her shop. She said she has had to incur expenses renting spaces for her staff and some employees have had their cars towed. She said that enforcement will be a key factor in trying this out. She said she would also like to figure out a way to monitor the parking on Walker Street. She said when she moved her car to Government Street, she still got a ticket, even though it was within the 2-hour limit, because it was still considered the Foreside. She thought it will be great and thanked them for listening.

Cyrus Clark, 4 Bicknell Street, wanted to add something that they can think about down the road. He said they clearly have a problem with people parking more than 8 hours, who work at the Shipyard, parking downtown. He said they may want to consider a permit program for parking in designated areas first for employees working in the Foreside. He said this way they can stay and work downtown for 8 hours rather than someone who works at the Shipyard and is just trying to beat the traffic.

Jennifer Brewer said she lives in the Foreside and wanted to thank Council and the Town Manager for considering and developing this proposal. She said she knows they hear a lot of complaints but she appreciates the Council finding a different array of options to address this issue.

Chairperson Lemont asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak, and seeing none, closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

**COUNCILOR BEERS MOVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 30-A, M.R.S. 36 SEC. 3001, SEC. 62.72 AND 62.71 AND SEC. 2.14 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, THE KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10 OF THE TOWN CODE AS PRESENTED. VICE-CHAIRPERSON DENAULT SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Chairperson Lemont asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Thomson said he appreciates all the work that has been done, but had questions involving parts of it, whether it can be successfully enforced, for example, the 15-minute parking. He said not that he is advocating parking meters, but in Portsmouth they have 15-minute parking meters.

Councilor Thomson asked the Town Manager, through the Chair, how will this be handled?

Town Manager Amaral replied that it will not be enforced 24 hours, but will be during times that are the most challenging. She said currently, Officer Hackett chalks the tires of the vehicle, then goes back before the two hours to see if the vehicles are still there. She said if it is only 15 minutes, he will be able to grab someone going back to their car.

Councilor Thomson said okay, but the cars he sees on a regular basis, every weekday morning, are parked closest to Loco Coco's on Walker Street. He said none of them have Maine plates, most are Virginia, Connecticut or New York and he wanted to know who are they?

Town Manager Amaral said that P.D. does not run plates on people like that.

Councilor Thomson asked if there has been any effort made by police officers, starting at 5:30 a.m., where someone gets out of their car, wearing a backpack, and heads down towards the Shipyard?

Town Manager Amaral replied she would be happy to speak to the Police Chief about that, but they cannot prevent someone from legally parking in a space.

Town Manager Amaral said as they know, they received a grant and had a joint Land Use study done with the Shipyard – with the key focus on Gates 1 and 2 – to see how that affected the impact on parking in the Foreside and the areas around it. She said they hope to have better solutions and to have the Shipyard manage their own parking issues so as not to have it negatively impact the downtown area.

Councilor Thomson wanted to address the Badger's Island parking situation, that a resident had contacted them about a couple of months ago, and he knew that the Town Manager is working on that. He said he wants to make sure it does not continually spread to other streets in the area like Rice Avenue and Walker Street.

Councilor Thomson said that there is unrestricted parking on Rice Avenue and Stimson Street after 6 p.m., isn't that correct.

Town Manager Amaral responded they did not get into those sections of the ordinance when they were looking at this.

Councilor Thomson said the way he interprets the ordinance, there is one-hour parking between 7 am and 6 pm, but after 6:00 pm, it is unlimited.

Town Manager Amaral read Sec. 10.31.6 except November through April, between 6 and 8 pm.

Councilor Thomson said there is nothing stopping someone, who is going to Prescott Park for a concert, from parking at 5:30 pm and will be covered until 6:00 pm and staying there a few hours. He said he feels they may re-visit this sooner than what we want.

Town Manager Amaral agreed.

Vice-Chairperson Denault said he shared the same concern as Councilor Thomson that he has for residential streets. He said they are not properly marked and he would support anything that comes forward changing that. He asked the Town Manager, through the Chair, when was the last time the town increased the fees on parking tickets?

Town Manager Amaral replied they increased the fees when they did Title 10 last year.

Vice-Chairperson Denault said residents do not want people parking in front of their house all day and wanted to know if they could make it more of a deterrent so people are not parking there in perpetuity. He asked if they could re-address the fees?

Town Manager Amaral said they can look at this, in terms of number of tickets and look for repetitive patterns.

Vice-Chairperson Denault wanted to know if the town has violators stacking up and is the town still keeping a track record?

Town Manager Amaral replied yes, they are going to Phase 4 on their online program, and they can pay online. She said it provides the dispatcher with real time data when officers call in checking for prior violations.

Councilor Brock said enforcement is key. He said they can pass all the ordinance changes and it is not going to matter, particularly when there is a change. He said enforcement indicates an on-going Shipyard problem.

Councilor Brock said there is an on-going problem with Shipyard traffic and it might strengthen our hand during negotiations with the Shipyard if we can come up with a long-term plan.

Chairperson Lemont asked if this is new or a change from Otis to Walker to Route 1? He said it is 4 hours, but asked if it was two hours previously? He said he was referring to line 121 on page 6.

Town Manager Amaral responded yes, that it creates four.

Chairperson Lemont wanted to know if it was two?

Town Manager Amaral replied yes.

Chairperson Lemont said he owns property and has been told people park in front of their house in the afternoon and the Shipyard is changing shifts from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. He said the change in parking hours will make the afternoon regular day shift, whose lunch ends at 12, stick with four hours and they will be lined up, ready to head home. He said from his personal experience, and those residents who called him, when the workers are parked in front of their businesses, they will now have no recourse and they will be parked from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m. He said they will probably have to fine-tune this once again.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR, 7-0, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES.**

**11. DISCUSSION:**

**a. Discussion by members of the public:**

Chairperson Lemont opened the floor to members of the public who wished to speak and asked they state their name and address and respect the three-minute timeframe.

Russell White, 59 Goodwin Road, Kittery Point wanted to show off this beautiful poster prepared by town staff to remind the voters that the Comprehensive Plan is on the ballot November 6<sup>th</sup>. He personally urged everyone vote to adopt the plan.

Jennifer Brewer wanted to affirm Councilor Denault's comment about residential areas in the Foreside and there are streets that are not posted. She said that renters, and guests of renters, park there overnight when there are spaces available. She thanked the Town Council.

Tom Hibschan, 188 Brave Boat Harbor Road, said it would not hurt to ask the Water District if their employees can park in the employee parking lot and not in the Foreside.

Mr. Hibschan commented about the new LED lighting. He said he is interested in the Kelvin temperature of the lighting. He said what they find, typically, is when there is a dark sky, townspeople over-illuminate with LED light that flood up rather than down. He said as an example, pointing to the overhead fluorescent lights, there is one temperature here and one here, but sometimes the lights get tooty-fruity and the temperature should be looked at.

Chairperson Lemont asked if anyone else wished to speak, and, seeing none, closed the public comment portion at 6:45 p.m.

Chairperson Lemont thanked Russell White and said he knew they spent a lot of time and work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairperson Lemont said to Ms. Brewer he knows that parking is an ongoing issue in the Foreside and will try to resolve the specific point she made about renters' guests parking there. He thanked her.

Chairperson Lemont told Mr. Hibschan he will get him the answer to the temperature of the lights. He said in his business, one requirement he had was a light survey to illuminate the area. He thanked Mr. Hibschan.

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(100218-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to consider the Town Manager's compensation.

**COUNCILOR THOMSON MOVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL INCREASE THE TOWN MANAGER'S ANNUAL COMPENSATION BY 3% EFFECTIVE TOMORROW, HER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY**

**DATE AND TO REQUEST THE CHAIR MEET WITH THE MANAGER TO DISCUSS THEIR DESIRE FOR A TWO-YEAR EMPLOYMENT EXTENSION TO HER CONTRACT, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRPERSON DENAULT. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, 7-0, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES.**

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Donations /gifts received for Council disposition:

(100318-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept a check in the amount of \$130.30 from the Kittery Maine Improvement Foundation to be deposited into the Thresher Memorial Fund: account #5007.

**COUNCILOR BEERS MOVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPT A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130.30 FROM THE KITTEY MAINE IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE THRESHER MEMORIAL FUND, ACCT. NUMBER 5007. VICE-CHAIRPERSON DENAULT SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH SEVEN VOTING IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES.**

- b. The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the disbursement warrants.

Chairperson Lemont asked Councilor Beers if the Municipal and Sewer warrants are in due form and Councilor Beers replied they were. He said in all his years of consecutively reviewing the warrants he only found one error in the amount of \$12, which was immediately corrected.

Chairperson Lemont asked if the School Payables are in due form and Councilor Pelletier responded that they are.

Chairperson Lemont read the amounts: Town = \$1,665,460.19; Sewer = \$9,080.07 and School = \$388,821.72 for a total of \$2,063,361.98.

**COUNCILOR THOMSON MOVED THAT THE DISBURSEMENT WARRANTS BE PAID AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PELLETIER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR BY A VOICE VOTE, AYE. MOTION CARRIES.**

- c. (100318-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept the resignation of Herbert Kingsbury from the Kittery Conservation Commission.

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON DENAULT MOVED THE TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF HERBERT KINGSBURY FROM THE KITTEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION WITH THANKS, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PELLETIER.**

Chairperson Lemont asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Thomson said that his letter indicates that Mr. Kingsbury has served on the Board of Appeals and the Conservation Commission for more than 20 years. He said he appreciates his long service as a volunteer on those boards.

Councilor Brock said he wanted to support those comments and added that Mr. Kingsbury has done an excellent job.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, WITH SEVEN IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES.**

d. (100318-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept the resignation of Dorothy Avery from the Kittery Community Center Board of Directors.

**COUNCILOR THOMSON MOVED THE TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DOROTHY AVERY FROM THE KITTERY COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THEIR GRATITUDE FOR HER SERVICE, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PELLETIER.**

Chairperson Lemont asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Thomson said among other things, Dot joined the Board when he was on it and was very instrumental in taking the lead and getting the Community Farmers' Market at the Post Office parking lot. He said it was one of her long-term contributions in her KCC Board efforts.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH SEVEN VOTING IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES.**

e. (100318-6) The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule an interview with the Chair of the Kittery Community Center Board of Directors to interview Brian Kilroy.

Chairperson Lemont said he will give Councilor Beers a break and recommend Councilor Brock.

**COUNCILOR THOMSON MOVED COUNCILOR BROCK AS COUNCIL'S DESIGNEE TO MEET WITH THE CHAIR OF THE KCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INTERVIEW BRIAN KILROY, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRPERSON DENAULT.**

Chairperson Lemont asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Dennett said he does not object to the motion but Councilor Beers did the last interview for this particular body several years ago.

**VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR, AYE. MOTION CARRIES.**

f. (100318-7) The Kittery Town Council moves to consider Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.

Chairperson Lemont said, since it was placed on the agenda by Councilor Beers, he will let him speak first.

Councilor Beers said there are 144 cemeteries including the Isles of Shoals and the Shipyard. He said going back to 1923 through 1986 there are 196 sites that have been addressed with Perpetual Care funds. He said, regrettably, the funds have been exhausted and there are about 135 of them that pre-date 1880 and are classified as ancient burying grounds.

Councilor Beers said he attempted to structure a recommendation on how to deal with the perpetual care funds. He said that the Public Works Dept. addresses 23 of them, and there are 12 that Public Works takes care of that have no perpetual care funds. He said there are 11 other private cemeteries not addressed by Public Works, but have funds. He said there are a number of large graveyards, i.e. First Christian, First Baptist, Highland, that have funds for maintenance.

Councilor Beers said in structuring a recommendation he would consider the location of the private cemeteries, where they are, and are they on private property and many are on town land. He said his recommendation is to ask the Town Manager to have it examined from a legal perspective as to what the town's obligation may be in handling perpetual care funds.



Councilor Beers said that it may be a good idea, since the history of the town goes back a few hundred years, to start an "Adopt-A-Grave" program similar to the "Adopt-A-Road" program where people can take care of those cemeteries that are on their properties, or adjacent to it.

Councilor Thomson said for his own information, the most prominent cemetery in Town is Orchard Grove. He said driving by during the growing season, it sometimes appears that it is not very well looked after. He wanted to know, since it is not town property, does the town have any responsibility for maintenance?

Councilor Beers replied Orchard Grove is like First Christian, First Congregational, Highland or First Baptist, they have their own funds for maintenance. He said that Orchard Grove has approximately \$100,000 for maintenance.

Vice-Chairperson Denault said he was a member of the Board and they used to have someone who mowed the lawn and Joyce Tobey assisted, but he is not doing it anymore. He said they have reached out to a couple of organizations to see if they can get someone to mow. He said it is being addressed.

Councilor Thomson wanted to know if a private landscaping company would be an option?

Vice-Chairperson Denault said they are looking into options and he will get an update.

Chairperson Lemont asked Councilor Beers if he expected Council to take any action on this.

Councilor Beers replied no, he will not be on the Town Council but there should be a consensus to discuss this on November 14<sup>th</sup>. He said there is some urgency because the last two years the Public Works Dept. has been maintaining this as part of their budget.

Councilor Thomson wanted to know, to follow up on Councilor Beers' question, could the town attorney perhaps look at this and offer some thoughts or a course of action available to the municipality?

Councilor Beers said there is a Perpetual Care Trust but he did not find any documentation or a legal agreement in the town records. He said they should find out what are their current obligations.

Councilor Thomson asked if the information would be available in the Town Manager's records over the years?

Councilor Beers responded there maybe some, but he used the records that were made available to him.

There was Council consensus to move forward with this issue on November 14<sup>th</sup> and he thanked Councilor Beers.

#### 14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS:

Chairperson Lemont said he will use this opportunity to recognize Councilor Beers as he is not running for reelection. He said that he has helped him long before he was on the Council. He said he and Councilor Beers served on the School Committee together. He said that he is an expert at quoting titles and sections of statutes.

Chairperson Lemont said Councilor Beers served on the Traip Boosters, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Comprehensive Plan and obviously the Town Council and every one of the committees he has served on, he has done an incredible job.

Chairperson Lemont said that one Committee he was on was the Thresher Memorial project and that one person does make a difference. He said that would never have happened without Councilor Beers.

He had one story and said that he was chosen to be the MC for the dedication ceremony and he was still working at the Shipyard. He said that as it got nearer to the ceremony, Councilor Beers had invited him to meeting with the Superintendents of the Shops and the Group Superintendents and explained to them what they were going to do. He said he never heard of that and asked Councilor Beers "how did you get them to come here?" He said Councilor Beers replied "I told them they had to be here."

Chairperson Lemont said Councilor Beers served with honor and distinction and will never be replaced. He read the Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of Councilor Beer's selfless commitment to the Town of Kittery and thanked him for his many years of service. He said that Councilor Beers had over 27,000 volunteer hours.

Councilor Beers refused to accept the certificate because he was doing what needed to be done, but said, on behalf of his wife, children and grandchildren and having missed a lot of their lives, both here, and through his service career, he would certainly accept.

Councilor Thomson said he would like to piggy-back those remarks made for Councilor Beers and that he enjoyed serving with him, although he did not always agree with him.

Councilor Thomson said one future item – home-sharing on air B & B – that he would like to have more discussion – after the new Council is formed. He said Go Sox!

Vice-Chairperson Denault mentioned some notable deaths in town: Fanny Whitney who ran the Freebee barn in town for over 25 years; Nelson Gerko; his old boss Morris Patch; Eleanor Marsh and Nellie Dunlap McKay, who was the Valle's Steakhouse hostess for 25 years passed away. He said their hearts and prayers are with their families.

Councilor Beers said this is the appropriate time to make a final statement, since this is his last regular Council meeting. He said he wanted everyone to know he wore his favorite tie, "Looney Tunes" and said "Th-That's all folks!"

Councilor Beers said he would like to finish with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King's famous speech on August 28, 1963: "Free at last! Free at last! Praise God Almighty I am free at last!"

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

- a. Communications from the Chairperson
- b. Committee Reports

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

17. ADJOURNMENT:

**COUNCILOR BEERS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:14 P.M., SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PELLETIER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR BY A VOICE VOTE, AYE. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boggiano  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED 12-10-18