

**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES (2 OF 2)  
MONDAY JULY 1, 2019  
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 114**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:05pm by Committee Chair Rielly.

**City Councilors Present:** Victor Chau (Ward 2); Michael T. Foley (At-Large); Lawrence McWilliams (Ward 5); Ann E. Peoples (At-Large); Gary Rairdon (Ward 4, President); Brendan Rielly (Ward 1); Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3, Vice President)

**City Councilors Absent: None**

**Other City Officials Present:** Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Natalie Burns (City Solicitor); Eric Dudley (Director of Engineering & Public Services); Stephen Fields (Assistant City Administrator/Director of Human Resources); Jennie Franceschi (Director of Planning & Code Enforcement); Angela Holmes (City Clerk); Lynn Leavitt (Sustainability Coordinator); Michael Sanphy (Mayor)

**WILD DUCK FEEDING BAN & EDUCATION PLAN**

Committee Chair Rielly gave the floor to Ms. Leavitt and Leah Cromarty, a Girl Scout and student at Westbrook Middle School. Ms. Cromarty is working toward achieving the Silver Award, in which a scout completes a project that makes a sustainable and lasting difference in the community. Ms. Cromarty stated that she wishes to work with the Public Services Department to install signs at Riverbank Park asking people not to feed the wildlife, specifically ducks. Ms. Cromarty and Ms. Leavitt discussed the negative effects that feeding ducks and other animals can have on the animals' health and on the environment.

Committee Chair Rielly opened the floor for comments and/or questions. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Peoples, Ms. Leavitt, Councilor Foley, Councilor McWilliams, President Rairdon

Motion to refer this matter to Council for adoption.

Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Peoples.

Committee Chair Rielly opened the floor for comments on the motion. No one spoke.

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**

**RECYCLING CONTAMINATION**

Committee Chair Rielly gave the floor to Ms. Leavitt to discuss recycling contamination. Ms. Leavitt stated that there has been a significant increase in the level of non-recyclable items being placed in recycling bins. When the contamination reaches a certain level, the entire truck load of recycling must be dumped as garbage, at the City's expense. Ms. Leavitt is currently exploring options to reduce recycling contamination, including issuing warnings to eliminating an offender's recycling bin.

Committee Chair Rielly opened the floor for comments and/or questions: Mr. Bryant, Committee Chair Rielly, Councilor Chau, Ms. Leavitt, Vice President Turcotte, Councilor Peoples, Councilor McWilliams, Mr. Dudley, Kelly Bernier (New Gorham Road)

No action taken on this item.

**SOLICITING FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED USE CHANGE FOR GAS STATION IN CITY CENTER DISTRICT**

Committee Chair Rielly gave the floor to Ms. Franceschi, who outlined a proposal to make gas stations an allowed use in the City Center District. Existing gas stations in this district are considered non-conforming uses, meaning they are not allowed to update or expand their operations. Amending the Land Use Ordinance would allow for additional investment in these properties. This matter is being brought forward to Committee to see if there is any Council interest in pursuing this Ordinance amendment. If so, staff would proceed to draft an ordinance allowing limited gas stations in the City Center District and would present it to the Planning Board and ultimately Council for approval. If there is no Council interest in this matter, staff would not take any further action.

Committee Chair Rielly opened the floor for comments and/or questions. The following individuals spoke: Committee Chair Rielly, Councilor Peoples, Ms. Franceschi, Councilor Chau, Councilor McWilliams, Councilor Foley, Mr. Bryant, President Rairdon

Motion to refer this matter to the Planning Board for consideration.

Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Peoples.

Committee Chair Rielly opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Foley, Mr. Bryant, Councilor Peoples.

**Motion carried by a show of hands. (Vote 6-1)**

Ayes: Chau, Foley, Peoples, Rairdon, Rielly, Turcotte

Nays: McWilliams

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 10:00pm.

Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Peoples.

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**