

CAPE ELIZABETH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Meeting # 10-03-04
Monday, December 15, 2003
7:30 a.m.

Mary Ann Lynch, Chairman	2 Olde Colony Lane	767-5788	6/2004
David J. Backer	2 Rugosa Way	799-2397	6/2006
Carolyn M. Fritz	1 Stirrup Road	767-3737	6/2006
John W. McGinty	86 Brentwood Road	767-0139	6/2004
Michael D. Mowles, Jr.	423 Ocean House Road	741-2552	6/2006
John E. "Jack" Roberts, Jr	185 Fowler Road	767-4526	6/2005
Anne E. Swift-Kayatta	14 Stone Bridge Road	767-5754	6/2005

Roll Call by the Town Clerk

All Councilors present except Councilor David Backer; Councilor Mowles arrived after roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Item # 84-03-04 Request from the town council chairman to adopt an emergency ordinance that would have the effect of re-opening Jordan Way to traffic entering Cape Elizabeth High School prior to the daily opening of school.

Beth Currier of the High School Parents Association thanked everyone for responding to her letter so quickly.

Police Chief Neil Williams said he had safety concerns with the snow banks and the traffic visibility on Jordan Way.

Moved by A. Swift-Kayatta and Seconded by M. Lynch

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council approves the Emergency ordinance as written with the changes revising Sec. 13-7-4 of the Revised Official Code of the Town of Cape Elizabeth as an emergency plan.

Town of Cape Elizabeth- Emergency Ordinance Enactment

Whereas traffic has steadily increased traveling to and from the high school; and

Whereas parents, students, the school board and school administrators have expressed concern about dangerous traffic conditions at the entrance to the high school on Rt. 77; and

Whereas a trial program of using Jordan Way for access to the high school was started earlier this year; and

Whereas Section 13-7-4 of the Cape Elizabeth Town Ordinances prohibits use of Jordan Way for access to the high school; and

Whereas, the School Department will soon seek approval from the Planning Board for renovations and additions to the high school and the Pond Cove School; and

Whereas the Planning Board is required to evaluate the traffic situation for any development and may require traffic and road improvements where necessary for the health and safety of the public;

Therefore, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council has determined that until the Planning Board acts on the school department's development application an emergency exists which necessitates the adoption of an emergency ordinance temporarily permitting access to the high school along Jordan Way

Therefore, we, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council, do hereby adopt to be effective immediately the following revised Sec. 13-7-4 of the Revised Official Code of the Town of Cape Elizabeth:

Sec. 13-7-4. Vehicle Travel Restriction. Within the School Complex, registered motor vehicles are restricted to the roadways. Vehicles are prohibited from utilizing Jordan Way for access to and egress from the School Complex except for emergency vehicles or except in accordance with a traffic plan approved in writing by the town manager for the purpose of relieving traffic entering the school complex. Snowmobiles on the school complex shall be restricted to those areas immediately adjacent to the Spurwink Marsh. Unregistered motor vehicles are prohibited on the School Complex. [Amended eff. 9/11/91.]

Dated this 15th Day of December, 2003 at Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Moved by M. Mowles and Seconded by A. Swift-Kayatta

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council to close debate.

(6 yes)(0 no) Absent: D. Backer

Vote on original motion

(6 yes)(0 no) Absent: D. Backer

Moved by J. McGinty and Seconded by M. Mowles

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council adjourns at 8:30a.m.

(6 yes)(0 no)

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline N. Coy
Town Clerk