

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 28, 2015

Roll Call:	Michael Perkins, Chairman Donald Borman	Dana Wrigley Mark Fisher
Others present:	Gary Bowman, Town Manager Jonathan Gitch ... Rachael Cote Mark Stevens Robert Knowlton Peter McGuire, Sentinel Reporter Paul Kochis	Janice Porter, Town Clerk Everett Rossignol Gerald Cote Jamie Phair Alexandria Smith Robin Cote-Michaud Daniel Savage
	Jon Cox Michael Rossignol Chief Coughlin Shawn Stevens Ned Hammond Daniel Duperry Dave Allen, Midcoast Region Traffic Engineer Ericka Russell and family members	

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 4-0 approving the minutes of the meeting held October 14, 2015, and signing the disbursement warrants.
2. Councilors signed the "Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates" for the period of July 1st thru September 30th in the amount of \$137,913.26.
3. Councilors, Planning Board members, and the public discussed a presentation of the recent Kennedy Memorial Drive traffic study by the DOT. Dave Allen from the traffic engineering department of DOT shared findings of a proposed a center turn lane on KMD, for the new Dunkin Donuts being built at 848 Kennedy Memorial Drive. The DOT is considering adding a half-mile turn lane to an area of Kennedy Drive from the town line to the Country Club Road, which would reduce the current four (4) lanes there now to two (2) travel lanes. DOT stated that the new traffic configuration would make it easier to turn left into businesses along the road and would increase the area of road shoulder for pedestrians and cyclists. The Dunkin Donuts developer would be expected to pay for the repainting of the roadway lines. Mr. Allen stated that changing the traffic pattern on this portion of the road would have a calming effect. The area has a 35 mph speed limit but most drivers are exceeding that speed. A traffic study must be completed and transportation department permits would be required prior to creating the turning lane. Chief Coughlin suggested that if safety is a concern then the turning land should be added to the entire length of KMD coming into Oakland. It was noted that the Town could ask the department to consider that change along KMD but this would not be the responsibility of the new business. Further updates to the Town will be provided as DOT progresses.

4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to award the pumper/tanker fire truck bid to Emergency One Vehicles (E-One) in the amount of \$285,435, which is \$565 under budget. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to authorize 75% of the payment upfront with the balance to be paid once the department is satisfied that the vehicle meets all specifications and is in working order.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to authorize the Fire Chief to proceed with an application process for the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grants. There are two (2) grant possibilities which require matching funds by the town. The following is a summary of the two (2) proposed 2015 projects, cost and required matching funds:

1st - \$143,500 Town matching funds of 5% or \$7,175 to replace self contained breathing apparatus.

2nd - \$174,000 Town match of 5% of \$8,700 to replace our Rescue truck which is twenty (20) years old.

It was noted that the fire department has been very successful and fortunate to have received funding in the past with AFG grant applications. The total amount of projects costs has been \$658,815 with Oakland's contributing approximately \$53,000.

Councilors gave their support to apply for and to further consider matching funds should the grants be approved. Grant(s) would be awarded during 2016.

6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to approve the first reading on a proposed amendment to the Streets, Sidewalks, and Municipal Parking Areas Ordinance Section G. No thru Trucks – Permanent Road Weight Restriction on through trucks on the Rice Rips Road.

Other:

Baker Avenue – Mr. Robert Knowlton would like to discuss the discontinuance of Baker Avenue at the next regular meeting.

Adjournment – It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.