

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 18th, 2015

Roll Call: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley  
Donald Borman Mark Fisher

Others: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk  
Jon Cox Jonathan Gianrist  
AJ Cain Patrick Linehan  
Stacey Linehan Laura Linehan  
Mindy Cyr, Maine Municipal Audit Services

### Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 28th 2015, and to sign the disbursement warrants.
2. Mindy Cyr of Maine Municipal Audit Services presented her findings of the audit for the year end June 30, 2015. Financial highlights included:
  1. Town assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year.
  2. Town total net position decreased.
  3. An overall increase in the fund balance from last year.
  4. Unassigned fund balance for the general fund was 10.6% of total general fund expenditures.
  5. Town long term debt decreased
  6. At the close of the fiscal year 97.4% of the 2014-2015 tax commitment was collected. State average is 92%.
  7. Motor vehicle excise tax collection increased by 7.5%
3. Finance Director, Douglas Mather, discussed the impact of the "Affordable Care Act" to the Town. The ACA requires large employers (50 plus full time and full time equivalent employees) to offer health insurance to at least 95% of its full time employees. Adding our full time employees and full time equivalent we are just over the 50 minimum and qualify as a large employer. If we are not meeting the 95% standard the penalty would be \$16,000. It was noted that several years ago \$10,000 was appropriated and has been carried forward to fund the impact of the ACA for the first six (6) months of its implementation. Both Gary Bowman and Bryan LaPointe of the Building and Grounds department meet the ACA requirement for full time as well.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to offer employee, Bryan LaPointe, the PPO 1500 and HRA effective January 1, 2016.

Doug discussed the overall increase in health insurance premiums effective 2016. In recent weeks Doug has spoken with all of the employees discussing their current health insurance plans. Each employee has been given the choice to either stay with their current coverage or opt to change for the 2016 year. Currently the town has two plans - the POS 200 and the PPO 1500/HRA.

It was moved by Mark Fisher seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to continue the open discussion of employee health insurance.

4. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to approve the hauling contract with A&S Inc. (AW Chaffee) effective November 16, 2015 for \$17.56 per ton.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to appoint David Roy as an alternate member to the Planning Board term to expire June 30, 2018.
6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to approve the second reading on the proposed amendment referencing the Rice Rips Road. Section G – No thru Trucks 5. No thru trucks over 26,000 gvw.
7. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to hold a Public Hearing to discuss extending the current gas TIF district time period from 10 years to 30 years.

#### Managers Report:

1. To discuss alternatives to 3<sup>rd</sup> party requests – no action taken.
2. The Oakland Fire Department has had another successful renewal of their Department of Labor's Shape award. Because of the Fire Chief and his employees' efforts the department has once again received the highest honors promoting and consistently improving conditions for the safety and health of the employees. The award extends from March 2015 to March 2019.
3. Councilors received a copy of a letter sent to the Oakland Downtown Business Owners and Managers. The Manager is asking for those interested to join in building a new committee called the "Oakland Downtown Betterment Committee". Gary is hoping to hold their first meeting in February. Councilors gave their approval.

Other:

Baker Avenue/Baker Alley - Mr. Robert Knowlton is requesting that the Council take the required steps to discontinue Baker Avenue/Baker Alley and to issue a Quit Claim deed releasing any/all interest that the Town and/or public might have. Bob has found that Baker was located off High Street but has not existed other than being on town maps in 1964. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 4-0 to approve posting for discontinuance.

DOT Property - Mr. Robert Knowlton asked for Council support in seeking the approval of DOT to purchase a tiny piece of land, from DOT, which sits directly at the intersection of KMD and the Old Waterville Road. The owner of 17 Old Waterville Road has an interested party who wishes to purchase their lot but cannot use the property unless DOT is willing to sell this tiny point. The DOT purchased this land in 1962 for \$52.00 and has not done anything with it. The Town will send a letter of support to MDOT.

RFP for financing Police Station - It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to consider five (5) commercial banks along with the Maine Bond Bank for financing the building of the Police Department. It was noted that the Maine Bond Bank does not allow for early payoff compared to the commercial banks.

Next Council meeting scheduled for November 23, 2015 to discuss a "Clerk of the Works" for the building of the Police Station.

Council meeting for December will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

Adjournment - It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.