

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016

Council present: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley  
Mark Fisher Donald Borman

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk  
Madeline St. Armour, Sentinel Reporter  
Jon Cox

### Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the meetings held October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 9th, 2016, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. A lengthy discussion by Council members continued regarding options the town has in regards to legalized marijuana. At this point most towns have already started working to enact moratoriums on marijuana social clubs and retail stores. Those with moratoriums enacted will temporarily ban the establishment of certain businesses. Thus, allowing towns the time to create regulations. Even though a statewide recount is being conducted people may start making plans for such businesses.

The Manager explained that because the town's comprehensive plan isn't updated the town can't enforce a moratorium.

Councilors agreed that the town should seek information from MMA and find what other communities are doing on the issue.

The Manager will gather information and draft a proposed ordinance for Council consideration making Oakland a dry town for recreation marijuana. Further discussion will continue at the next regular meeting of the Council.

### Manager's report:

1. Councilors received the recent Library report.

2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to approve the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday for all town employees. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 4-0 to review the existing Personnel Policy to ensure that this date is a permanent paid holiday for regular fulltime employees.
3. Councilors received a copy of the impending 2014-2015 tax foreclosures dated for November 28, 2016. The Manager assured the Council that the majority of those accounts would be paid prior to foreclosure.

Other:

Executive Session: It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Michael Perkins and voted 4-0 to enter into executive session at 6:40 pm to discuss Personnel Matters: per 1 MRSA, Section 405(6)(A).

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Don Borman and voted 4-0 to come out of Executive Session at 6:55 pm.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Michael Perkins and voted 4-0 to pay Janice Porter for working the 100 plus hours overtime during this year's election season.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Don Borman and voted 4-0 to adjust pay for 3 of the Town's employees during the upcoming budget process.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:57pm.