

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Councilors present: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley  
Donald Borman Harold Buzzell Robert Nutting

Others: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk  
Nathan Bernier Kelly Roderick  
Jim Dinkle, KRDA Director

### Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Harold Buzzell and voted 5-0 approving the minutes of the meetings held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. Kennebec Regional Development Executive Director Jim Dinkle, introduced himself to the Council and discussed his recent activities at the park and future goals. Mr. Dinkle, also noted that he has recently purchased property in Oakland. Mr. Dinkle expressed his eagerness in marketing lots in the existing park and to start working with the existing board members in developing a plan for the advertising/marketing ultimately seeing a bright future for the park. He recognized that the Town Manager serves as Oakland's representative for all voting matters within the KRDA.
3. Council members and the Town Manager reviewed the proposed draft "Disbursement of Excess Funds Received From the Sale of Tax Acquired Property Ordinance". Councilors requested additional review/comment of the proposed ordinance prior to taking action. Councilor Nutting questioned whether the town would be forced to allow this process on all foreclosed properties identified by the ordinance or could the Council choose a direction appropriate for the situation. Also, the ordinance makes reference to residential property does this eliminate commercial property? Additional items discussed included: notifying abutting property owners of a town foreclosure, should we combine the existing policy with the proposed ordinance and/or possibly should we require the new property owner to remove dangerous buildings that are knowingly in disrepair.
4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Harold Buzzell and voted 5-0 to adopt the following resolution "Oakland hereby withdraws from and agrees to dissolve the Waterville-Winslow Solid Waste Corp. and directs that the remaining funds in the

accounts of said corporation are to be distributed, one half to Waterville and one half to Winslow. All three communities have now entered into long term decisions for solid waste disposal and recycling so there is no longer a need for the Corporation to exist. In addition, Waterville and Winslow will return the funds to the taxpayers from the sale of the building that occurred over fifteen (15) years ago.

#### Managers Report:

1. The Manager reported that Cianbro has been hired for the construction of the MRC building. The wind/weather has set back construction at this time.
2. Councilors received the January Library report.
3. Ice Skating Rink - It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to allow a fifty-five (55) gallon barrel with a contained fire for the event that will promote the ice skating rink that has been constructed off of Belgrade Avenue. Volunteers have been actively flooding, shoveling and making it available to Oakland residents.

#### Executive Session:

It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to enter into executive session at 6:40 pm., to discuss Labor negotiations – 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D).

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 6:55 pm.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve the “Agreement between the Town of Oakland and Oakland Full-Time Police Officers Association July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019”, as executed, dated February 14, 2018.