

Town Council Minutes
November 14, 2018

Roll Call: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley
Robert Nutting Donald Borman
Harold Buzzell

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Andrea Thomas Lyran Thomas Ubert Deyaha Haffmah
Judith Staiger Charles Pare Pauline Mathieu
Sherry Gilbert Donna Griffin Rick Stubbert, Captain
Jacob Pierce, Officer Kelly Hooper, Officer Michael Tracy, Police Chief
Adam Sirois, Officer Meg Robbins, Sentinel Reporter

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 approving the minutes of the previous meeting and signing the disbursement warrant.
2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve Richard MacKenzie as the "Owner's Representative" and Brian Duffy as the "Project Architect" for the construction of the new Fire Station. Mr. MacKenzie has agreed to work with the town at a fee not to exceed \$60,000 and Mr. Duffy has offered his services for the project in the amount of \$75,000.
3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to proceed with the arrangement which allows Officer Kelly Hooper to join the Maine Drug Agents (MDEA) in the capacity as a full time drug agent. The town will receive 100 % reimbursement for her pay and all benefits. Officer Hooper applied for the transfer to the unit with the understanding that she sign a "release" holding the town harmless, should her position with the MDEA be terminated. Our department will immediately start the process of filling her vacancy with the understanding that she will not leave until we have filled the position. It was noted that Officer Hooper will remain on our roster and may work shifts if needed and/or available. The town will benefit from her work as a state Agent when dealing with drug cases in Oakland.
4. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 recommending that the Town Manager and Superintendent Mark Gartley continue to work on the details of the possible use of the old superintendent's office (building) as a senior center. Interested seniors have previously met with the Town Manager and Superintendent, visited the property and now questions/details needing to be addressed. Councilors supported the idea but thought more information was needed. Questions should address whether the committee wants town involvement, such as financial support. It was noted that the town budget process begins soon and that amounts would be needed for that process. The group has visited an existing center in Richmond and found that they liked what was being offered in that community.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to approve the first reading of the proposed "Taxi Cab" ordinance which will replace the existing ordinance last amended April 4, 1989.

6. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to table the discussion regarding a medical marijuana moratorium on retail stores, dispensaries, testing facilities and manufacturing facilities. The Town Manager provided an abundant amount of information to the Councilors. Tabling will further allow Councilors to study the documents submitted.
7. It was moved by Harold Buzzell seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to approve transferring \$10,000, from the fund equity account, for the repair of the John Deere 524K.
8. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Harold Buzzell and voted 5-0 to allow the Lion's Club to sell Christmas trees in the Town Office parking lot again this year.
9. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to accept the high bids for the sale of the Mercedes, in the amount of \$1,000 and the 1978 Ford F250 in the amount of \$2,500.
10. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to schedule only one (1) Council meeting for the month of December on the 19th.
11. The Manager stated that he does not wish to be nominated for the Municipal Review Committee (Fiberight) Board of Directors position. He stated that the organization has kept him very busy and out of the office this past year. With the fire station project coming he felt that this will/should take priority. Dana Wrigley asked that his name be sent for nomination to the MRC board. The Fiberight facility is being constructed in Hampden and will process municipal solid waste for MRC member communities. The plant is expected to commence full operations in 2019.
12. Councilor Borman reported that the Dam Committee will be requesting funds in 2019, from Belgrade, Oakland and Rome for permitting processes to address the structural problems with the Wings Mill Dam and for the continuing maintenance and repairs to all three (3) Dams.

Adjournment – It was moved by Harold Buzzell seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:00 pm.