

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 27th, 2019

Roll Call:	Michael Perkins, Chairman Harold Buzzell Donald Borman	Dana Wrigley Robert Nutting
Others:	Gary Bowman, Town Manager Gary Grant Ned Hammond Sherry Gilbert Tony Jabar John Jabar, Jr. David Coughlin, Fire Chief David Savage, Code Enforcement Off. Meg Robbins, Sentinel Reporter	Janice Porter, Town Clerk Donna Griffin Dabney Lewis Kelly Roderick Andre Duchette, Attorney Jon Cox Nate Bernier Dave Groder Andrea Thomas

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 27th, 2019, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. John Jabar with his attorney, Andre Duchette, discussed the plan to renovate the former Guardian Building located at 826 Kennedy Memorial Drive, into a high-end extraction laboratory for the processing/manufacturing of CBD oil. Mr. Jabar has negotiated a lease of the building at this location. Conversation followed between the Council members and Mr. Duchette disagreeing over hemp laws. The town received legal advice from MMA stating that the state law “allows cultivation, harvest, possession and processing of industrial hemp, by licensed individuals, - state licenses “do not include manufacturing of CBD oils or other hemp concentrates. MMA states that the manufacture of CBD products is illegal unless done in compliance with Maine medical or adult use marijuana statutes. Therefore, their opinion would be that the manufacturing facility would not be allowed unless or until the town votes to opt-in to adult use marijuana. Mr. Jabar and Mr. Duchette disagreed with the opinion of MMA. Mr. Duchette stated that the product (CBD oil) does not transform into medical marijuana. Code Enforcement Officer agreed that we have two (2) different lawyers that do not agree on the interpretation of the law. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to table discussion for the next meeting (March 13, 2019) allowing Council members and the Town Manager additional time to review and make recommendations.

3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to appoint the following persons to the newly formed Broadband Committee:

Joshua Zuckerman
Donald Borman
Gary Bowman

Danielle Marquis
Garvan Donegan

Alexandra Fabian
Elaine Theriault-Currier

4. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Harold Buzzell and voted 5-0 to table the discussion/signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Town and the Snow Pond Seniors as the document was unavailable for review at this time.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to approve the renewal of the liquor license and special amusement permit for Decker Simmons Post.
6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Harold Buzzell and voted 5-0 to approve the renewal of the liquor license and special amusement permit for Riverside Farm Mkt.
7. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to reappoint Kathy Geaghan as the Town’s Assessor thru 12/31/2021.
8. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to reappoint Janice Porter as the Town’s clerk thru 12/31/2021.

Other Business:

1. Councilors signed the “Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates” for the user period October – December 2018 in the amount of \$134,336.26.
2. Gala Event – It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to deny the request for an allocation of \$500.00 to sponsor a table at the Snowball Gala. Councilors felt that if members and their spouses want to attend the function it should be paid by the individuals attending.
3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to accept a \$3,750.00 grant for the Town to map existing broadband and telematics infrastructure, identify key gaps within Oakland’s downtown district and determine the appropriate financial model for expansion. This grant is made from a component fund of the Maine Community Foundation.
4. Council members reviewed/discussed information pertaining to the proposed Fire Chief Command vehicle. Previous meeting discussions included the possibility of leasing a new vehicle with a full warranty, with the eventual purchase, opposed to buying the used police car from the department, to be used as the Fire Chief’s command vehicle. Currently the Fire Chief is using his own (personal) vehicle when responding to the fire station for call outs that occur nights, weekends, (anytime he is needed) etc. The Finance Director prepared a cost comparison of “Leasing a New

Vehicle vs. "Purchasing the Used Police Car". Councilors agreed to discuss this further at their next meeting allowing time to review documents submitted for their review.

Managers Report:

1. Council members received the January Library report. No action taken.

Adjournment: It was moved by Harold Buzzell seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:20 pm.