

Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 10th, 2019

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

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Mathew Axtell Shirley Fenlason Meg Robbins, Sentinel Reporter
Nate Bernier Jon Cox Patrick Linehan

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 13th, 2019, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0 to approve and sign the "Municipal Bond for the Fire Station". The Town Treasurer and Chair of the Town Council are authorized to issue a general obligation bond or bonds to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in an amount not to exceed \$2,539,000 for the purpose of funding the replacement of the existing Fire Station with a new building.
3. Shirley Fenlason spoke regarding the Messalonskee Stream Trail. She wished to thank the town for the work that has been completed and now being enjoyed by so many. There are currently forty (40) miles of trails open to the public. The Boy Scouts have agreed to clean up existing fence areas this spring. Mrs. Fenlason encouraged all to enjoy the trail system.
4. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to allow out of state training for firefighter, Ryan Johnston in the amount of \$270.00. The full training package is at a cost of \$540.00, which they are asking that the city of Waterville share in that cost as it will benefit both Waterville and Oakland. Money from the department's training account will be used. Councilors agreed that should Waterville choose not to help fund then Mr. Johnston should return to the Council for further consideration.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to allow the Oakland end of the Gagnon Road to be open for ATV access. The same approval was granted last year contingent upon an annual review in April of each year. The road will be open from May 1st until November 1, 2019. If needed this agreement may be reviewed by the Town Council at any time.
6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0 approving the sewer commitment for the user period of January 1st through March 31st in the amount of \$131,309.76.

7. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 3-0-1(abstained Donald Borman) to approve the renewal of the liquor license and special amusement permit for Thirsty Mule.
8. The Manager highlighted items being reviewed in our current cable contract which expired on April 8th. Some surrounding municipalities have joined together hiring a lawyer to represent their concerns/needs in negotiating the new contract. At this time the Manager felt that this was not needed. Councilors received a copy of an email addressing questions raised by the Manager – new language 20 homes per miles – ten (10) year contract – other providers coming into town and adding internet service to our 10 courtesy accounts. Further information will be available at the next meeting.

Managers Report:

The Manager reported that work has started on the site of the new fire station. CMP Company is placing poles and ground work has started by the Public Works Department. The department will be hauling 11,000 yards of fill prior to the start of the building. Bids for mechanical, electrical, foundation, roofing, door lights etc., have gone out and starting to come back. In addition, the Manager noted that Everett and Michael Rossignol donated their equipment and labor while working on the first phase of the ground work

The Manager reported that the Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Savage, has been researching two (2) items: Dave has found that the current electric usage at the Library is very high and therefore considering the replacement of the current lighting with LED's. They have been speaking with Rockingham Electric to receive quotes for replacements. Changing the current lighting at the library could possibly save the town about a 1/3 of their monthly bill. In conjunction with this project they are in the early stages of researching installation of solar panels at the transfer station that could possibly help to offset more of the towns' energy costs in the future.

Other:

Councilors received the March 2019 Library Report.

Councilors received the 1st quarter 2019 Fire Rescue Department Report

Adjournment – It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:25 pm.

