

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 22nd, 2020

Council members present: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley  
Robert Nutting Donald Borman  
David Groder

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager  
Janice Porter, Town Clerk Jon Cox  
Laina Shuman Gerald Harrington  
Dave Savage, Code Enforcement Officer

### Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 8th, 2020, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. Councilors met with Laina Shuman regarding her property violations on Shuman Court/65 Heath Street. On December 19, 2019 Code Enforcement Officer, David Savage, served Ms. Shuman with a notice of violations relative to her property. CEO noted that he has observed many ongoing land use violations consisting of the following but not limited to: numerous worn out and discarded items and debris, which includes a refrigerator, as well as numerous boats, trailers, camper, motorcycle, snowmobile and three (3) or more unregistered vehicles on the property. The Town's Property Maintenance Ordinance and Junkyard Ordinance is being violated at this time by Ms. Shuman. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 instructing the CEO along with Ms. Shuman, to prepare a list of items, that must and will be removed from the property thus in compliance no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Both parties will sign the consent agreement. It was noted that the refrigerator must be removed immediately as this is in violation of state law. Ms. Shuman agreed to the removal.
3. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to accept the Wal-Mart grant for Audio Visual equipment for use at the Fire Department in the amount of \$4000.
4. The Manager reported that he and Eric Seekins had visited KVCAP to discuss the possibility of the Kennebec Explorer coming to Oakland. It was learned that the bus could come into Oakland three (3) days a week, making four (4) trips per day and that the individual riding the bus would be responsible for the fee of \$1.25 per trip. Gary shared that the cost would be \$10,000, but with a possibility of federal funds being

available, that could make Oakland's share \$5,000. Councilors agreed that this should be discussed further. The Manager will provide additional information at budget time.

5. Councilors discussed the possibility of each member having their own town email address. The cost was discussed along with some Councilors concerns that they already have too many email addresses to maintain. No further consideration was given.
6. The Town Manager reported that AW Chaffee, our current hauler at the Transfer Station, will end their services on Friday, February 14th. The company has stated that they will be going out of the trash business. From the time that Gary was notified of their decision he has been in contact with a couple of haulers that would possibly be interested. Gary will gather additional information for the Council to make their decision.
7. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to rename the current department that Boyd Snowden oversees. Effective immediately Boyd's department will now be known as "Oakland Environmental Services." Boyd's title has been Municipal Engineer/Wastewater Supt., however, his duties have been including but not limited to managing all aspects of the Treatment Plant Operations, preparing all required state reporting/testing for the Transfer Station, performs town engineering services with all town projects, thus taking care of all environmental services for the town.
8. Councilors agreed with the Town Manager's recommendation for the 2020 Spirit of America Award. The award will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

Manager's Report:

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

