

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 12th, 2020

Town Council members present:

Michael Perkins, Chairman      Dana Wrigley      Robert Nutting      David Groder  
Donald Borman

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager      David Savage, Code Enforcement Officer  
Janice Porter, Town Clerk      Fire Chief, David Coughlin      Police Chief, Michael Tracy  
Nate Bernier      Jon Cox      Laura Tracy  
Elaine Theriault Currier      Gary Grant      Gene Rossignol

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Dave Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 22nd, 2020, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Dave Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the sale of the rescue truck (1997 Ford F450 Super Duty), to Michael Brown in the amount of \$13,000. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to authorize the Fire Chief to expend \$2,500 (not to exceed) from that sale to retrofit a watertight box for the current pickup truck to carry rescue equipment. In addition, the Fire Chief will solicit bids for rust repair of the aerial truck. The bid information will be brought back to the Council for their consideration.
3. Central Maine Growth Council, representative Elaine Theriault Currier, presented Councilors with copies of the proposed Town Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Currier along with Robert Nutting, Chair and Laura Tracy, Vice Chair of the Committee extended their appreciation to those members that gave their time and dedication to the creation of the plan. The strengths and weaknesses were addressed within the community and from there a plan has been developed. Mr. Nutting wanted to thank the following for their participation throughout the process: Gary Bowman (Town Manager), Paula Callan, Dan Duperry, Mark Fisher, Donna Griffin, Mary Anne Lamarre, Shawn Marquis, Mark Rancourt, Cindy Reese, Kelly Roderick, Michael Rossignol, Dale Sturtevant and Chuck Sweigart, Alberta Porter, Town Historian and Garvan Donegan of the Central Maine Growth Council. The Growth Council serves as Oakland's economic development department, for their facilitation of this planning process. The vision statement stated "Oakland residents are passionate about their community and see endless potential in our small yet growing town." From this point the plan will be reviewed by Council

members and the Department of Economic Development. Public hearing(s) will be conducted prior to the plan being voted upon by secret ballot at the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 election.

4. No further discussion pertaining to the Town email addresses for Council members.
5. Councilors signed/approved the sewer commitment for the user period October 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$138,295.51.
6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Dave Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the renewal of the Club liquor license and special amusement permit for the American Legion Post # 51, located at 22 Church Street.
7. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to declare the home located at 542 Smithfield Road, a dangerous building. Notice of the hearing was provided to the homeowner, Linda Rackliffe, and the mortgage company, Bayview Loan Service. Code Enforcement Officer, David Savage, provided pictures and written documentation showing that the building is structurally unsafe. Council members noted that the building is uninhabitable and would be a safety hazard for anyone to enter. Roof could collapse at any time, thus unsafe to enter to remove anything within the home. Council members signed the "Findings and Order" document Pursuant to 17MRSA §§ 2851-2859. The dangerous building must be abated by removal and/or demolition with thirty (30) days. The order will be recorded at the Registry of Deeds, attested copies to the owner and parties in interest as required by law. If the order is not complied by the town of Oakland may take steps to remove the building and recover all expenses for doing so.
8. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to appoint Eugene Rossignol to the Budget and Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Kelly Pinney-Michaud that expires December 31, 2020.

#### Managers' Report:

The Manager informed the Council members that RSU-18 will hold their Governance meeting on 03/05/19 @5:30 pm, at the Middle School cafeteria.

Adjournment: It was moved by Dave Groder seconded by Dana wrigley and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

