

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 10th, 2021

Town Councilors present: Dana Wrigley, Robert Nutting and Donald Borman
Absent: Michael Perkins and David Groder

Others present: Gari Bowman, Town Manager
Kelly Pinney Michaud, Finance Janice Porter, Town Clerk
David Savage, Code Enforcement Officer
Daniel Duperry Kelly Roderick Edward Roderick
Shawn Stevens Donna Griffin Patrick Linehan

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Donald Borman and voted 3-0 to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 13th, 2021, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. Ed Roderick of 526 Fairfield Street was present to discuss his displeasure regarding handling/results of the September 21st Planning Board meeting. Mr. Roderick felt that all abutting property owners should have been notified of the intent that a business is being located on Fairfield Street owned by Shawn Stevens, dba aluminum dock building. Mr. Duperry chairman of the Planning Board assured Mr. Roderick and the council members that the permitting process was complete. Notifying anyone of construction is not mandated per Section 13 of the Planning Board ordinance. The process does not require a public hearing nor notifying abutters. Councilors assured Mr. Roderick that the recently approved "Comprehensive Plan" does not include zoning that prohibits commercial businesses to be limited in where they can be built. The Plan only describes the hopes/visions for the future of Oakland.
3. Councilors reviewed the proposed universal meeting room use policy. After discussion there was no immediate action taken. The Town Manager suggested he will re-work the policy that would address concerns of the council for discussion at the next meeting.
4. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 3-0 to accept the 5 (five)-year banking contract bid as submitted by Camden Bank. Finance Director, Kelly Michaud, reviewed a comparison sheet of the 3 (three)

banks and their bid proposals, and made her recommendation to accept the bid submitted of Camden Bank.

5. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Donald Borman and voted 3-0 to accept the three (3)-year IT bid as submitted by Maine Technology Group. The Town Manager reviewed a comparison sheet of the two (2) IT bids submitted and recommended Maine Technology for the town services.
6. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded Dana Wrigley and voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of \$5k, from the "Municipal Property Reserve Account" to be used for bringing electricity onto the Wrigley Recreational Area on Fairfield Street. Currently information is being gathered on the installation of the power to the site. Everyone agreed that lines should be underground, as it being safer and will accommodate use by food trucks during Oakfest and any other activities being held at this location. Gari reported that there is a need for extra gravel at this location to develop a parking area and that we are currently collecting boulders for the site.
7. Councilors signed the Sewer commitment for the user period July 1st thru September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$136,041.51.
8. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 3-0 to appoint Alan Breton, term expiring June 2023 and Tyler Backus, term expiring 2022, as Alternate members to the Board of Assessment Review.
9. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Donald Borman and voted 3-0 to appoint Julie Kern, term expiring June 2023, as a full member to the Board of Assessment Review.

Manager's Report:

It was decided that the Council will not hold the regular second meeting in November. Next meeting December 8th and possibly December 22nd.

Up-coming meetings:

1. Fire Department Labor Study Meeting: 11/08 @ 4pm – Atlantic Room
2. Memorial Hall Committee Meeting: 12/01 @ 4pm – Atlantic Room
3. Downtown Development Meeting: 12/15 @ 1pm – Atlantic Room

Adjournment: It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Donald Borman and voted 3-0 to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

