

Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2022

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

Others: Ella Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Kelly Pinney-Michaud Finance David Savage, Code Enforcement
Nichole Stenberg, Assessor, and children
Kurt Webster Kelly Roderick
Patrick Linehan Jon Cox
Garvin Donegan, CMGC Sabrina Jandreau, CMGC
Patrick Linehan Kelly Roderick

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Garvin Donegan of CMGC, presented a proposed draft of the Oakland's Downtown Development Plan which is required prior to addressing a Main Street TIF. The MTIF application (18.2 acres) must be submitted with the development plan. Six public meetings have been held along various assistance from the public, organizations, and staff. A ten-point action plan has been developed within the plan. Further consideration of the plan will be discussed at a Public Hearing being held with the Council members.
3. Assessor, Nichole Stenberg, reviewed the information received thus far relative to an approved "Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law". Currently our office is collecting the applications from those taxpayers that are of the age of 65 and owned a homestead in Maine for at least ten years. For those that apply their taxes will remain the same as this year. Applications will need to be filed each and every year. Updates for the municipalities should come forward from the State.
4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve out of state training for the Assessor. Assessor will attend the IAAO conference in Boston at the end of the month.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to approve the list of potential carry forward requests in the amount of \$362,324.54.
6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to follow the IRS increase in mileage reimbursement for town employees to 62.5, effective through 12/31/22.
7. It was move by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 authorizing bids to go out for a proposed "voice over internet" phone system for both the Town Office and Police Department. Quotes to be collected and brought back to the Council for their approval. Currently the town office is experiencing static on their lines and unable to utilize voice mail. The phones are old and unable to replace parts that are needed.
8. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to approve the first time "Recycling License" for Mustafa Albehadili of Biddeford. Mr. Albehadili will operate a "Automobile Recycling Business at 63 Pleasant Street. Stipulation added to the permit that "no more than one (1) inoperable vehicle on site" will be allowed.

9. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to remove Mark Fisher as an alternate member of the KRDA board.
10. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approve the rental of Memorial Hall to Scott Stevens Dance Studio in the amount of \$400.00 weekly.
11. Council members signed the sewer commitment in the amount of \$139,427.26, for the user period April 1st thru June 30, 2022.
12. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to approve and sign the "Resolution Opposing State Taking of Electric Utilities. The town of Oakland opposes a plan to seize the state's two largest electric utilities by eminent domain.
13. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Michael Perkins and voted 5-0 approving the sale of the transfer station truck in the amount of \$400.
14. Mr. Kurt Webster of Belgrade Avenue expressed his concerns over the speeding vehicles coming into Oakland along the Belgrade Road. Thus, making it impossible to pull out of Belgrade Avenue. Issue will be addressed by the police department.

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