

## Town Council Minutes

September 14, 2022

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

Others: Ella Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk  
David Coughlin, Fire Chief Boyd Snowden, Oakland Environmental Services  
Jon Cox Kelly Roderick  
Patrick Linehan

### Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approving the signing of the warrant and the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 accepting the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$49,517. A requirement of the grant is that the matching funds cannot be drawn from monies already allocated to the Fire or Rescue budgets. Councilors agreed that the matching funds in the amount of \$2,357.96 will be taken from the fund equity account.
3. Boyd Snowden was present to discuss his 2021/2022 major expenses within the sewer department budget. Council members reviewed the numbers presented, by the Finance Director, regarding Audit Reports from 2014 thru 2022-2023. Councilors requested the presence of the Finance Director at our next meeting to further discuss this information. Boyd highlighted items which were over budget this past year. The electricity, building maintenance, Webb Road sewer charges from the Waterville Sewer District and the MDOT paving project in which the town replaced manhole frames, covers and risers. However, he noted that there were some positives looking forward, rate has been lowered for sewer treatment, flows for this FY has been low because of drought conditions, \$16,000 credit from the solar project, now installing a vent and carbon filter on the Webb Road which when finished this will allow us to resume pumping at night potentially seeing a \$7,000 drop per year. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to transfer \$56,688.42 from fund equity. The department truck which was ordered, much earlier, has gone up in price.
4. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to authorize the use of MDOT monies paid to the town for plowing their state roads. Monies will be used for reconstruction of the manhole covers on Kennedy Memorial Drive. The state will be completing/proposing a paving project in 2023 on KMD which provides the opportunity to have the towns work completed at the same time.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 approving the placement of a series of lines on the side of Oak Street, prior to the High School, with the hopes that this will serve as a visual to slow the drivers.
6. Kelly Roderick shared her concerns that the traffic signs (for pedestrian crossings) on lower Oak Street and Pleasant Street had not been placed. The town will see that this is done.

### Adjournment:

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