

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 12, 2023

Roll Call:

Michael Perkins, Chairman  
Dana Wrigley  
Absent: Donald Borman

Robert Nutting  
David Groder

Others present:

Ella Bowman, Town Manager  
Gary Bennett  
Kevin Roy  
Margi Fitzgerald  
Tim Dexter  
Peter Tewksbury  
Kelly Roderick  
Patrick Linehan  
Daniel Joler  
Roberta Santilli  
Robert McCullough  
Shannon Gilley

Janice Porter, Town Clerk  
Steve Petley  
Jon Cox  
Lorena Dexter  
Penny Bolduc  
Paul Roy  
Heather Hall  
Laurie Joler  
John Joler  
Diana Champeon  
Lisa Tarzia

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and signing the warrant.
2. Gary Bennett, a local resident of Rocky Shore Lane, along with others from the same area attended the Council meeting to discuss zoning concerns. Mr. Bennett noted that there are currently eleven (11) resident homes and (19) seasonal homes located on Rocky Shore Lane. Currently there is construction, land preparation, for placement of three (3) mini homes at that location.

Comments from those attending –

Residents voiced their concerns relative to the project/construction of tiny rental homes being built. Some felt that as neighbors they should have been advised of the project ahead of time.

It was noted that the required permits from the CEO have been issued, DEP has reviewed and now further review by the Planning Board will occur.

Concerns related to the construction business being located off the road and the storage of equipment with breakdowns being repaired are causing the business site to grow. What started as a small business has grown larger because of these issues.

It was noted that the project is not within the Shoreland Zone. Therefore, the town has no restrictions on this parcel of land because of the lack of zoning. It was agreed upon by others that the time has come for the development of a zoning ordinance to protect the concerns of Oakland residents.

The Town Manager reported that a "Zoning Committee" is being formed with the following concerns being addressed: lots of people don't want government rules, some agree that there needs to be some control. The Manager noted that preparing/completing an ordinance could take up to a solid year before perfecting.

A comment was made that the ordinance hopefully would set the line that pleases the most people in our community.

Those in attendance acknowledge the fact that forming this committee will not alter the project on Rocky Shore Lane.

3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 4-0 authorizing the Town Manager to sign the new Dispatch/PSAP agreement with the City of Waterville. The term of the agreement from July 12, 2023, to June 30, 2024, unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement. The Town will pay the City of Waterville the sum of \$128,402.17 annually, paid quarterly. PSAP services for all E 911 calls as well as radio and telephone communications and dispatch for Police, Fire and EMS services when there are no in housing dispatchers available.
4. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 authorizing the removal of the tree from the corner of School Street and Church Street, located in front of Memorial Hall. It was noted that the tree has large dead spots, branches resting on wires and the roots of the tree are near the foundation of Mem Hall. Cutting the tree will open the view of Memorial Hall, making it visible to all that pass on the street. Kelly Roderick spoke supporting this action. Kelly has found someone that will remove the tree and stump at no cost to the town.

Adjournment: It was moved by David Groder seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:40 pm.