

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

- I. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Town Council present:
Michael Perkins Dana Wrigley
Robert Nutting David Groder Absent: Donald Borman
- Others present:
Janice Porter, Town Clerk Nate Smart, Code Enforcement Officer
Nicolle Stenberg, Assessor Kathleen Paradis, Dep. Town Clerk
Christine Nutting Abby Marshall, IT
Jon Cox Kevin Quirion
Angela Jurdak Kelly Roderick
Raymond Brickett Anita Chaderton
David Boag Tina Boag
Susan Leigh Patrick Linehan
Kay Ladd Donna Griffin
Cynthia Reese Penny Bolduc
Peter Tewksbury Elizabeth ????
Terry Booker Michelle Fontaine
K. Andrew Barry
- III. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023, Council meeting and signing the weekly warrant.
- IV. Business Agenda:
1. Renewal of Automobile Junkyard Recycling Licenses – Nate Smart, CEO, provided documentation that all of seven (7) 2023 licenses should be approved and noted that there are no new complaints. All properties have been inspected and no major ordinance violations were noticed during the time of inspection. The Code Office will continue to monitor activity and act on complaints. List of license holders attached. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 4-0 to approve the renewal licenses for the 2023-2024 year, expiring September 30, 2024.
 2. Code Enforcement Officer, Nate Smart, reviewed the HHE-233 Holding Tank application for a non-primary residence. Project Manager, Ricky Pershken of Dirigo Engineering, has reviewed the location and found that it is not suitable for a conventional disposal system. Therefore, best suited for installation of the holding tank. The CEO explained that this type of installation requires Council approval. CEO agreed with the proposal from Dirigo. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0 to approve the placement of the holding tank.

3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley, seconded by David Groder, and voted 4-0 to approve the First Reading of the newly revised General Assistance Maximums. Said appendices must be approved/adopted early. The General Assistance Maximums will require a second reading on October 11, 2023, and Council signing at that time.
4. Assessor, Nichole Stenberg, reviewed the bid information received from KRT Appraisal of Haverhill, MA. Price proposal \$315,00 using the TRIO Cama system or \$310,00 should the town convert to AP by Patriot Properties. Adding personal property to the bid would be an additional amount of \$25,000. It was noted that KRT Appraisal cannot meet the 2025 deadline and therefore suggested that the project be moved to 2026.

Councilors encouraged the Assessor to contact the firms that might not have submitted a bid because of not being able to meet the 2025 deadline. Nichole agreed that she could do that and hopefully bring back the information in two to three weeks.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0 to table the discussion for the next Council meeting upon which the Assessor will report her findings.

5. Councilors received comments/concerns at the prior meeting regarding the Charter. Individuals were given the opportunity to speak at this meeting regarding Charter changes and/or forming a Charter Commission. They were advised that there are specific steps that must be followed. Residents were encouraged to review the rules and laws pertaining to Chapter 30A – Home Rule and decide what it is they want to accomplish and then bring that information to the Town Clerk; at which time it will be evaluated.
6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 4-0 to approve the Consolidated Communications Pole Location Permit – East Pond Road.
7. Kelly Roderick spoke regarding contacting the Council members and not having her email(s) answered. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting. The cost for each Councilor to have their own town email and the cost of tablets for each user should be determined.

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