

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

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

Others present:

Kelly Pinney Michaud, Interim Town Manager
Abby Marshall, Media Specialist
Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Chief Michael Tracy
Sheila Thorne, Library Director
Amy Calder, Sentinel Reporter
Kelly Roderick Jon Cox Kevin Quirion
Donna Griffin Brandy Robbins Alan Sturtevant
Michelle Fontaine Cynthia Reese Elizabeth Adams
Danny Adams K. Andrew Barry

- IV. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2023, meeting and approving the weekly warrant.

V. Business Agenda:

- a. Oakland resident, Alan Sturtevant, spoke with Council members regarding his concerns relative to the Transfer Station. Mr. Sturtevant recommended possible solutions for patrons that are dumping their garbage. Currently users are having to walk through the remains of garbage on the deck floor, to get near the dumping pile. Mr. Sturtevant suggested lowering the trailer to make it easier to throw the trash directly into it, thus eliminating the trash that is under foot. Mr. Sturtevant suggested that the recycling building could be set up in such a way that the user would only have to go into one building. Mr. Sturtevant felt that the town should allow users to make use of the metal pile. It was explained that it was a liability issue should someone get hurt while climbing in the pile. Also, it was noted that a resident, once loaded his truck with metal, to take away and sell. At that time the sign was placed keeping residents off the metal pile. Councilors requested that the Interim Town Manager form a "Recycling Committee", as we once had, to review possible considerations for improvements.

- b. It was moved by Michael Perkins, seconded by Dana Wrigley, and voted 5-0 to approve the FY25 Budget Calendar meeting dates, as prepared by Interim Town Manager, dated 11/14/2023.
It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 instructing Interim Manager to use 3% COLA for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget preparation.
- c. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voting 5-0 approving the payment(s) schedule starting FY24 through FY27 for the town revaluation, totaling \$340,000.
- d. Kelly Roderick reported that Memorial Hall fundraising is continuing. The committee is waiting to hear about a grant application through the office of Angus King. Numerous grants previously denied are being reviewed and resubmitted for further consideration. The Committee currently has \$14,000 in the Memorial Hall account, from their fund-raising efforts.
The tree sitting to the left of Memorial Hall is being cut down and kept by the Public Works Department for eligible General Assistance applicants for heating.
- e. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-1 (David Groder opposed) to approve retroactive stipends back to 10/6 for 4 T.O. Employees.

Other Business:

- f. Interim Town Manager reported that Council members now have their own email addresses, which will be available on the Town website on Thursday.
 - g. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to appoint Boyd Snowden to the Dams Committee, as an alternate member,
- VI. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session at 6:31 pm per: Personnel Matters, 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(a).
It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 7:35 pm. No votes taken.
- VII. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session at 7:36 pm per: Acquisition of real property, 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(c).
It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 7:39 pm. No votes taken.
- VIII. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session at 7:40 pm per: Personnel Matters, 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(a).
It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 7:55 pm.
It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to appoint Kelly Pinney Michaud as Town Manager effective January 1, 2024.

Adjournment - It was moved by David Groder seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

ATV Committee Meeting, Thursday November 16, 2023 – 4:00 p.m. Police Station

Downtown TIF Meeting – Thursday, November 30, 2023 – 3:00 p.m. Police Station

Memorial Hall Restoration Committee - Monday, January 8, 2024 4:00 – Police Station