

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

I. Call to order - The meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Perkins at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Council present: Michael Perkins Dana Wrigley David Groder
Robert Nutting Donald Borman

Others: Kelly Pinney-Michaud Town Manager Amy Calder, Reporter
Abby Marshall IT Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Jon Cox Kelly Roderick Angela Jurdak
Sue Leigh Rick Stubbert, Police Chief
Glenn Adams Sheila Thorne, Library Director
Shawn Nava Patrick Linehan
Anita Chadderton

IV. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approving the minutes from the January 24, 2024, Council meeting and signing the weekly warrant.

V. Business Agenda:

1. The Manager placed the following agenda article for this meeting “Rescind Dave Groder’s vote from January 10th minutes regarding the Fire Department Career Staff.” She stated that after reviewing the motion/vote she felt this did not need to be discussed. As the career staff stipends do not involve Councilor Groder, as a volunteer of the Department. Therefore, voting would be permissible as he would not receive a raise, as part of the vote. Kelly Roderick and Anita Chadderton expressed their disagreement with that finding. Roderick stated that she felt that there is a conflict as councilor and a being a paid volunteer firefighter. Stated that “one of them has to go.” It was noted that this discussion occurred with the previous Town Manager. A legal opinion was given at that time “if a Town Councilor is not a scheduled employee there is no problem.” Councilors asked for another legal written opinion on the matter, which will be discussed at the next meeting, February 28, 2024. Copies of the opinion will be available at that time.
2. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve the finalized version of the Library Policy, as reviewed at the last Council meeting.
3. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 confirming the Downtown TIF Committee Members as follows: Danielle Marquis, Denise Rogers-Stevens, Laura Tracy, Hillel Weisel, Phyllis Capanna, Robert Nutting, Kerry Smart, Garvan Donegan, and Kelly Pinney-Michaud.

4. Moved by David Groder seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to appoint Glenn Adams to the Budget and Advisory Committee. The appointment fills the unexpired term of Donna Doucette through December 2027.
5. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 appoint Cameran McKay to the Appeals Board. The appointment fills the unexpired term of Gary Bennett through June 30, 2026.
6. The Manager suggested that at the next meeting she will ask for Council suggestions regarding the process of reviewing the current charter.
7. Council members signed the “Vehicle Weight Restrictions (seasonal) directing the Road Commissioner to post those restrictions on the attached list. Roads listed are from February 22, 2024, to May 15, 2024, or until removed by the Road Commissioner.

VI. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session: Personnel Matters, 1 MRSA § 405(6)(a) at 6:25 pm.

Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 6:45 pm. No votes taken.

Adjournment – Moved by David Groder seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:47 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

2/15/2024 – ATV Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

2/21/2024 - Budget Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

2/28/2024 – Council Meeting -6:00 p.m.

2/29/2024 - Downtown TIF Committee Meeting – 3:00 p.m.