

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL
& BUDGET AND ADVISORY MINUTES
March 13, 2024

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

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

Budget & Advisory Committee members present:
Michael Rossignol, Chairman Angela Jurdak Susan Leigh
Kelly Roderick Glenn Adams Donna Griffin
Donald Ponitz Phyllis Capanna Jeremy Lizotte
Richard MacKenzie, Designated a Proxy
Justin Richard, Designated a Proxy

Others Present:
Ann Chadderton Jon Cox Sheila Thorne, Library Director
Police Chief Rick Stubbert Harvey Bickford Patricia Bickford
Michelle Fontaine Andrew Barry Janet Lund
Tina Boag Dave Boag Shawn Nava
Jean Ponitz James Bouton Police Officer, Chris Cowan
Amy Calder, Sentinel Reporter Janice Porter, Town Clerk Kelly Pinney Michaud, Town Manager
Abby Marshall, IT Kathy Paradis, Dep. Clerk Fireman Antonio Rivera

- IV. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 approving the minutes from February 28, 2024, Council meeting and signing the weekly warrant.

- V. Business Agenda:
Order 58-2024 - Vote on FY 25 Budget Warrant Articles with Budget Advisory Committee

Annual Meeting Warrant, May 7, 2024, attached. Votes recorded/included from the Town Council and the Budget and Advisory Committee members within Articles 2 through Article 24.

Order 59-2024 - Discussion/Selection on 2023 Town Report Dedication

Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to dedicate the Annual Town Report in honor of Ralph Farnham, Jr., former Town Councilor and Vaughn Farnham, former Assistant Fire Chief.

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Order 60-2024 – Discussion of Long-Term Point Entry Treatment System – Boyd Snowden

Moved by Robert Nutting seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to table the discussion of the Long-Term Point of Entry Treatment System Agreement, presented by Boyd Snowden. Recently, DEP contacted Boyd asking for a signed agreement between the town and the residents at 435 Town Farm Road residence relative to maintenance of the PFAS system, which, DEP installed in October of 2023. See memo dated March 6, 2024. Councilor Nutting recommended tabling the discussion to allow the Council members and our town attorney time to review the modified agreement.

Order 61-2024 - Discussion on misinformation posted on social media sites about town business.

Town Clerk, Janice Porter, expressed her concerns regarding a recent post made public on an individuals' site regarding polling hours for the Presidential Primary. The posting had been on the site for 18 hrs. This individual listed incorrect polling hours. Clerk suggested sharing the information provided by the town instead of creating their own and thus not publishing incorrect information. The hours which were posted violated state law, inasmuch, as it stated the polls would be open until 9:00 pm. State law mandates all towns close at 8:00 pm. The Clerk acknowledged that everyone has a right to post, but felt strongly that the person posting the information should always ensure the post is correct.

VI. Other Business:

Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0-1 (David Groder abstained) approving the following grant and donations made to the Fire Department:

1. The award of a \$300 gift card to Harbor Freight for purchase of tools, equipment, or safety gear, on-line or in store for the Fire Department.
2. The Firefighters Assoc., will be donating \$4,531.87 to the town for the purchase of a stair chair for the Fire Department.
3. A donation of a pallet of water from Poland Springs

Adjournment – Moved by David Groder seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:11 pm.