

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2025

Council Members Present:

Michael Perkins, Chairman

Dave Groder

Dana Wrigley Vice Chairman

Kelly Roderick

Others Present:

Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager

Kathleen Paradis, Town Clerk

Boyd Snowden, Town Engineer

Nathan Smart, Code Enforcement Officer

Kevin Quirion

Jon Cox

Jay Boulette

Donald Borman

Lisa Loisel

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Council Chairman Michael Perkins and led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll Call:** Roll call was taken, four council members present. Robert Nutting absent.
2. **To consider approving the minutes of the June 11, 2025, meeting:** It was moved by Dana Wrigley, seconded by Dave Groder, and voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of June 11, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2025-26 Sewer Budget-Final Vote:** Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud informed the council that there would be a 13 percent rate increase for the new budget to sewer users. The 2025-26 Sewer Budget would be a total of \$620,614. It was moved by Dana Wrigley, seconded by Kelly Roderick, and voted 4-0 to accept the sewer increase and budget for the 2025-26 budget.
2. **Liquor License Renewal-American Legion & Waterville Country Club:** Town Clerk Kathleen Paradis explained to the council that all liquor licenses are now done online directly with the State of Maine. The American Legion wanted to have their application signed by the council so they would have something on file as well as with their online application. Also, the Waterville Country Club renewed their application and needed approval from the council as well. It was moved by Dana

Wrigley, seconded by David Groder, and voted 4-0 to approve the liquor licenses for the two establishments.

3. Junkyard Application Renewal: Nathan Smart Code Enforcement advised that council that we have a salvage car business that buys, titles and sells vehicles owned by Omar Alfaris and needs to have a recycling license. He had one a couple of years ago but was not on the list last year to be renewed. There was a public hearing held prior to this meeting and there were no residents who came to object. There have been no prior problems or concerns with this business. If approved this license will be valid until September 2025 at which time it will be renewed along with the other junkyards in town. It was moved by Dana Wrigley, seconded by David Groder, and voted 4-0 to approve the renewal.

4. Lakeview Cemetery Discussion (Stumps/Fence): Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud advised the council that we received a quote from H&T Arborist and the cost to removed the 25 stumps ground and cleaned would be \$5,285. If we were to schedule and have all stumps ground down at the same time it would be \$5,000. It was noted that the stumps are close to the fence. Dave Groder asked if there was a need for the fence at the cemetery? The fence has been there for quite some time. The Town Manager explained that the town has a cemetery trust fund account which has approximately \$200,000+ in the account for such work to be done. Don Borman asked if we had obtained any other bids? Dana Wrigley then suggested that we table this item until the fall. It was moved by Mike Perkins, seconded by Dana Wrigley and 4-0 to table any further discussion until fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. ATV Grant:** Town Manager informed the council that we received a Municipal/ATV grant for \$85,000 from the Bureau of Parks & Land. This is a 90% state funded, 10% match grant. ATV Club will get \$20,000 to update some of their trails and the town will get the remainder to build the ATV trail entrance at Pleasant Street along RSU 18 Property to connect to the Madison Branch Railbed Trail. Mike Perkins asked about parking. Kelly Pinney Michaud explained we are working with the railroad on this. The Town Manager also stated that she needed a motion to accept the grant to start the trail work. She also informed them that we will be applying for Maine Trails Bond Grant to build the Trail Head parking lot. Dana Wrigley made the motion that we accept the grant and was seconded by David Groder and voted 4-0 to accept the grant.
- 2. Oakfest Update:** Town Clerk Kathleen Paradis updated the council on the upcoming Oakfest event to be held on Friday July 25 and Saturday July 26. She explained that on Friday Evening we will shut Main Street down at 2:30pm so the food vendors and the American Legion and set up. The Theme is ‘Jimmy Buffett, Margaritaville.’ We will have a parade beginning at 6:00 p.m., food vendors, DJ, and the band “I Want My MTV” will begin at 8 p.m. The evening events will go on until 11:00pm. On Saturday, all events will be held at the Williams Elementary School with vendors, children’s area, car show and music. This year the ATV Club will be having their Annual Glow Ride in the evening. They

will have a BBQ at Wrigley Field on Fairfield Street from 4-6 p.m. Kevin Quirion from the Trail Riders explained the route and how the parade would proceed starting at 8:15 p.m. The ATV Riders will end the Oakfest events this year.

3. **2024 Tax Liens:** The Town Manager informed the council that we have sent out 123 tax liens that totaled \$165,586.76.

Other Business:

Kelly Roderick asked the Town Manager and other council members what we have in place as a safety plan for these meetings in the event we have something happen. She stated that she did not have any manual that informed her of such. She also stated that she is receiving threats at home as well. The Town Manager advised that if we know of someone that could be unruly, we have the Police Chief on duty at most meetings. The Town Manager also stated that she will check with Maine Municipal to see if they have a plan of action for such and also work with the Safety Committee to come up with a policy/procedure plan.

Donald Borman asked about Mr. Brickett's establishment at the corner of Pleasant Street. He stated that there have been several posts on social media regarding the appearance of the building as you approach into town. He also stated that the flower committee feels that they are trying to beautify the town and this is doing the opposite. Nate Smart, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that he has spoken to Mr. Brickett and sent letters regarding the violations. Mr. Brickett stated that he would clean up the area on his time. If Mr. Brickett does not follow through, then the next step is a violation.

Adjourn: It was moved by Kelly Roderick, seconded by David Groder, and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:30pm.