

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 8th, 2025

Council Members Present:

Michael Perkins, Chairman
Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman

Kelly Roderick
Robert Nutting

Others Present:

Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager
LT. Adam Sirois OPD
Jon Cox
George Bailey
Robert Brown

Kathleen Paradis, Town Clerk
David Couglin, Chief Oakland Fire Department
Ray Gruber
Laurie Brann
Ed Roderick

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 councilors present David Groder absent.
2. **To consider approving the minutes of September 24, 2025, meeting and sign the warrant.** The motion was made by Dana Wrigley, seconded by Robert Nutting, and voted 4-0 to accept the minutes and sign the warrant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing and 1st Reading of GA Maximums:** Town Clerk Kathleen Paradis informed the council of the GA Maximums for the year 2025-2026. She explained that every year starting October 1st, the State sends the towns new overall Maximums for guidelines to use for general assistance. She also explained that the maximums have gone up from \$45 to \$129 and that the housing maximums will increase from \$7 to \$38. Robert Brown asked how the program works. The Town Clerk explained how the program works and how those needing assistance can fill out an application. She explained that they must show any income and bank statements and other pertinent information to qualify. George Bailey inquired as well how the program works. The Town Clerk also explained that the town gets reimbursed 70 percent from the state and that we run on a \$20,000 budget. It was motioned by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Kelly Roderick and voted 4-0 to accept the GA Maximums and proceed with the second reading at the next council meeting.

2. **Sign Municipal Warrant for November 4, 2025, Elections:** Town Clerk Kathleen Paradis asked the council to sign the warrant for the upcoming November 4th election for the town candidates, and it will be posted at locations throughout the town. All four councilors signed the warrant.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Memorial Hall:** Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud informed the council that she has received a new lease agreement from an attorney and this new agreement will protect the town in case of any misunderstandings from the new tenants. She also stated that AJ Cain and his crew have begun moving our files to the basement of the Town Office. The Town Manager also stated that a local company has donated their product to build a new walkway at Memorial Hall for entrance into the new business. She asked permission from the council to sign the agreement and she would have the tenants sign as well. Dana Wrigley made a motion that we should sign the agreement, and it was seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-0.

Manager's Updates:

1. **Cascade Property Update:** The Town Manager informed the council that she had toured the building today with TRC. She stated that there is asbestos in the buildings. Working with KVCOG could help us with funding to abate the buildings. She also stated that there are thousands of dollars owed in taxes on this property. There was a discussion on who owns the building and the area, and it was explained that the original LLC dissolved in 2012. The Town Manager also stated that the public works crew did an outstanding job cleaning up the road as there were trees and bushes overlapping onto the road and removed several deserted boats and trailers. Edward Roderick asked if we would want to own the road? The Town Manager stated possibly.
2. **ATV Trail Update:** The Town Manager explained that Phase 1 is 99% completed with the \$85,000 grant. Jeff Hall and his crew did an amazing job getting the new entrance area ready. The ATV Club and the town will be doing a ribbon cutting to open the new trail access. She also asked the council permission for individuals to use the town office parking lots for weekend use for people to park their vehicles and trailers to gain access to the trail. This would be for Friday as well as the town office is closed. It was voted 4-0 to have temporary parking at the town office on the weekends.
3. **219 High Street Update:** Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud stated that they have been in contact with Terminex and the cost is \$1400 annually. Once Terminex places the bait, the residents will have to wait 2 weeks to begin cleaning up the area. She also stated that we would set up a payment with the owner to pay for the clean-up. George Bailey inquired why a year and that KPM could bait the area and is cheaper. Robert Brown stated that he had to have this done and it was \$60 monthly. He will give the town manager the contact information. Ray Gruber asked why the town is not cleaning it up. It was explained that we did not want our employees to be in this unhealthy situation. It was explained that the property owners are in violation of the property maintenance ordinance, and we are collaborating with them on that issue.

Other Business:

Kelly Roderick asked if the town could contact DOT as the bridge on Rice Rips Road has a lip and when you pass over it is quite a bump. The Town Manager explained that she has contacted DOT, and they are aware of the area and will be fixing the issue.

Kelly Roderick inquired about the fire destroyed resident on Fairfield Street. The Town Manager explained that they have 90 days to clean it up. Code Enforcement will be following up with the owner.

Robert Nutting also stated that at the overlook there is a big hole as turn right out of the area and that it could use some gravel. The Town Manager stated that we would have our public works crew take care of it.

Mike Perkins also stated that there the holes by the Korner Store need to be fixed before the winter months as they are only going to get worse. We will have public works fix those as well.

Resident George Bailey inquired again to have the town budget mirror how RSU 18 conducts their school budget. He would like to have a referendum night and then a voting day to vote in secret ballot. It was explained again that this would take a charter commission. It was discussed and advised to place the discussion as an agenda item on the next meeting.

Adjournment: It was moved by Kelly Roderick, seconded by Robert Nutting, and voted 4-0 to adjourn meeting at 6:45pm.