

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Council Members' Present:

Michael Perkins, Chairman
Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman
Kelly Roderick

Su Leigh
Robert Nutting

Others Present:

Kelly Pinney-Michaud-Town Manager
David Savage, Oakland Fire Dept.
Sheila Thorne Rogers Oakland Library
Michelle Fonatine
Anita Chadderton
Ed Roderick
Jason Muzerolle

Kathleen Paradis-Town Clerk
Gene Richard, Oakland Police Dept
Kimberly Lindlof, Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce
Janet Lund
Jon Cox
Mark Stevens, Jr.

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

1. **Roll Call:** Council Chair Michael Perkins took roll call. All five council members were present.
2. **To Approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026, meeting and sign the warrant.:** It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Su Leigh and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of January 28, 2026, meeting. The weekly warrant was also signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Kimberly Lindlof -Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce:** Ms. Lindlof spoke regarding the closing of the four dams in the area and its effect on the SAPPI Mill. She stated that they have met with the Plant Manager also Brookfield who is the entity responsible for taking down the dams. If this does occur this would be very devastating to the local economy, especially the Skowhegan area. There is an Advisory Board also a Municipal Review Board, and Energy Infrastructure Board as well that all have interest regarding the closings. If any citizen is interested in partaking or sharing thoughts, etc. they are welcome to join one of the above name boards or committees. Resident George Bailey asked if there would be any difference after the new governor is elected. Ms. Lindlof stated that unfortunately, she does not know that. Councilor Dana Wrigley asked what could be done as a council or interested parties. He asked if they should write letters, etc. Ms. Lindlof stated that you could send the letters to one of the boards listed.
2. **Accept Carnegie Corp Gift, Sheila Thorne Rogers Oakland Public Library Director:** Sheila Thorne Rogers, Library Director informed the council that the library was awarded a check in the amount of \$10,000 which is a gift from the Carnegie Foundation to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country. She stated that they could use the money for the building repairs, heating, and cooling. Dana Wrigley made a motion to accept the gift with the

intention that Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud have a large check made up and present it to Sheila to get some good public relations. The Town Manager and Ms. Thorne Rogers agreed to it. This was seconded by Kelly Roderick and voted 5-0 to accept the gift of \$10,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Wrigley Field/CSX Updated:** Town Manager informed the council that she spoke with a representative from CSX out of Florida and they have agreed to revitalize the current cattle crossing to be able to access the towns piece of property on the other side of the live track. She should have an agreement in the next 2 weeks.
2. **Spirit of America Award:** The Town Manager informed the council that in their packets they had a listing of individuals who have been nominated for this award. The councilors will look over the list and will inform the Town Manager of their choice.

Manager Updates:

1. **Oakland Police Dept. Drug Forfeiture Checks:** The Town Manager informed the council that the Police Department had received two checks for drug forfeiture money that goes back to when Chief Rick Stubbart was a detective. Each check and needs to be voted on separately. The first check is in the amount of \$1573.00. Dana Wrigley made a motion to accept the \$1573 and it was seconded by Kelly Roderick and vote 5-0 to accept the \$1573.00 check. The second check with the amount of \$2262.00. It was moved by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Susan Leigh and voted 5-0 to accept the check in the amount of \$2262.00
2. **Vandalism at Pleasant Point Park:** The Town Manager informed the council that they have identified the individuals responsible for the vandalism at the park. There were two 13-year-old and the third person involved was 12 years old. They were served with Criminal Trespass Notices and cannot be on town property for one year.
3. **Speed on the Country Club Road:** Mark Stevens Jr. resident of Country Club Road had sent a letter to the Town Manager and the Town Council regarding the speed on that road. He stated that the speed has become a concern as there is an increase of business with Bed Side Manor, The Ice Cream Shoppe, and more residents in the area. He stated that it takes 1.5 to 1.9 seconds for a person to react. There have been quite a few close calls by the Country Club as well. There are no crosswalks there. Councilman Robert Nutting stated that he plays golf there at the club and has not had any issues in crossing the road. Councilor Kelly Roderick also stated that there is no signage there about the golfers crossing. Councilor Susan Leigh asked if there could be a crosswalk put there. The Town Manager stated that we would have to have a study done and would talk to the public works department and the police department regarding the speed.

Other Business:

Councilor Kelly Roderick asked the Town Manager about the safety training for the councilors. The Town Manager stated that she will check with Police Chief Stubbart.

Councilor Susan Leigh stated that she has received information regarding the Overlook parking. She stated that someone had stated that they had gone off into the ditch and that we need to put up a “Traffic Turning” sign as people do not pay attention are traveling too fast in that area.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Kelly Roderick and seconded by Su Leigh and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:05p.m.