

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 24, 2024

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Council present:

Michael Perkins, Chair Dana Wrigley Robert Nutting
David Groder Donald Borman

Others present:

Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Kathy Paradis, Deputy Clerk Abby Marshall, IT
Kelly Roderick Chief Rick Stubbert
Lieutenant Chris Cowan Jon Cox
Angela Jurdak

IV. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approving the minutes from April 10, 2024, and signing the weekly payables warrant.

V. Business Agenda:

1. 67-2024 Signing of Sewer Commitment
Sewer Commitment for the user period January 1st through March 31st signed by Council members.
2. 68-2024 Confirmation of Ballot Clerks for Upcoming Election
Council members approved the list as presented by the Clerk for approval.
3. 69-2024 Charter Discussion

The Town Manager presented her recommendation for changes to the charter.(document attached)
After Council conversation it was agreed that the following suggestions would be kept for future consideration as amendments to the Charter.

Section 204 Filing

Section 303 When action of Town Meeting Required (Referring back to Section 404.8 within the current Charter)

Removed recommendations to: Section 102, Section 602, Section 603

The memo also included recommendations made by Kelly Roderick and Angela Jurdak.

Kelly Roderick stated she felt that a “Charter Commission” should be elected to review the entire Charter.

Councilor Nutting noted that amendments that are being considered would require being kept separately for voting purposes. Amendments would require a Public Hearing prior to the November 2024 election; at which time, the ballot would be available for the voters. Should revisions be suggested that would require an election of Charter Commission members elected at a November election.

Other Business: (If Necessary) Fire Chief's Vehicle

Moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0-1(David Groder abstained) to pull the Fire Chief's vehicle off the road as it will not pass inspection. Councilors agreed to authorize the Town Manager to calculate a stipend/vehicle reimbursement for the use of his own vehicle. The replacement of this vehicle is being considered at the May Town Meeting.

Libby Hill Bridge - Noted that there is a safety concern with individuals fishing off the bridge at the bottom of Libby Hill. There is no room for standing out of the way of traveling cars. This will be addressed.

Lower Oak Street - Noted that garbage is accumulating behind buildings on the corner of Heath and 26 Oak Street. This will be addressed.

Executive Session: Moved, seconded to enter executive session at 6:30 pm pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(c). Coming out of executive session at 7:40 pm. – no votes taken.

Adjournment It was moved by David Groder seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:40 pm.