

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

9/11/2024

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call - Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley Robert Nutting
Donald Borman David Groder

Others present: Kelly Pinney Michaud, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Abby Marshall, IT Joseph Barney Lisa Barney Geoff Fotter
Sadie Knight Steve Gurney Shawn Nava Kevin Quirion
Gene Roy Shirley Fenlason Amy Calder, Morning Sentinel
Barbara Bowling, KM Trails John Gardner, KM Trails
Kelly Roderick Ray Grueber Nathan Smart, Code Enforcement
Jon Cox Joan Fisher Conrad Fisher Susan Webb
Bradford Webb R. Kelly Harrell Paula Smedberg Darrell Wright Sr.
Patricia Mushero Craig Jackson Chief Rick Stubbert
Officer Craig Johnson Officer Amanda Reed

IV. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approving the minutes from August 21, 2024, and signing the weekly payables warrant.

V. Business Agenda:

Old Business:

1. Order 10-2425 – Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to proceed with gathering estimates and applying for the Trail Recreation Grant. John Gardner and Barbara Bowling, both members of the KMT (Kennebec Messalonskee Trail) as board members, spoke of the need for repairs and the willingness to help write the grant application. Gene Roy determined that along the existing trails the bridges are at least twenty-one (21) years old. Outdoor Sport Institute (OSI) will provide their support, with an excellent staff, helping with the assessment, planning, design, and construction of the natural surface trails. Document noted that the fee estimate would be project cost of \$2,375, \$800 from KMT and \$1,575 would come from our current budget. OSI noted that the proposal is valid for 30 days from the date of issue. Council members agreed to go forward with preparing estimates for the project.
2. Order 11-2425 – Discussion continued from the last Council meeting regarding the language/proposal for Recreational Vehicle Occupancy language. Audience members had questions relative to the verification of the temporary occupancy permit, definition of sewage disposal and extended occupancy. Conversation stressed that the most important part is the health and safety of neighbors. Where there might be campers parked that have no sewage disposal. Therefore, the town needs to ensure that septage is being properly disposed of. Councilor Perkins suggested that the Code Enforcement Officer visit the campers that he has noted, to find any safety and health concerns, and length of stay. All agreed to discuss it further at the next meeting.

New Business:

3. Order 12-2425 – Police Chief Rick Stubbert introduced our two (2) new hires – Officer Amanda Reid and Craig Johnson.
4. Order 13-2425 – Town Manager updated the Council that Cheryl Gould will be joining the staff as our full

time Finance Director.

5. Order 14-2425 – Councilors approved the voting delegate and alternate for the MMA Business Meeting.
6. Order 15-2425 - The Manager updated Councilors on the Messalonskee Boat launch Project. The state has agreed on the delay until the Spring of 2025. At which time Boyd Snowden will be available for the design and placing the project out to bid.
7. Order 16-2425 -The Manager reported that the landfill repair is going well. At this time, the Public Works Department has brought in 5,000 yards of clay, which was needed to repair where the area was sinking. DEP has been involved throughout the project and has approved.
8. Order 17-2425 – The Manager reported that the resident at 1113 Kennedy Memorial Drive is starting to move from the residence. Currently we are waiting for one (1) of the siblings to submit the last of the paperwork for closing on the parcel.
9. Order 18-2425 - Councilors agreed not to hold the October 9th Council Meeting as others have prior commitments Moved by David Groder seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to cancel the October 9th meeting, unless an emergency comes up and we will reschedule.
10. The Manager reported the findings of repairs needed at the Cascade Building, located on Railroad Avenue. One estimate received was in the amount of \$21,270, for replacement of sills and beams. Councilor Wrigley discouraged future maintenance on the building. The building is being used for “cold storage” only. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to start the September 25th meeting at the Cascade Building, on Railroad Avenue, to allow Councilors to view the building. Then back to the Fire Station to start the agenda.
11. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approving the Proclamation Constitution Week 2024, which proclaims September 17 through the 23rd to be “Constitution Week”.
12. The Manager reported that vandalism is occurring at the old Cascade Mill site. The Manager will see if there would be a possibility for the windows being boarded, however, concerns relative to the town not owning the property and our rights to do so. Kelly will continue to research the issue with state agencies and view town records.

VI. Executive Session: Personnel Matters, 1 MRSA ss 405(6)(a) It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to enter executive session at 7:05 pm.

Other Business: (If Necessary)

Adjournment Moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

9/17/2024 – Zoning Committee Meeting – Police Station 3:30 p.m.

9/18/2024 - Downtown TIF Meeting - Police Station 3:00 p.m.

9/18/2024 – ATV Meeting – Police Station 4:00 p.m.

9/23/2024 – Memorial Hall Committee – Police Station 4:00 p.m.

9/25/2024 - Transfer Station Committee Meeting - Police Station 4:00 p.m.

9/25/2024 – Council Meeting - Fire Station 6:00 p.m.