

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
11/13/2024

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Council members present:	Michael Perkins	Dana Wrigley
Robert Nutting	David Groder	Donald Borman

Others present:	Kelly Pinney-Michaud	Abby Marshall, IT
Janice Porter, Town Clerk	Ray Grueber	Dylan Clark, Transfer Station Manager
Sheila Thorne Rogers, Library Director		Angela Jurdak
Alan Sturtevant	Arthur Morrisette	Michelle Fontaine
K. Andrew Barry	Janet Lund	Chris Cowan, Lieutenant
Chief Rick Stubbert	Renee Reynolds	Kelly Roderick
David Savage		

IV. Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from October 23, 2024, and signing the weekly payables warrant.

V. Business Agenda:

**Old Business:**

1. Order 29-2425 Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 authorizing the cleanup of the town owned property (41 acres) located at 330 Middle Road. The property has a mobile home which is uninhabitable and needs to be torn down and removed from the site. It was agreed that the Public Works Department could complete the project. The Manager asked about the status of the property and the possibility of selling the parcel. Councilor Wrigley reminded others that years ago it was decided to keep the property for possible use as another cemetery, when or if needed. Also, questioning the possibility of the town selling the property and that the proceeds would go back to the family after deducting the towns accumulated cost, as this being the new policy for "tax acquired property".

**New Business:**

2. Order 30-2425 Library Director, Sheila Thorne Rogers, reviewed the portion of the Library Policy, General Policies, Circulation Policy, Section 4. as follows: The Oakland Public Library requires that patrons having books overdue 30 days or more will only be permitted to check out two books per visit, without renewal, for a period of six months after the fine(s) and applicable book replacement fee(s) have been paid and/or the late book(s) is returned. Moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to approve the policy update as read.

3. Order 31-2425 The recent inspection by the DEP is now mandating that the Transfer Station pad be clear of all debris, allowing the patrons to dump directly into the roll offs. As the Transfer Station attendants are in this location it was noted that "AJ" thought a small building for warmth could be constructed for approximately \$1,500 (8x8x8). Dylan spoke of placing a berm within the area which would allow the private haulers to dump and then cleaned up immediately with the loader.

4. Order 32-2425 Moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to postpone appointments to the Budget & Advisory members. The available terms will be appointed and then elected in November 2025 municipal election. The office will notify residents that there will be appointments made to the committee. Those interested shall contact the Town Office.
5. Order 33-2425 Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to accept the MMA Risk Reduction Grant in the amount of \$1,964.34. The grant money will purchase Buildings and Grounds Van Back up Alarm and Camera and 5 Jersey Barriers at the Transfer Station totaling \$1,964.34.
6. Order 34-2425 Council members signed the sewer commitment for the user period July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$140,026.76.
7. Order 35-2425 Moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to hold the December meetings on the first and third Wednesday, being December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> and the office closing at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup>, for all non-essential personnel.

### **Manager Updates**

Order 36-2425 Moved, seconded, and voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session per Personnel Matters 1.M.R.S.A.§405 (6)(A) at 6:40 pm.

Moved, seconded, and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 6:55 pm with no votes taken.

Order 37-2425 Moved by Michael Perkins, seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session Labor Negotiations 1M.R.S.A. ss405(6)(D) at 7:00 pm.

It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 7:54pm.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by David Groder seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

December 4 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Oakland Fire Station

December 18 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Oakland Fire Station