

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**Council Members Present:**

Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman  
Robert Nutting

David Groder  
Kelly Roderick

**Others Present:**

Kelly Pinney Michaud, Town Manager  
Cindy Reese  
Michelle Fontaine  
David Savage  
Jon Cox  
Anita Chadderton  
Conor Ferguson  
Nina Labbe

Kathleen Paradis, Town Clerk  
Francis Reese  
Ray Gruber  
Sheila Thorne Rogers  
Jeff Flye  
Janet Lund  
Mary Denise Ferguson

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice Chair Dana Wrigley and led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll Call:** Roll call was taken with four council members present. Absent was Michael Perkins
2. **To consider approving the minutes of the January 22nd, 2025, meeting:** It was moved by Bob Nutting and seconded by David Groder and voted 4-0 to accept the minutes from the January 22, 2025 meeting.

**Business Agenda:**

1. **American Legion - Game Of Chance Application:** Jeff Flye from the Decker Simmons American Legion Post #51 explained to the council members about their State application that must be approved for *games of chance*. This is something the State requires. This would be for Cribbage tournaments at the Legion for members and guests. A motion was made by David Groder and seconded by Bob Nutting and voted 4-0 to approve the application.
2. **Mary Denise Ferguson Town Farm Property:** Town Manager Kelly Pinney Michaud explained how the Ferguson's have a large piece of property which their house sits on, and they would like to divide the land into 3 additional lots for their children but only have access for a certain amount of lots through Nutting Trail. She is asking for permission/a right of way on the Town's property across from the Transfer Station, approximately a 50x1500 piece to build a road. Mary Denise showed the councilors the map of the area that she is interested in. She currently has access to her property down Nutting Trail, there is a convenience in the deed that states that there can only be access through Nutting Trail for 3 lots, which there are currently 3. Mary Denise explained that there is possible funding through 7-Lakes Alliance that could help build the road. Dana Wrigley stated that Nate Smart and Boyd Snowden should look go look at the area in question. Dana Wrigley made a

motion to table this for further discussion until Nate Smart and Boyd Snowden have had a chance to evaluate the land situation. It was seconded by Kelly Roderick and voted 3-0 with Bob Nutting abstaining to table any further discussion until the Code Enforcement Officer and Town Engineer have done their evaluation.

3. **MDOT Blanket:** Overweight Vehicle Approval-Spring 2025. This is an agreement that the town will issue a permit for the state to be able to haul construction equipment that exceed legal limits on posted town roads. Dana Wrigley suggested that we speak to Jeff Hall Public Works Director regarding this permit. It was moved by David Groder and seconded by Bob Nutting and voted 4-0 to sign agreement.
4. **Library Bid Awards:** Kelly Pinney Michaud stated that the heat pump replacement bid was awarded to Hartwell Heating an Oakland company and money would be coming out of the Library Building Reserve Account. Bob Nutting asked if the heat pumps are broken? The Library Director explained that the pumps have not been working for 12 years. Library Director Sheila Thorne Rogers explained that they only be used in the summer, the humidity is not good for the books. It was moved by Dana Wrigley and seconded by Bob Nutting to authorize Hartwell Heating to install the new pumps.
5. **9 Pleasant Street:** Town Manager Kelly Pinney Michaud stated that she received 2 emails regarding the 9 Pleasant Street property possibly being a location for the Town Office. Kelly went on to say that the building is over 50 years old and has been remodeled a few times with the latest in 2024. The building is valued at \$647,600 the town would lose \$9,647.99 in taxes. Kelly Pinney Michaud also went on to say that we would lose the TIF and tax base. Bob Nutting stated that if it was really that chopped than it probably would not make a good building for a Town Office. Cindy Reese stated that she was the one that had asked Kelly Roderick about the town acquiring the building. Dana Wrigley stated that the town has no money at this time and in 3 years the Police Department will be paid off and our plan is to slide that annual payment over to the Town Office. Cindy Reese stated that it was just a thought. Dana Wrigley stated that it is a very attractive building, but the finances are the issue. Town Manager inquired if the councilors would like to go and look at the building? Dana Wrigley stated yes, we could go look but also asked about how old the wiring is in the building. The Town Manager will set up an appointment to tour the building.

**Other Business:** Town Manager Kelly Pinney Michaud explained that she will be out on Jury Duty on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

\* Kelly Roderick stated that she had asked for the Budget Committee Meetings to be taped in an email to the council. Kelly Roderick explained that the budget meetings have great conversations, and it would be helpful for the public to see this. David Groder said he had no problem with this. Bob Nutting said he had not objections. Dana Wrigley stated that it is a public meeting. Town Manager said that she will start taping the meetings.

\*Bob Nutting asked about a snow day seeing the State had already closed for the impending storm on Thursday. Dana Wrigley stated that the decision should be up to the Town Manager.

**Adjourn:** It was moved by Kelly Roderick seconded by Dave Groder and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:41pm.