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OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA 4/9/2025 6:00 pm OAKLAND FIRE STATION

- I. Call to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. To consider approving the minutes from March 26, 2025 and signing the weekly payables warrant.
- V. Business Agenda:

New Business:

| 1. | Order – 71-2425 | Citizen George Bailey |
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| 2. | Order – 72-2425 | Health Officer Update – K.Michaud |
| 3. | Order – 73-2425 | Community Gardens @ the Overlook - Aaron Parker, Rec Director |
| 4. | Order – 74-2425 | Dave Coughlin – Letter of support request WTVL |
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Old Business:

- 1. 9 Pleasant Street Update
- 2. Website Discussion K.Roderick

Manager Updates (if any)

- Mid May Council Workshop regarding Sewer and Fee structure with a Waterworth Presentation.
- HRT

Executive Session: None

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

April 23 - Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Fire Station April 24 – Downtown TIF Committee Meeting – 3:00 p.m. Police Station

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 26, 2025

Council Members Present:

Dana Wrigley Vice Chairman Kelly Roderick

Others Present:

Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager Abigail Marshall, IT Chris Cowan, OPD Jon Cox Su Li Robert Nutting

Kathleen Paradis, Town Clerk Dylan Clark, Transfer Station Manager Gene Richard, OPD Michelle Fontaine George Bailey

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, and three council members were present. Absent Mike Perkins, David Groder.
- 2. To consider approving the minutes of the March 12th, 2025, meeting: It was moved by Kelly Roderick and seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 3-0 to accept the minutes of the March 12th, 2025, with changes regarding Kelly Rodericks parents being voters in the town.

Business Agenda:

1. William Cook Transfer Station Trespass: Town Manager Kelly Pinney-Michaud explained to the council members that Mr. Cook was served with criminal trespass notice and could not use the Transfer Station for 1 year. She went on to say that he had brought in loads of cardboard from outside of Oakland. Dylan Clark Transfer Station Manger explained why Mr. Cook had been served. Dylan stated that Mr. Cook had brought in items from Winslow twice and that is not allowed. He also had previously taken metal from the metal pile and had to have Officer Sirois at the facility. Councilor Nutting explained that the pile belongs to citizens Oakland. Kelly Roderick asked if there was a sign and Dylan stated yes. Mr. Cook's criminal trespass will remain for one year.

2. Cemetery Fees, Fines, & Policy Changes: The changes to the new cemetery fees, fines and policy were reviewed. It was motioned by Robert Nutting and Seconded by Kelly Roderick and voted 3-0 to accept latest changes.

3. Sign Municipal Warrant: The Warrant for the 2024 Town Report was signed.

Manager's Report: The Town Manager updated the council on the Middle Road property. She informed them that the garage and trailer were demolished by Public Works. Once the weather cooperates, Jeff Hall and the public works crew will continue the site work. She also told the council that Don Plourde had called her about 9 Pleasant Street, the doctor's offices and she is going to take a tour on Monday March 31, 2025, at 9:00am and invited them to join her.

It was moved by Kelly Roderick and seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 3-0 to adjourn at 6:25pm.



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April 3, 2025

Town Council Members

Oakland, Maine

Dear Town Leaders,

On behalf of the Cities of Augusta and Waterville, I am writing to respectfully ask for your support for a Congressionally Directed Spending request currently under consideration by Senator Susan Collins' office. As regional public safety dispatch centers, Augusta and Waterville serve a broad network of municipalities throughout Kennebec County. The time has come to replace the aging, mission-critical infrastructure that underpins these services.

Virtually all aspects of modern public safety operations depend on reliable, up-to-date software and communications systems. The two regional communications centers currently serving over half of Kennebec County's residents are still operating with software developed in 1986. This technology has received only minimal updates and no longer meets today's operational or cybersecurity standards. Replacing this outdated system is essential, however such an update comes with significant costs.

In July 2023, the Waterville Regional Communications Center (WRCC) was officially designated a Public Safety Answering Point. Overnight, the WRCC became the 13th busiest 911 center in Maine, now answering emergency calls from nine communities in northern Kennebec County. This surge in demand has placed unsustainable pressure on already outdated equipment. The WRCC urgently needs an additional workstation to manage call volume, and its radio system (now over 20 years old) is no longer supported by the manufacturer, leaving no access to replacement parts, limited repair options, and no path for future expansion.

Through months of collaboration, Augusta and Waterville have developed a coordinated plan to upgrade their communications infrastructure with modern, secure, and reliable technology. Following extensive research and a vendor consultation process, we are ready to implement a system that will serve all involved communities well into the future.

This project takes a regional approach, one that maximizes cost-efficiency, minimizes duplication, and ensures interoperability between the two centers. Not only will this approach yield significant savings, but it will also allow the two dispatch centers to function as mutual backups, enhancing resilience and continuity during emergencies.



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Undertaking this project without federal support would place an unsustainable burden on local taxpayers. Therefore, we are seeking \$1.7 million in Congressionally Directed Spending through Senator Collins' office to make this essential upgrade possible. To provide further context, I have included two tables at the end of this letter. The first outlines the communities and populations that will directly benefit from these system improvements. The second presents a detailed budget for the project, demonstrating both the scope of need and our commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Your letter of support will help demonstrate that this funding is both necessary and widely supported by leaders across Kennebec County and Central Maine. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this initiative further, please feel free to contact my office directly. We respectfully request that letters be submitted via email to wbonney@waterville-me.gov no later than April 12, 2025.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours respectfully,

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William L Bonney

Communities Served

Proposed Budget

| Town | Population | Item | Cost |
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| Albion | 2006 | Computer Aided Dispatch Software | \$ 509,565.35 |
| Augusta | 18899 | Monitor Upgrade | \$ 3,500.00 |
| | | Dispatch Radio System | \$ 315,079.26 |
| Belgrade | 3250 | IT Room Radio Infrastructure | \$ 234,658.00 |
| China | 4408 | Employee Wages for Training | \$ 19,200.00 |
| Clinton | 3370 | DMR/P25 Portables | \$ 79,708.97 |
| Hallowell | 2570 | Tower Site Interconnection | \$ 160,663.38 |
| | | Station Alert System - Waterville | \$ 66,942.00 |
| Oakland | 6230 | Station Alert System - Winslow | \$ 45,636.50 |
| Rome | 1148 | Station Alert System - Oakland | \$ 48,879.00 |
| Sidney | 4645 | Station Alert System - Clintion | \$ 51,460.50 |
| Winslow | 7948 | Equature Recording Software 20 channel | \$ 168,989.60 |
| Waterville | 15828 | | |
| TOTAL | 70302 | TOTAL | \$1,704,282.56 |