

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

**Council Members Present:**

Mike Perkins, Chairman	Robert Nutting
Dana Wrigley Vice Chairman	Kelly Roderick
David Groder	

**Budget And Advisory Members Present:**

Michael Rossignol-Chairman	Rick Mackenzie-Vice Chairman
Michelle Fontaine	Arthur Morrissette
Angela Jurdak	Phyllis Capanna
Glen Adams	Don Ponitz
Su Leigh	Jeremy Lizzotte

**Others Present:**

Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager	Kathleen Paradis, Town Clerk
Nathan Smart, Code Enforcement Officer	Abigail Marshall, IT
David Coughlin, Fire Chief	Boyd Snowden, Town Engineer
David Savage	Jon Cox
Ron Gruber	Kevin Barry

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

- 1. Roll Call:** Roll call was taken all five council members were present.
- 2. To consider approving the minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting:** It was moved by Dana Wrigley, seconded by David Groder, and voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting.

**Business Agenda:**

**1. Second Reading of Land Use Ordinance:** Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Smart spoke to those present to amend the land use ordinance changes following the State LD2003 Law to include ADU's (accessory dwelling units), It was motioned by Robert Nutting and seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to accept the Land Use Ordinance with the new State changes.

**2. Cemetery Fee & Fines, and Policy Change:** Kelly Pinney-Michaud Town Manager informed the council that she has worked with AJ Cain on new fees and policy changes for the cemetery. These fees have not been changed since 2017 and need to be aligned with other cemeteries in the area. We are still below the other cemeteries fees in the area. Kelly Roderick asked how a resident is defined as it states you must have a vehicle registered, be a registered voter, be a full-time resident with an Oakland address. She went on to say that her parents would not qualify as they do not own a vehicle, nor are they registered to vote by their choice, and they do not own any property in town? After a discussion it was decided that it would be at the discretion of the Town Clerk as she would be familiar with the residents in Oakland. A

motion was made by Dana Wrigley, seconded by Kelly Roderick, and voted 5-0 to make the necessary changes to the cemetery fees and fines and vote at the next meeting.

**3. 2024 Town Report Dedication and Spirit of America Award:** Kelly Pinney-Michaud Town Manager explained to the council that in front of each of them there were two pieces of paper on which would be to vote for the dedication of our 2024 town report. The other would be to vote for a Spirit of America recipient. The Town Manager will take all the votes and tally them. She will then let them know who our town report will be dedicated to and will also let them know who the recipient is for the Spirit of America Award.

**4. Public Works Excavator:** Town Manager explained that AJ Cain from Buildings and grounds will be needing his excavator back as it is beginning to be his busy season. The Transfer Station is in need of a bigger excavator, she asked if could purchase one now with \$35,000 from the KMD reserve account and \$100,00 from the reserve money? David Groder asked if the price we are asking for is \$135,000. The Town Manager stated yes and if we want to purchase this, we could have it within 10 days. There are only two left, one in Maine and one in New Hampshire. Kelly Roderick asked if we had to go to a special town meeting where it was over \$10,000? Kelly Pinney Michaud explained that this money was voted on every year and put into reserve, so we do not have to have a special meeting. Dana Wrigley made a motion and seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0, to use the \$35,000 from the KMD Reserve account and \$100,000 in reserve to purchase the new excavator.

**Town Manager's Report:**

Kelly Pinney Michaud informed the council that the Fire Department was awarded a grant of \$8,900 from the Maine Fire Protection for equipment. It was moved by Dana Wrigley, seconded by Kelly Roderick, and voted 4-0-1 with David Groder abstaining from voting to accept the grant money.

**Voting on Warrant Articles:** The Town Council and the Budget Advisory Committee voted on the warrant articles for the town report. They were approved and will be presented at the Town Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Adjourn:** It was motioned by Dana Wrigley, seconded by David Groder, and voted 5-0 to end the public meeting at 6:50pm and go into executive session.

**Executive Session:**

Executive Session began at 6:55pm.

It was then motioned by Rober Nutting and seconded by David Groder at 7:40pm to end the Executive Session.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley, seconded by Bob Nutting to move forward with the item discusses in executive session. 5-0 vote to move forward.

At 7:44pm it was moved by Kelly Roderick, seconded by David Groder, and voted 5-0 to adjourn.