

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

MINUTES

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Members present: David Kee, David Keene, Paul Gauvin, Byron Vinton
Members absent: Mike Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, Frank Dunbar
3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions – NONE
4. Consider minutes of previous meetings – NONE
5. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Correspondence Needing Action or Discussion

1. Bangor Gas Rate Case

Town Manager Derik Goodine commented that the PUC authorized a seven (7) year ARP with no change to the current rates, holding these constant for seven years with no earnings sharing, or inflation or productivity adjustments. Unless an appeal is filed by one of the parties, the PUC Order should conclude this rate case, and the current rates will continue for seven (7) years with the additional Service quality Index protections for customers.

2. 2015 Hancock County Budget Schedule and Initial Budget Proposals

Town Manager Derik Goodine shared information on the public hearing schedule for the proposed County budget, and asked for feedback from the Council as well as Town department supervisors.

- b. Other correspondence and documents

Town Manager received a copy of the preliminary 2015 State Valuation report from the Property Tax Division. This valuation represents the full equalized value of all taxable property in the municipality as of April 1, 2013.

6. Public Hearings – NONE
7. New Ordinances to Consider

- a. Shall an Ordinance be introduced entitled “Amendment to the Bucksport Town Code, Appendix K, Official Zoning Map”, such Ordinance being for the purpose of changing the zoning classification for a lot identified on Tax Map 32 as Lot 27 from the Downtown Shoreland District to the 84 Main Street Contract Zone. The zone change is subject to Town Council approval of the following Contract Zone Agreement:

Jeff Hammond Code Enforcement Officer commented that this ordinance is in reference to the Jacques property on Main Street. He indicated that the property owner is finding it difficult to get commercial businesses as renters and that he would like the option of constructing apartments and renting it to residential customers.

Mayor Keene asked if the building would still be able to be rented to commercial business owners, even after the residential transition.

Jeff Hammond indicated that it would still be possible..

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to send this item to the Ordinance Committee.

8. Discussion Items

- a. Daniel Bunker Presentation of Miles Lane Trail Project

Daniel Bunker presented the Council with an update on the Miles Lane Trail Project. He noted that he has completed the project and took the time to extend thanks to: Kim Delbridge, for the printing of signs and brochures; Chris Grindle, assisting Dan with brochure design; Jef Fitzgerald, for updating the maps; Bucks Mills Rod & Gun Club; Kathy Downes, for assisting Dan in as many ways possible; Verso; Jerry’s True-Value Hardware; Julia Edelblute; and Daniel’s parents, Tim & Elizabeth Bunker.

Daniel noted that the total cost of the project totaled \$1,056.25, and 135 hours and 25 minutes of labor.

- b. Upper Long Pond Town Property Condition and Improvements Needed for Better Production

Rob Manner addressed the Council regarding Upper Long Pond property. Rob is a farmer from Frankfort, and indicated that he would like to cut back trees and brush in the field to permit him to redevelop the field for better haying.

Mayor Keene noted that he would like for the Town Manager to look into what is best for the field and take that information into consideration.

Byron Vinton added that this needs to be put out to bid like any other project by putting notice in the paper seeking bids.

9. Agenda Items

- a. Consider Resolve #R-2015-39 which Amends Resolve #R-2015-36 to Show Correct Amount to be Invested with Camden National Bank

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-39.

- b. Consider Resolve #R-2015-40 to Authorize Payment to Olver Associates Inc. for Sewer Treatment Plant Engineering Costs Related to DEP/RD Review

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-40.

10. Sign RSU #25 Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election for November 4, 2014 Election

Councilors signed the copy provided to them by Town Clerk, Kathy Downes.

11. Sign Municipal Quitclaim Deed for paid taxes

It was motioned by Paul Gauvin, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to sign municipal quitclaim deed for Dwayne Weston for paid taxes.

12. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Derik Goodine indicated that he is still working with the lawyer to settle 52 Central Street property.

13. Approve any licenses or permits if any

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve victualer license for Robert Hogan, Hogan's of Maine, d/b/a McDonald's of Bucksport.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve the issuance of a festival license to Leslie Wombacher, Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, f/b/o the annual Ghostport event. This motioned was granted approval that the Coffin Race event being

14. held on Franklin Street, not Main Street, as mentioned on application.

15. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public - NONE

16. Upcoming Public Hearings – NONE

17. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment and Scheduling of Committee Meetings

- a. Meeting of Appointment Committee to Discuss Appointment to the Board of Appeals

Appointments Committee meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

- b. Meeting of Streets and Roads Committee to Discuss and Make Recommendation to Council on whether Royal Ridge Lane Should be Accepted as a Town Road

Streets and Roads Committee meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

- c. Any other Committee Meetings

Ordinance Committee meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

18. Agenda Items Requiring Executive Sessions – NONE

- a. Adjournment

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary