

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor David Keene.
2. Member Present: Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin and Robert Carmichael, Jr.
3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions – **None**
4. Consider minutes of previous meetings – **None**
5. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Verona Mutual Aid Police Call – 3/27/2016
-The Interim Town Manager explained that the notification to the Council was required by the agreement with Verona and that it allowed the Council to have that information in case a constituent had questions about why the cruiser was on Verona. This call was requested by the Maine State Police due to a State Trooper who had responded to a call on Verona but was out of touch with their dispatch center.
 - b. Presentation – 3/25/16 Manager’s Interchange on Bucksport as an Age & Ability Friendly Community
-The Interim Town Manager provided a copy of a presentation that she made to the Maine Town, City & County Manager’s Interchange on March 25th, 2016.
 - c. Downeast Transportation – February Ridership
-This report itemizes use of the weekly bus/cab service provided for the month of February.
 - d. Thank you – 2015-16 Appropriation – Child & Family Opportunities, Inc.
-This letter was received from Child & Family Opportunities, Inc. as a thank you for the 2015-16 donation which was paid on March 11th, 2016.
 - e. Verona Mutual Aid Police Call – 3/18/16
-This call was done on a request from the Hancock County Sheriff’s Office related to an incident on the bridge.
 - f. Presentation – Senior Living Series – 3/8/16
-The Interim Town Manager provided a copy of the presentation she made to the Senior Living Series workshop on March 8th, 2016.
6. Public Hearings – **None**

7. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce – **None**
8. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues) - **None**
9. Agenda Items

- a. Resolve #R-2016-58 to approve the Town acting as fiscal agent for Main Street Bucksport through 12/31/16
-The Interim Town Manager explained that this would be for the purpose of allowing the Main Street Group to do fundraising and apply for grants while working on receiving 501 © 3 status as an organization through 12/31/16

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-58.

- b. Resolve #R-2016-59 to approve an easement request for Lighthouse Arts Center to allow for installation of a handicap access walkway
-Architect Charles Early of Lewis & Malm Architects presented a proposal from Kathryn James for the redevelopment of 86 Main Street to the Lighthouse Arts Center. In order to conform with fire marshall requirements for numbers of people and egress, a handicap accessible entrance is necessary on the water side of the building. In order to do that in an aesthetically pleasing way, Ms. James needs an easement from the Town to allow the handicap accessible walkway to cross town land adjacent to the river walk. Ms. James and her architect had met in early March with Rich Rotella, Economic Development Director, Sue Lessard, Interim Town Manager, Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Hammond, Mayor David Keene and Councilor David Kee to brainstorm about how that could best be accomplished. The plan shown by Mr. Early depicted the outcome from suggestions received at that meeting.

If an easement is approved, the next step would be for the attorney for Ms James to prepare a legal easement that reflects the plan that the Town and Ms. James have agreed upon that can be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-59.

Several Councilors commented that this project would have a great positive impact on the downtown and the waterfront.

10. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections – **None**
11. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds – **None**

12. Town Manager Report

-A copy of the report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

13. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits – **None**

14. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

-Rich Rotella, Economic Development Director invited all to the grand opening of the Heart & Soul program at their new site at the former Rosen's building on Main Street on Saturday. The group has \$1,200 in donations for coupons for free ice cream cones at Wahl's Dairy Port for all visitors to the building

-Councilor Kee asked about the schedule for cruise ships for the summer. The Ad-Hoc Committee had identified this as an area where the Town should coordinate more ways for people on the cruises to spend more time in Bucksport, and to have volunteer greeters that meet the ships when they came in.

-Councilor Stewart asked whether or not cleaning up the deadwood on the shore by the Center of the Universe project had been looked into.

-It was reported that a telephone pole had been hit by a plow on Scott's Lane and should be checked out.

Councilor Rabs thanked the Interim Town Manager for the presentations to the two groups that were provided in the packet. He felt that this is another way to promote Bucksport as a good place to live.

15. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

- a. Request from Brittany LaRue – Waterfront event – August 8th – scheduling of Waterfront Committee meeting for recommendation
-Waterfront Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 14th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room to discuss request for August 8th event.
- b. Schedule meeting with Orland Selectmen for discussion of PERC/MRC post 2018 trash disposal options
-Joint Meeting with Town Council/Orland Selectmen on Thursday, April 14th, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers to discuss post 2018 trash disposal options.
- c. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with MDOT to discuss bridge/road projects that the DOT has planned for this year.

16. Agenda Items Requiring Executive Sessions

- a. Executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 405(6) (A) Personnel Matter – to discuss Town Manager Candidates

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to enter executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter – to discuss Town Manager Candidates at 7:55 P.M..

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to re-enter regular session at 8:20 P.M..

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to waive the requirement for the Town Manager to live in Bucksport and to offer a three-year employment contract on terms and conditions negotiated in executive session to Susan Lessard as the Town Manager with a start date of April 4, 2016.

17. Adjournment

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Interim Town Manager