

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor Lisa Whitney called meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Robert Carmichael, Joel Wardwell, Lisa Whitney, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson, Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of the previous meeting

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of September 24, 2009 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence or other documents:
 - a. Treasurer's Warrants for September 2009
-Council members received copies of treasurer's warrants for the month of September 2009. Town Manager asked that questions or concerns be directed to himself or Finance Director.
 - b. Financials for the period ending 9-30-2009
-Council members received copies of financials for the period ending 09-30-2009, and any questions or concerns see the Town Manager of Finance Director.
 - c. Departmental Reports
-Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager.
5. Consider Proclamation honoring Allan Gordon for his years of service on the Bucksport Planning Board

Mayor Lisa Whitney read aloud the Proclamation honoring Allan Gordon for his thirty-three consecutive years of service as a member to the Town of Bucksport, Planning Board for his high degree of integrity, his vision and his leadership skills. The proclamation also recognized his sacrifices of many hours of time for little or no pay, and noted that he always sought to serve the interest of the Town of Bucksport and its citizens.

Upon reading the Proclamation, Mayor Lisa Whitney presented Allan Gordon with the Proclamation signed by members of the Town Council.

6. Hold public hearing on the proposed ordinance entitled "Appendix K Land Use Ordinance"

Joel Wardwell, Ordinance Committee Chairperson indicated that the committee has been working on Appendix K Land Use Ordinance for nearly three years and noted that the primary purposes are to establish a single set of land use regulations governing both shoreland and nonshoreland areas; to update shoreland zoning regulations to be consistent with DEP shoreland zoning requirements; to revise the Official Zoning Map to identify zoning boundary changes, new zoning districts and changed zoning districts; and to implement the land use recommendations of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan.

Ralph Robertson, citizen living on the Silver Lake Road has concerns about his property being put into resources protection by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Robertson asked for clarification on how properties are put into resource protection, without property owners having any say in the matter.

Dr. Bonnie Blake Kline representing a citizens' group that has been opposing a proposed rock quarry on Route 46 spoke on behalf of the group of residents of concerns especially at such time that this road is made suitable for any increase in heavy truck traffic.

Mary Jane Bush asked for clarification on what can and cannot be done in the town's rural zone, as the current uses being proposed do not seem conducive to preserve the rural character of those large portions of the town.

George McLeod requested clarification on uses that would permit auction halls in the downtown shoreland zone.

7. Close hearing and act on the proposed ordinance

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Carmichael to approve Appendix K Land Use Ordinance.

Council members discussed several issues brought to their attention by citizens during the hearing and opted to take no action, but to send the issues back to the ordinance committee for further discussion.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to send the proposed ordinance entitled "Appendix K Land Use Ordinance" back to the Ordinance Committee to review issues of concerns from Mr. Robertson, Bonnie Blake Kline, Mary Jane Bush and George MacLeod.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

8. Consider introducing an ordinance entitled "Amendment to Appendix M General Assistance Ordinance"

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to introduce an ordinance entitled "Amendment to Appendix M General Assistance Ordinance."

9. Consider Resolve #R-2010-35 regarding request from Eugene Berry to use the sludge building for storage of septic waste sludge

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-35.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2010-37 authorizing expenditure from the Town Garage Reserve Account

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-37.

11. Issue licenses or permits, if any

No licenses or permits to be issued.

12. Hear report from Town Manager regarding the following:

- a. Concession Stand

-The concession stand is now complete and the handicap walkway should be completed this week.

- b. Industrial Park

-A request for proposals have been issued for engineering services to extend the road and utilities into the new 20-acre parcel and due on October 23rd.

- c. Silver Lake Boat Landing

-A request for proposals have been issued for engineering services to improve the parking and landing at the Silver Lake Boat Landing and due on October 23rd.

- d. Energy Audit

-The consultant has completed the audit at the Public Safety Building and Transfer Station, and will finish the audit at the Town Garage and Wastewater Treatment Facility on Monday, October 12th. The report should be completed for all facilities by the end of November.

- e. Gardner Commons Improvements

-The project is out to bid, and the bid opening is scheduled for October 23rd. The project includes a new porte-cochere, new kitchen, ceiling fans for all apartments and the community center, parking lot drainage improvements, new automatic door openers, storage compartments for tenants in the basement area, a gazebo and replacement of the lights in the community room.

f. Road and Street Projects

-All road and street construction projects scheduled for the construction season have been completed. The paving company will be returning in a few weeks to install the new curbing and to pave the sidewalks on sections of Pond Street and on Franklin Street.

g. Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pumps Station Improvements

-The installation of the new SCADER System and electrical rebuild of pump station 3 has been completed. All work proposed for the 2009 construction season has been completed with exception of installing new stainless steel weirs for the two clarifiers. Also received reimbursement from the insurance company for the damage that was done to Pump Station 2 resulting from a pipe bursting and flooding the station.

h. Annual Building Inspection

-The inspection of all buildings and facilities owned by the town has been completed.

i. Wind Energy

-Working to identify a qualified consultant to assist the town to determine the feasibility of wind power in Bucksport.

13. Discussion items

It was motioned by Dave Keene, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to suspend the rules to take up two items not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Joel Wardwell, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to sign the Municipal Warrant for the November 3rd, Election.

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to appoint Kathy Downes as Election Warden for the November 3rd Election.

14. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary