

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. New members of the Town Council will take the Oath of Office

Town Clerk, Kathy Downes swore in newly elected Town Council Members, Byron Vinton III, David W. Kee and Brian Leeman.
2. Councilor Dave Keene called meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
3. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton III, David Kee, Brian Leeman, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson and Robert Howard.
4. Elect Mayor for the ensuing year

It was motioned by Dave Keene, seconded by Dave Kee and unanimously voted to nominate Jeff Robinson as Mayor for the ensuing year.
5. Appointment of town council members to council committees, boards, and committees of interest

Mayor Jeff Robinson asked that council members submit a list of committee options they are interested in serving on, and will make every effort to put them on their requested committees.
6. Receive and review the following correspondence and/or documents
 - a. Signed treasurer's warrants for the month of December 2009
 - b. Financial reports for the period ending 12/31/2009
 - c. Letter from DEP regarding approval of the Land Use Ordinance and Map
 - d. Complaint filed by Vaughn Thibodeau & Sons in Superior Court regarding denial by the Planning Board of a granite quarry operation
 - e. Memo from MMA regarding Governor's proposed supplemental state budget
 - f. Letter from Hancock County RCC/911 regarding dispatch services
Mayor Jeff Robinson noted the above correspondence and/or documents and asked that questions or concerns be directed to the Town Manager.
7. Hold a public hearing regarding the town's proposed application to the Office of Economic and Community Development for a 2010 Public Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant for drainage improvements

Town Manager briefly reviewed the proposed Public Infrastructure CDBG application to include funds to install a drainage system in the Townsite drainage area. The estimated cost for the project is \$525,000, which \$385,000 would be CDBG funds and \$140,000 would be local funds to be appropriated from Undesignated Fund Balance. Engineering fees paid to Millett Associates to complete the study and design the project will be an addition to the local share.

There were thirty-three citizens present at the meeting most were there to support the application. Several individuals spoke and two letters were also received from interested citizens. Following is a brief summary of the statements made:

Mary Durost, 11 Spring Street/Townsite, has lived there 26 years with a wet basement; numerous flooding, had to replace furnace motor, washing machine, etc. spent thousand of dollars. Strongly support new drainage system.

Gail Hallowell, 1 Thomas Street/Townsite, in support of drainage system. The flooding has gotten worst over time, always had a wet basement.

Todd Hanson, owner of Knox View Apartments indicated with heavy rain, the storm drain covers blow off with the force. We really need a new drainage system.

Donna Smith, 11 Spofford Avenue/Townsite, fully supports the drainage system. Have lived in the house for five years and have had over four feet of water in her basement and lost everything, numerous times.

Debbie Lancaster, 3 Spring Street/Townsite, also fully supports the drainage system, noting flooding of four feet of water and lost everything.

Doug Wentworth noted over four feet of water flooding the basement of one of his apartments, tenants lost everything, and the water was pouring/shooting out the electrical board.

Shelia Worden, 5 Spring Street/Townsite expressed her frustrations; everytime it rains she has extreme amounts of water in her basement, (over four feet) and has lost everything, furnace, washing machine, freezer, storage items, etc. She has had to purchase flood insurance, and has had to use it.

8. Close hearing and act on Resolve #R-2010-63 authorizing submittal of the CDBG application and appropriation of the local match

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-63.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2010-64 regarding procedure for signing Treasurer's Warrants

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-64.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2010-65 regarding signatures on documents and contracts approved by the Bucksport Town Council

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-65.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2010-66 referring annual appointments to the Appointments Committee

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-66.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2010-67 referring matter pertaining to improvements to the Silver Lake Boat Landing to the Finance Committee

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-67.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2010-68 referring matter of developing a Mineral Extraction Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-68.

14. Consider Resolve #R-2010-69 referring matter pertaining to the energy audits to the Finance Committee

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-69.

15. Consider Resolve #R-2010-70 referring the proposal from SED regarding a wind power turbine study to the Energy Committee

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-70.

16. Consider Resolve #R-2010-71 referring to the Ordinance Committee the matter pertaining to policy for installing banners on the banner posts located at Peary's Landing

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-71.

17. Consider Resolve #R-2010-72 authorizing contract with consultant to help locate an occupant and/or use for the Old Jed Prouty

Councilor David Kee asked to define "success fee"
Town Manager recommended tabling Resolve #R-2010-72 until "success fee" is defined.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2010-72 to amend the contract to define "success fee."

18. Consider Resolve #R-2010-73 regarding the removal of the sidewalk located on the south side of Main Street at the bridge over Tannery Brook

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-73.

19. Consider Resolve #R-2010-74 approving the audit report for the 2009-2010 fiscal year

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-74.

20. Consider Resolve #R-2010-75 approving the Settlement Agreement with Regional School Unit #25 and the Town of Bucksport

Dave Keene recommended disbursing funds as needed to the RSU #25 for purpose intended at a set dollar amount.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2010-75 and recommend the Finance Director review the process of disbursing funds to the RSU #25 on a needed basis for purpose intended and report back to the Council her findings.

21. Consider Resolve #R-2010-76 authorizing contract with Millett Associates for engineering services for improvements to Central Street

I was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-76.

22. Consider Resolve #R-2010-77 regarding tax acquired property

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-77.

23. Consider issuing pole permit to CMP and NET along Heritage Park Road

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve pole permit to CMP and NET along Heritage Park Road.

24. Consider issuing permits or licenses, if any

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Victualer's License for Laurie Seekins, d/b/a Seekins Kwik Stop/Seekins, LLC.

25. Hear report from Town Manager regarding:

a. 2009 CDBG Housing Assistance

-The contractor has started work in the kitchen area and the port-couchere has been fabricated and is being painted. A meeting was held with HUD representatives on January 5th to discuss the damage done to two apartments resulting from a roof drain separating from the roof and to discuss the CDBG project. The mechanical contractor assumed responsibility for the damage and contractor's insurance company will be paying for the damage. HUD representatives also reviewed the improvements being done with CDBG funds and are very pleased with the results.

b. PUC Energy Grant

-The Town is still waiting to receive a decision regarding its two grant applications for funds to replace the wood boiler at the wastewater treatment facility with a new wood pellet boiler, and to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of developing a woodchip fired boiler in the industrial park to support the heating and electrical needs for the businesses in the park.

c. Senior Citizens Program

-Mary Jane has been working with a consultant to determine the financial feasibility of preparing meals for local senior citizens by having a cook on site. A computerized kiosk has been set up in the lobby of the town office by Eastern Agency on Area Aging to provide a means of identifying programs that are available to senior citizens of the community.

d. Financials ending 12-31-2009

-Revenues continue to be on track with the exception of Maine Revenue Sharing. A gap of \$30,000 is expected with this account by years end. Expenses continue to be on track with projections. At this time, the only concern is with the account, Legal Fees, particularly as a result of the Thibodeau appeal in Superior Court.

e. Industrial Park

-Mike Millett has laid-out the road and has parceled the 20 acre lot into 8 lots ranging from two to three acres. He has also met several times with DEP and is in the process of preparing the necessary paper work to submit the application for a Site Location for Development Permit.

26. Discussion items

Ralph Robinson resident at 1100 Silver Lake Road inquired about the completion date at the Bucksport High School lobby. Jeff Robinson indicated that no completion date has been set, and that the contractors have run into several unexpected problems.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Dave Keene and voted to approve town council meeting minutes of October 8th, 29th, November 12th, 24th and December 10th, 2009 as presented.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Jeff Robinson, Dave Keene and Robert Howard

Abstained: Byron Vinton, David Kee and Brian Leeman.

Vote: Favorable 4 - 0

27. Hold executive session regarding a personnel issue per M.R.S.A. Title 1 Section 405-D

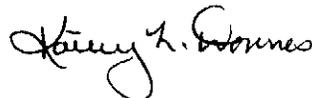
It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to move into executive session at 9:22 P.M.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to move out of executive session at 10:00 P.M.

28. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Dave Keene and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary