

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of the previous meeting

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of March 31, 2011 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence or documents, if any
 - a. Council members received copy of letter from State Representative Kimberley Rosen addressing Route 46 issues and construction plans.
 - b. Council members received copy of letter from Maine State Planning Office noting the regional recycling rate is 36.32% along with the summary of the region's 2010 waste management and recycling program.
 - c. Departmental Monthly Reports
-Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.
5. Hold public hearing on the following ordinances:
 - a. Amendment to Chapter 12 Article 5 Section 12-512 Parking Lot Regulations
-Jeff Robinson, Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee review the amendments to Chapter 12 Article 5 Section 12-512 Parking Lot Regulations noting the purpose of clarifying and establishing regulations regarding parking of vehicles in certain public parking lots.
 - b. Amendment to Appendix K Land Use
-Jeff Robinson reviewed the numerous amendments to Appendix K Land Use such as Accessory uses-Decks, Porches, Stairs, Ramps; Front, Side and Rear Setbacks; Pre-Schools/Nursery Schools, Residential Care Facilities, Two-Family Dwellings; and Issuance of Land Use Permit.
6. Close hearing and act on the proposed ordinances

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve "Amendment to Chapter 12 Article 5 Section 12-512 Parking Lot Regulations".

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve "Amendment to Appendix K Land Use."

7. Consider Resolve #R-2011-113 awarding contract for striping of streets and crosswalks.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-113.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2011-114 extending contract for winter maintenance on Route 46

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-114.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2011-115 extending contract for disposal and hauling of metal, clean wood, demolition debris at the Bucksport Transfer Station

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Jeff Hammond and voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-115.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman.

Opposed: Robert Howard

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

10. Consider Resolve #R-2011-116 awarding contract to complete safety repairs at Wilson Hall

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-116.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2011-117 regarding disposition of tax acquired property

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-117 disposition of tax acquired property on Keith and Betty French, Julie Rainey and Daniel Pye.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-117 disposition of tax acquired property on Kelli Motta properties.

Vote In Favor: Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.

Abstained: Michael Ormsby

Vote: 6 - 0

12. Consider Resolve #R-2011-118 referring matter pertaining to forming an energy district to the Finance Committee

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-118.

13. Issue permits or licenses, if any

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Itinerant Vendor Permit to Marie Bradbury d/b/a D & M Florist.

14. Proceed to executive session to meet with the town attorney regarding matter pursuant to Title 1, Section 405 Subsection 6C & 6D

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to move into executive session at 7:35 P.M.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to return to the regular town council meeting at 8:05 P.M.

15. Sign quitclaim deeds for payment of tax and sewer liens

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to sign quitclaim deeds for payment of tax and sewer liens for James and Ellen Boughman, Thomas and Mary Daly, Todd Gifford, Travis Therrien and Heirs of Philip Willette.

16. Hear report from Town Manager

Senior Programs

-Senior meal program had a great start ranging from 70-100 participants each meal, and believe these numbers will continue. Recently advertised for the position of Senior Citizen Program Director due to a recent announced retirement; the deadline for applications is April 20th at which time will begin the process of selecting a new director, and plan to work with the senior group to make a final selection. The selected candidate will begin July 1st.

Housing Assistance Program

-The 2011 application for a Housing Assistance Community Development Block Grant was filed on March 30, 2011. The Office of Economic and Community Development should have a decision by the end of April.

Miles Lane Drainage

-Mike Millett has completed his report regarding the needed drainage improvements in the Miles Lane, Broadway, Pond Street and Hinks Street area. Will wait until this fall when the Office of Community Development makes CDBG funds available for public infrastructure projects. Later this summer when the proposed statement for the program is released will begin the process of having an income survey completed of the target area. Do not expect any problems meeting the 50% low to moderate income requirements, but not sure what the funding will be once Congress adopts the 2012 budget.

Townsite Drainage Improvements

-The contractor will be returning the first of May once the pavement plants open to complete the project. Currently, there seems to be ample funds to extend a drainage pipe behind several homes along the east side of Thomas Street in order to divert storm water from three homes that seemed to be impacted the most. Mike Millett is currently completing the design and will be seeking the necessary easements once Mike has completed his design work.

Sivler Lake Boat Landing

-Mike Millett has started the permit process. DEP has reviewed the preliminary plans and issued their comments. All concerns will be addressed when the application is submitted. The goal is to obtain all necessary permits so construction can start this fall.

Miles Lane Trail

-The Highway Department has completed all of the clearing that was necessary for the trail extension. The Highway Department will be returning once conditions are more favorable for construction.

PACE

-The Pace Program is now available to Bucksport residents to complete needed energy improvements for their homes. We will be looking to promote the program beginning next week.

Town Website

-Established a committee of key staff to look into addressing some of the concerns that employees and the public have with the existing website. After considerable exploration and discussion by the members, a recommendation has been made by the committee to replace the current website with a new version.

Plans and Records

Several staff members along with Town Manager are pursuing the possibility of digitizing the construction plans that are stored at the Public Works Director Office and town council records. At the next regular town council meeting, will be asking for the town council's support to pursue this project.

Route 46

-The town has been informed that Route 46 will be paved during the 2011 construction season and Representative Kim Rosen is currently working with the town to seek a long-term solution from MDOT to address the structural deficiencies.

Waterfront

-New animal waste dispensers will be installed along the waterfront by May 1. Hopefully, this will address a problem that has been getting worse as more people use the walkway.

17. Discussion

Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6:15 P.M. at the Town Office.

Frank Dunbar asked for council permission to remove remaining ice shacks at the boat landing on Silver Lake. Council members had no problem with the request and thanked Frank.

18. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary