

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL – MAY 23, 2019

1. Call Meeting To Order

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilor's Present: Mark Eastman, Paul Bissonnette, David Kee, Peter Stewart, Daniel Ormsby, Paul Gauvin

Councilor's Absent: Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions – None.

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

- a. Town Council Minutes 5/09/19
- b. Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes 5/09/19
- c. Town Council Minutes 6/9/16
- d. Town Council Minutes 6/30/16

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve items 4b, 4c, 4d, and amend the Town Council Minutes from 5/9/2019 under item 15b changing Bucksport Community Concerns approved funds to \$6,000, and changing the Bucksport Bay Festival's approved funds to \$10,827. **Motion Passed 6-0***

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

- a. Downeast Transportation Ridership Report April 2019 - *Noted.*

6. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce – None

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

- a. Infrastructure Committee Update

Councilor Bissonnette informed the Council on the items discussed by the Infrastructure Committee. In regards to benches and bathrooms on the Miles Lane Trail, the Committee felt the need to investigate using the restrooms at football field. Economic Development Director Rich Rotella stated that there will be additional porta-potties available for residents to use. In regards to benches, the Committee recommended that the Council investigate appropriate bench locations before making a decision. The Committee recommended to the Council seeing if they are interested in selling property on the Racecourse Road. The Committee recommended referring the purchase of property on Forest Hills/the use of easement from the Griers to the Planning Board. They further recommended purchasing garage door sensors and bay heaters for the Public Safety Building. They also recommended converting the Town's Zero Sort Recycling to Coastal Resources of Maine.

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b. Maine Water Exemption Extension Discussion

Tax Assessor Jef Fitzgerald approached the Council in regards to a letter from Maine Water requesting an extension of property tax exemption for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024. Resident Jim Morrison questioned whether or not this exemption effects the town's valuation, to which Tax Assessor Fitzgerald responded that it didn't. This discussion was for informative purpose only. The Council will be making a decision at a regular meeting in June.

8. Agenda Items

a. To approve Resolve 2019-47 to abate uncollectible personal property taxes

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to approve Resolve 2019-47.
Motion Passed 6-0*

b. To approve Resolve 2019-48 to approve the expenditure of funds from Public Safety Building Reserve to install garage door sensors

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2019-48.
Motion Passed 6-0*

c. To approve Resolve 2019-49 to approve ambulance bill abatements

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2019-49.
Motion Passed 6-0*

d. To approve Resolve 2019-50 to convert Zerosort to Coastal

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve Resolve 2019-50.
Motion Passed 6-0*

e. To approve Resolve 2019-36 to approve bay heater replacements in the Public Safety Building

*Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve Resolve 2019-36.
Motion Passed 6-0*

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections – None.

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds – None.

11. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager's Report is attached hereto and is made apart of these minutes.

The Town Council will be nominating Craig Bowden, David Keene, and Kathy Downes for the Spirit of America Award.

Town Manager Lessard stated that Main Street Bucksport's Community Cleanup Day was very

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successful. She further stated that Bucksport’s A.D.A.P.T Plan had been awarded the Maine Association of Planner’s Project of the Year.

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

- a. Public Hearing – Article 4, Weight Limits & Restrictions

*Mayor Stewart opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m., and with no discussion closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded the approve the amendment of Article 4 of the Town Code, Weight Limits & Restrictions. **Motion Passed 6-0***

- b. Public Hearing – Council Rules Update

*Mayor Stewart opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m., and with no discussion closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the amendment of the Council Rules. **Motion Passed 6-0***

- c. Public Hearing – Proposed Charter Change – Attendance

*Mayor Stewart opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m., and with no discussion closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the amendment of the Town Charter in regards to Council attendance. **Motion Passed 6-0***

Note: This change will go before a referendum vote at the November election.

- d. Warrant & Notice of Election RSU #25

*Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the Warrant and Notice of Election for RSU #25. **Motion Passed 6-0***

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

Resident Nancy Minot praised RSU 25’s Music Department as well as Bucksport’s Public Safety Department.

Councilor Kee reminded the Council to occasionally read the “Eighty-Two Community Generated Actions” surveyed by Heart and Soul.

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

- a. Infrastructure – June 13, 2019 – 6: 30 p.m.
b. Set Public Hearing for Budget Adoption – *The public hearing will be during a regular meeting in June.*

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Regulatory Review – June 13, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

15. Budget Review

a. Overall Review

*Town Manager Lessard provided the Council with an overview of the budget detailing the questions that had been posed during the entire budget process. She further stated that the mil-rate will remain the same. Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to move forward with the proposed budget. **Motion Passed 6-0***

16. Adjournment

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. **Motion Passed 6-0***

ATTEST: _____
Jacob R. Gran, Town Clerk