

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**  
**MINUTES**

**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, Robert Carmichael Jr.*

*Councilor's Absent: None*

**3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None.**

**4. Consider minutes of previous meetings**

- a. Town Council Minutes 7/11/19
- b. Town Council Minutes 1/29/15
- c. Town Council Minutes 5/21/15
- d. Town Council Minutes 6/4/15
- e. Town Council Minutes 6/25/15
- f. Town Council Minutes 5/2/13
- g. Town Council Minutes 5/9/13
- h. Town Council Minutes 5/30/13
- i. Town Council Minutes 6/13/13
- j. Town Council Minutes 6/26/13
- k. Town Council Minutes 6/27/13

*Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve the above listed minutes. **Motion Passed 7-0***

**5. Receive and Review Correspondence - None.**

**6. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - None.**

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

- a. Infrastructure Committee Meeting Update

*Councilor Carmichael updated the Council on items discussed at the Infrastructure Committee meeting. The committee discussed a request for the town to take ownership of the Riverview Cemetery. He stated that the committee wants to gather more information before recommending a decision to the Council. The committee also discussed the Public Works vehicle bids. He stated that the Sewer Department needs a vehicle to carry waste as the current one has rusted out. Public Works has an appropriate vehicle that they will sell to the Sewer Department. Public Works will then buy a new vehicle. The committee recommended accepting the low bid of \$55,619.00.*

*Councilor Eastman advised the Council that the Regulatory Review Committee discussed the*

*fee schedule for the Transfer Station and Planning Board.*

b. Silver Lake – further discussion of swimming in designated areas

*Town Manager Lessard stated that she has received communication from the Water District, State Drinking Water Program, and Whole Oceans all expressing concern with changing the ordinance. She stated that the Comprehensive Plan noted that the Water District didn't object to swimming at Silver Lake, but that was written in error.*

*Dave Michaud and Mary Jane Dillingham approached the Council and stated that the ordinance is in place to protect the water source. He stated that the Water District feels that overturning this ordinance is taking away protection and can only lead to more.*

*Councilor Bissonnette stated that this drinking water originates in Craig's Pond, where swimming is allowed, then flows to Alamoosook Lake, where swimming is allowed, and then to Silver Lake where swimming is not allowed. Since there is swimming in the other two lakes, Councilor Bissonnette questioned what the difference is with Silver Lake. Mary Jane Dillingham stated that the water in Silver Lake is much closer to the intake process and is therefore different from the other lakes.*

*Councilor Carmichael questioned what the town could do to build a larger protection zone, to which Ms. Dillingham stated that there isn't enough space.*

*Councilor Ormsby asked what Ms. Dillingham's advice would be if the town were to move forward and allow swimming, to which she responded that they would encourage an environmental study.*

*Resident Jim Morrison stated that the lake is owned by the State of Maine, and that the dam is owned by Whole Oceans. Councilor Carmichael responded with the state owns the water but that doesn't affect the Council's ability to change the ordinance.*

*Mayor Stewart closed the discussion by saying that Ms. Dillingham's presentation was very beneficial. No action was taken in regards to the ordinance.*

c. Pool Bid RFP & Year Round Pool Information

*Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to allow Town Manager Lessard to obtain an RFP on replacing the existing swimming pool. **Motion Passed 7-0***

d. Code Officer replacement options

*Town Manager Lessard discussed options for the replacement of the town's Code Enforcement Officer. The consensus of the Council was that Tax Assessor Jef Fitzgerald will take over the planning for the town while still assessing, and Town Manager Lessard will hire someone part-time to help with assessing and part-time for code enforcement.*

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Hammond. **Motion Passed 7-0***

**8. Agenda Items**

- a. To approve Resolve 2020-05 to approve purchase of a 2018 RAM 5500 vehicle for Public Works

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve Resolve 2020-05. **Motion Passed 7-0***

- b. To approve Resolve 2020-06 to sell tax-acquired Map 8 Lot 21 to Katie & Michael Libby for the amount owed in outstanding tax, costs & interest

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-06. **Motion Passed 7-0***

- c. To approve Resolve 2020-07 to approve a Two-Year Memorandum of Understanding with the Bucksport Bay Healthy Community Coalition

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Kee seconded to authorize Town Manager Lessard to sign the Memorandum on the Council's behalf. **Motion Passed 7-0***

**9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections**

*Councilor Kee reminded the Council that he is resigning the Council at the end of this month.*

**10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds - none.**

**11. Town Manager Report**

*The Town Manager's Report is attached hereto and therefore made a part of these minutes.*

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

*Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve the Outdoor Vendors License for Terry's Produce. **Motion Passed 7-0***

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to approve the renewal of Ming's Garden's liquor license. **Motion Passed 7-0***

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

*Resident Larry Wahl approached the Council to give an update on Wilson Hall. He stated that he has hired a new contractor, Restoration's Unlimited of Maine. Currently the piping has been removed from the building, the base of the bell tower has been stripped down to its original studding, the foundation has been repaired, shingles from the roof have been removed, and floor tiles in the basement have been removed.*

*Councilor Ormsby stated that he attended the Greenhead Lobster grand opening. He stated that their facility is amazing and that he is excited to have them in Bucksport.*

*Councilor Carmichael and Mayor Stewart both thanked Councilor Kee his service on the Council.*

*Councilor Gauvin questioned how financially short the Bucksport Bay Festival was this year, to which Town Manager Lessard stated that the Chamber's post on Facebook stated that they were \$8,000.00 short for next year's festival.*

*Town Manager Lessard received a request to designate a tree on the Miles Lane Trails for people to place painted rocks. She will work with the group in finding a proper location.*

*Mayor Stewart asked Public Works Mechanic Matt Pierce whether or not Public Works had used the road edger this year for the sides of the roads, to which Mr. Pierce responded that they will as soon as paving is complete.*

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

*Infrastructure Committee – August 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.*

**15. Adjournment**

*Councilor Ormsby and Councilor Carmichael seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.  
Motion Passed 7-0*

ATTEST:   
Jacob R. Gran, Town Clerk