

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 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**

*Councilors Present: Mark Eastman, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Daniel Ormsby*

*Councilors Absent: Robert Carmichael, Jr., Paul Gauvin*

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

**4. Consider minutes of previous meetings**

- a. Town Council Minutes 8/8/19
- b. 3/13/14 Town Council Minutes
- c. 3/25/14 Town Council Minutes
- d. 3/27/14 Town Council Minutes
- e. 4/3/14 Town Council Minutes
- f. 4/10/14 Town Council Minutes
- g. 7/11/19 Services Committee Minutes
- h. 7/11/19 Regulatory Review Committee Minutes
- i. 7/25/19 Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes
- j. 8/8/19 Regulatory Review Committee Minutes

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve the above listed minutes. **Motion Passed 4-0***

**5. Receive and Review Correspondence**

- a. Downeast Transportation Ridership Report – July 2019 – *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 Bissonnette updated the Council on what was discussed at the Infrastructure Committee meeting. He stated that Town Manager Lessard had received three proposals for designing the town pool. An article will be needed for the November election in order to designate the funds needed. The Committees recommendation to the Council was to get firmer estimates before designating a certain amount of money.*

*Resident Luke Chiavelli stated that he thought that there was a reserve account for the pool, to which Town Manager Lessard stated that there is, but there's only \$94k in the account.*

*Councilor Eastman updated the Council on what was discussed at the Regulatory Review Committee meeting. He stated that they further discussed the town's fee schedule, which included increasing the ambulance fees.*

b. Pool Bid Information

*The pool bid information will be discussed at the next meeting when Town Manager Lessard has more information on the pool figures.*

8. **Agenda Items**

- a. To approve Resolve 2020-11 to approve the purchase of a 2019 3500 Dodge Tradesman Crew Cab and plow

*Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-11.  
**Motion Passed 4-0***

*Resident Bruce Clement questioned what was wrong with the present truck, to which acting Fire Chief Michael Denning stated that it's rusting out and burning a quart of oil every two weeks.*

- b. To approve Resolve 2020-12 to approve the selection of a pool consultant & to submit a resolve to the public for the 2019 November Election for replacement of the Town Pool

*Resolve 2020-12 will be acted upon at the next meeting when Town Manager Lessard has more information on the pool.*

- c. To approve Resolve 2020-13 to accept a 2020 Shore and Harbor Planning Grant

*Harbor Master Mike Ormsby stated that the town has received a planning grant to replace the floats at the town dock. This would save the town from having to hire a crane to take the floats in and out each year.*

*Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve Resolve 2020-13.  
**Motion Passed 4-0***

- d. To approve Resolve 2020-14 to submit a Road Project resolve to the public for the 2019 November Election

*Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-14.  
**Motion Passed 4-0***

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

- a. Code Enforcement Officer/LPI/E911 Addressing Officer Appointments

*Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to appoint Luke Chiavelli as*

*Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Street Naming/Numbering Coordinator, Plumbing Inspector, and Building Official for a one year term effective August 31, 2019.*

**Motion Passed 4-0**

*Mayor Stewart stated that according to the Town Charter, the Council must appoint someone to fill the vacant council seat until the next elected Councilor takes office.*

*Mark Eastman nominated Don White for the interim position until the elected Councilor takes office. Councilor Bissonnette stated that he has no nominations, but would second for Don White.*

*Councilor Ormsby nominated Jim Morrison to fill the interim position. Councilor Bissonnette stated that past practice has been that the Council doesn't appoint individuals who are also running for a seat, to which Councilor Ormsby stated that past practice is not the Charter.*

*Resident Paul Rabs stated that whoever accepts the appointment won't be filling in just for two months until the election, but rather until January when the elected Councilor takes office. Mayor Stewart stated that he thought the Charter read that since it was a resignation, the elected Councilor takes office at the next meeting following the election. Town Clerk Jacob Gran stated that he cannot find that written anywhere in the Charter.*

*Mr. Rabs further stated that last year at this time, he resigned from the Council due to a conflict with being on the Council and being an employee of the town. He stated that Councilor Gauvin was chosen to fill the interim term due to the fact that Councilor Gauvin was not seeking reelection. He stated that if that's how it happened last year, then that's how it should be this year, also.*

*Don White stated that he is grateful for Councilor Eastman's nomination, but he has no problem with the Council appointing Jim Morrison for the interim position.*

*Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to appoint Don White for the interim position. **Motion Failed 1-3 (Bissonnette, Stewart, Ormsby)***

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Mayor Stewart seconded to appoint Jim Morrison for the interim position. **Motion Passed 3-1 (Eastman)***

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

**11. Town Manager Report**

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

**12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits – None.**

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

*Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella stated that he spoke with Eric Starke, a professor from the University of Maine at Augusta, in regards to students of the University coming up with uses for the Feldman property. He also stated that Wednesday on Main held their final event this week at the Lighthouse Arts Center. He further stated that Main Street Bucksport will be hosting their Dinner with a View event on August 23, 2019. He also stated that the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce has received surveys in regards to this year's Bay Festival. The Board will be holding a debriefing session with the Economic Development Committee on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.*

*Councilor Bissonnette stated that the Council needs to firm up the policy on Council resignations.*

*Councilor Ormsby questioned the status of the Federal Street property. Community & Economic Development Director Rotella stated that Larry Wahl stated that the project is to be completed by the end of summer. Mr. Rotella will ask Larry Wahl to attend the next Town Council meeting.*

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

*Infrastructure Committee – September 12, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.*

*Economic Development – August 28, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.*

**15. Adjournment**

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.  
Motion Passed 4-0*

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ATTEST:   
JACOB R. GRAN  
TOWN CLERK