

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

1. Mayor Lisa Whitney called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Robert Carmichael, Joel Wardwell, Lisa Whitney, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson and Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of the previous meeting

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of September 10, 2009 as presented.

4. Receive correspondence, if any
  - a. Town Manager briefly reviewed the proposed State valuation for 2010 noting that the Town of Bucksport is up 8 percent over last year, mostly due to the improvements at Verso Paper Mill wood yard.
  - b. Mayor Lisa Whitney noted receiving a request from Northeast Historic Film for the 2010-2011 budget.
  - c. Mayor Lisa Whitney noted receiving a request from American Red Cross for the 2010-2011 budget.
5. Consider Resolve #R-2010-33 accepting a donation from the Charles W. Sawyer Marital Trust

Mary Jane Bush, Director of the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition indicated how overwhelmed they were by the generous donation from the Charles W. Sawyer Marital Trust.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-33.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2010-34 awarding bid for winter salt purchase

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-34.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2010-35 regarding request from Eugene Berry to use the sludge building for storage of septic waste sludge

Town Manager reviewed several conditions that the Sewer Committee recommended that should be added to Resolve #R-2010-35 such as; making it a one year contract, if terminated give proper notice, monetary deposit, required to pay all cost for use to operate the entire sludge storage building, responsible for cost of trucking and depositing waste at disposal site, do testing at sight and operate under DEP regulations.

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2010-35 until October 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2010-36 regarding contract services for development of housing for the elderly with services

Town Manager indicated that the State of Maine is looking at a policy on long care for the elderly, and encourage you to contact Senator Rosen in support of this policy.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-36.

9. Consider issuing licenses or permits, if any

Town Manager contacted the Town Insurance Company to see if the Chamber of Commerce "Ghostport's" event was covered under the town's liability plan or if the chamber was required to have insurance coverage, but have not received word back from the insurance company to date.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve conditional miscellaneous license pending final approval from the Police Chief, Sean Geagan, Fire Chief, Craig Bowden and the Town's Insurance Company f/b/o Chamber of Commerce "Ghostport's" events.

10. Discussion items

- a. Additional amenities in the downtown area
  - Town Manager asked that the Council consider the possibility of additional street post and signs, adding signage on the waterfront directing to the Chamber of Commerce Office, renovating the old jail, etc.
- b. Jed Prouty Inn
  - Town Manager asked the Council if the Town should consider putting an option on the Inn, not to purchase, rather than to protect the community as to the direction the town is going.

- c. Parallel parking spaces across from the town office  
-Town Manager indicated that a councilor has concerns with parking issues being too narrow on the north side of Main Street and the only way to increase additional traffic space on that side would be to move the centerline.
- d. Wind monitoring on town property adjacent to Bucksport Middle School  
-Town Manager noted that the wind monitoring is strictly a wind "test" for wind speed.
- e. Extension of road and utilities in Buckstown Industrial Park  
-Town Manager suggested going with two-acre lots, if customer needs more can combine lots; and contact Millett's Associates for a quote on engineering services. It would take close to a year to obtain all required permits.
- f. Issue quitclaim deed for paid tax and sewer liens

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to suspend the rules to issue quitclaim deeds for paid taxes and sewer lien.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to issue quitclaim deed to Keith and Betty French for paid tax lien.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to issue quitclaim deed to Jullian Beth Merrill for paid sewer lien.

Lisa Whitney noted that the Maine-ly Music Chorus's Barbershop Show will be held on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center.

11. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes  
Council Secretary