

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

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

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of December 10th, 2009, January 14th and 28th, 2010 as presented.

4. Receive and review documents and correspondence
 - a. Treasurer's Warrants for January 2010
-Council members received copies of treasurer's warrants for the month of January 2010. Town Manager asked that questions or concerns be directed to himself or the Finance Director.
 - b. Department Head reports
-Council members received copies of departmental reports, including Economic Development Director and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager.
 - c. Letter from Senator Collins
-Council members received a copy of letter from Senator Collins.
 - d. Preliminary General Purpose Aid for Local Schools funding schedule
-Town Manager reviewed the preliminary numbers for general purpose aid for local schools that was provided by Superintendent of Schools, James Boothby. RSU #25 is losing 1.2 million dollars, noting a reduction in debt services of approximately \$260,000, general schools in the amount of \$574,000 and special education at \$346,000. Town Manager asked that council members see the Finance Director or himself should they have any questions regarding the preliminary general purpose aid funding schedule.
 - e. Fact sheet outlining impact of proposed state budget cuts on municipal budgets
-Town Manager briefly reviewed the impact of state revenue losses on the municipal budget for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year.

5. Consider Resolve #R-2010-81 referring proposed revision of Chapter 4 Article 5 Planning Board to the Ordinance Committee

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-81.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2010-82 authorizing bid request for energy improvements

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-82.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2010-83 authorizing bid request for generator hookups at the Jewett School and Public Safety Building

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-83.

8. Consider issuing permits and licenses, if any

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Richard Gray, d/b/a Blue Water Seafood.

9. Hear report from Town Manager regarding:

- a. 2009 Housing Assistance Program

-The kitchen improvements at Gardner Commons have been progressing very slowly. Most of the modifications have been completed in order to install the new kitchen equipment. The equipment has been ordered and should be delivered within the next few weeks. Modifications have been made to the existing porch to allow for the new porte-couchere. The contractor should have the new porte-couchere installed by the end of March. Even though the project contingency was minimal, it seems at this time that all planned improvements will be completed within budget.

- b. Central Street Improvement

-All of the survey work has been completed for the project and Millett Associates should have preliminary plans to review with MDOT by the end of March. The project will include minor drainage improvements, reclaiming of the existing paved area and three and one-half inches of new pavement. This will include the travel way and the road shoulders.

- c. Elderly Services

-The finance Director has been working with the seniors to develop their website. The Senior Center will have Internet access next week and work

on the website will begin shortly after the install. My efforts have been concentrated on improving the meal program, and currently working with Eastern Agency on Aging to partner with the Town to reinstate the meal site in Bucksport.

- d. Industrial Park project
 - DEP has been working with the town to eliminate the need to file a Site for Development Permit for the existing lots in Heritage Park and for the expansion. If Mr. Wardwell and his consultant agree to DEP's suggestion than the town will only have to file a storm water management plan for the expansion.
- e. Silver Lake Boat Landing Project
 - Have had contact with Department of Conservation regarding the development of Silver Lake Parking Lot. The Director for the Public Boat Landing Program indicated an interest to partner with the Town to develop the facility. However. He is unable to provide any financial support until the latter part of 2011.
- f. Education Budget
 - Town Manager and Finance Director has been attending the RSU #25 budget meetings in order to be informed of their proposed budget. As you may have read in the newspaper or heard at their meetings, they will be losing over \$900,000 in state funds that would have been applied against the cost of general education and special education. Since education requires 72 cents of every tax dollar raised in Bucksport, I want to make sure that the RSU is not expecting Bucksport taxpayers to absorb these significant increases.

10. Discussion items

- a. Set Ordinance Committee Meeting
 - Will schedule meeting sometime in April
- b. Set Road and Street Committee Meeting
 - Road and Street Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 4:00 PM.
- c. Set Solid Waste Committee Meeting
 - Solid Waste Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 4:30 PM.
- d. Set Sewer Committee Meeting
 - Sewer Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

- e. **Set Waterfront Committee Meeting**
-Waterfront Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 4:30 PM
- f. **Budget Format and Target**
-Town Manager reviewed the 2010 projected revenue losses for the Town noting the overall need, the overlay and referenced the LD #1 limit (1.78%).
- g. **Other items**

Town Manager indicated that the committee for the Silver Lake Boat Landing would also include three (3) citizens-at-large, Frank Dunbar, Phil Graff and Pat Cough.

Jeff Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer spoke on the need to amend the ordinance for the Silver Lake parking lot/boat landing Shore land Zoning set back from 50' to "0", and to also change the Zoning District in the area to Commercial Fisheries.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted to suspend the rules to take-up an item not on the agenda.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Jeff Robinson, Dave Keene, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.
Unavailable: David Kee.
Absent: Byron Vinton
Voted: 5 - 0 Favorable

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted to refer the Silver Lake Boat Landing to the Planning Board for their recommendation to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation to the Council.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Jeff Robinson, Dave Keene, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.
Unavailable: David Kee
Absent: Byron Vinton
Voted: 5 - 0 Favorable

Dave Keene asked if the Department of Inland Fisheries is still interested in stocking Silver Lake with bass and if so, the town should consider the opportunity.

Town Manager indicated that when a public hearing is held for the Silver Lake Project, public comments should be received whether there is support for stocking Silver Lake with bass.

Town Manager presented the tentative 2010-2011 budget workshop schedule. Town Council members will be asked to vote on the matter at the March regular meeting.

11. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary