

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

MINUTES

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Members present: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Paul Gauvin and Byron Vinton. Member absent: David Kee
3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions – **NONE**
4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

Town Council members received copies of meeting minutes of August 28th, September 11th, and 25th, 2014 to review and bring back to the next Town Council meeting for consideration.

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Correspondence Needing Action or Discussion – **NONE**
 - b. Other correspondence and documents
 - i. Barbara Ames, Recreation Department staff received the 2014 state-wide “Giraffe Award” given by Maine Children’s Alliance for her work on behalf of children.
 - ii. Decorating Committee has done a great job decorating the town and has a current balance in the account of \$1,104.
 - iii. The Town has received \$22,735 which is half of the yearly share of the Time Warner Cable television franchise. The town council committee will be looking into how best to upgrade some of the antiquated cable television equipment.
 - iv. Update from Municipal Review Committee, Inc. notifying members that the PBD application, (to develop a secure landfill) has been denied.
6. Public Hearings – **NONE**
7. New Ordinances to Consider – **NONE**
8. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Directions, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)
 - a. Marina Wrap Up Discussion for the 2014 Season and Preparing for the 2015 Season
-Town Manager presented an overview of the Marina account noting activity including expenses and the current balance for the 2014 Season. Also, Town Manager reviewed plans for the 2015 Season including dredging in the Penobscot Bay in the waters near the end of the middle and last dock area to deepen the water way.

- b. Wilson Hall Discussion with Wilson Hall Committee
 - Committee Member, Dick Campbell indicated that the group has had several meetings brainstorming the use of Wilson Hall. One important data gathered is what it will take to safeguard the building from future deterioration while a phased renovation plan is launched. This project would be done in stages, not feasible to do it all at once. Don Houghton, Committee Member asked do you spend the same dollar amount to knock down Wilson Hall or do you make it safe and save an asset? Council Members asked for plans for fund raising, similar to the fund raising that was done for the sculpture and also suggested a public survey to residents asking if they want to “save” Wilson Hall or “tear” it down and be done with it once and for all.
- c. Verso Mill Closure Discussion
 - Town Manager reported that the town has an eight (8) million dollar surplus, Verso has paid their first half of taxes, there is still little to report, nobody should panic and that all municipal employees should not be worried about their job, there will be no instant layoffs.
 - Also, Town Manager reported that the sudden and serve law is used to reduce your town valuation due to mill closing, recognized now rather than later, along with the Hancock County assessment, state revenue sharing formula and education state aid.

9. Agenda Items

- a. Consider Resolve #R-2015-41 to Award Sale of a Manure Spreader and Approximately five (5) Cords of Wood

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Glenn Findlay and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-41.

- b. Consider Resolve #R-2015-42 to Authorize \$10,000 in Funds from the General Surplus Unreserved Fund Balance Account be transferred to the Highway Department – Planting and Removal Account for Removal of Trees on the Town Site

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-42.

- c. Consider Resolve #R-2015-43 to Authorize Payback of Funds Overpaid to the Sewer Construction Account

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-43.

- d. Consider Resolve #R-2015-44 to Authorize the Purchase of an Ergonomic Workstation for the Town Office which is partially paid for by a \$2,000 MMA Safety Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$2,250

It was motioned by Paul Gauvin, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-44.

10. Sign Appointment

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to appoint Steven Bishop to the Board of Appeals for an unexpired term ending March 31, 2017.

11. Town Manager Report

Town Manager reported that Kathryn Hickson, Finance Director has resigned, and her official date will be November 4th, 2014 but will be leaving the office on October 24th using the following week as vacation.

Town Manager also reported that Jennifer Jacobi, Senior Center Coordinator has resigned, and her official date will be October 20th, 2014.

12. Approve any licenses or permits if any - NONE

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

Town Manager introduced Sadie Alley Ferreira, Citizen and Conservation Committee Member and she asked the Town of Bucksport for permission to tap the maple trees at the Oak Hill Cemetery.

After much discussion Council Members decided to keep this cemetery for private use only.

14. Upcoming Public Hearings - NONE

15. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment and Scheduling of Committee Meetings:

- a. Any other Committee Assignments - NONE

16. Agenda Items Requiring Executive Sessions - NONE

17. Adjournment

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary