

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Town Clerk, Kathy L. Downes swore in newly elected Town Council Members Peter Stewart and Joseph York.
2. Town Clerk, Kathy L. Downes called meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
3. Members Present: Joseph York, Glenn Findlay, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin and Byron Vinton.
4. Annual Actions of the Town Council
 - a. Election of Chair of Council (Mayor) (Manager recommendation is that this position should be Ordinance Committee Chairman)

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton to nominate David Keene as Mayor for the ensuing year.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Paul Gauvin to cease nomination and voted to elect David Keene as Mayor for the ensuing year.

Voted In Favor: Joseph York, Glenn Findlay, David Kee, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin and Byron Vinton

Abstained: David Keene

Vote: Favorable 6 - 0

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to table recommendation that the Mayor be Ordinance Committee Chairman.

- b. Election of Chairman Pro Tempore

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to table Election of Chairman Pro Tempore until after Ordinance Committee review.

- c. Affirmation of Council Rules by Council-(Town Manager recommends that while these should be approved that the Council send the Council Rules to the Ordinance Committee for some changes)

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to send the Council Rules to the Ordinance Committee for some changes.

- d. Council Committee Assignments

Council members were asked to review the list of committees and let Mayor David Keene know at the next town council meeting if there is a conflict on committee assigned.

5. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions – **None**
6. Consider minutes of previous meetings – **None**
7. Receive and review correspondence and document
 - a. Letter from Daniel See resigning from the Planning Board effective immediately.
 - b. Council members received copy of the 2015 Hancock County Budget summary with a 1.41% overall increase.
 - c. Reminder of the Town of Bucksport Public Forum on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Bucksport Middle School Cultural Arts Auditorium.
 - d. Council members received copies of Department Heads monthly reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Head.
 - e. Letter from Department of Environmental Protection approving the final plans and contract documents submitted by Oliver Associates on behalf of the Town for the upgrade of the existing primary treatment plant to a secondary treatment plant.

8. Public Hearings-

- a. Emergency Ordinance Amending Town Code, Chapter 5 – Building Standards and Property Maintenance

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide minimum building construction, property maintenance and demolition standards to protect the environment and the health, safety and welfare of the public insofar as they may be affected by the use or occupancy of any structure or property, and to provide administration, enforcement and penalties.

9. New Ordinances to Consider

- a. Consider Resolve #R-2015-63 to approve the following – Shall an Emergency Ordinance entitled “Emergency Ordinance Amending Town Code, Chapter 5 – Building Standards and Property Maintenance” be enacted, said ordinance amends the Town Code Chapter 5, Building Standards and Property Maintenance by adding the underlined language and deleting the strike-thru language, and said ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval of Town Council and such standards found in the changes shall be retroactive back to December 30, 2014

This ordinance is being enacted in order to protect the public health and safety and public peace which could occur with failure of the Town to have in place, proper standards for demolition projects. It is for that reason that the Town has taken

immediate and emergency action in order to address demolition projects in the Town of Bucksport

Councilor David Kee inquired as to when demolition would commence.

Jeff McGlin, Vice-President of AIM Development indicated that the present plan is to begin within the next two months.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Peter Stewart and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-63 to adopt an Emergency Ordinance entitled "Emergency Ordinance Amending Town Code, Chapter 5 – Building Standards and Property Maintenance".

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

- a. Wilson Hall Discussion – None
- b. Mill Update and Related Actions
 - Town Manager indicated that the town knows little or nothing about what's going on with the Mill on where, whether the talks are within the State Government in Augusta, State's Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. or Verso Paper headquarters in Memphis, TN. The Town has no say on what will happen at the River Road site and have had no face-to-face meetings with anyone in a position of authority.
- c. Discussion of the CEO Taking Legal Action in the Enforcement of an Illegal Junkyard in Bucksport
 - Jeff Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer noted that the property in question is located at 993 Silver Lake Road. The user of this property, Scott Fields, has repeatedly rebuffed his efforts to get the site, which is in a residential area, cleaned up. This is the second time filing a complaint. It all started in 2006.
 - Scott Fields spoke insisting that he isn't running a junkyard. It is nothing more than a hobby, it is not a business.

 - Consensus of the Town Council is they want more photographic evidence before authorizing court action.
- d. Streetlight Policy for Bucksport – Manager Question-What is the policy written or unwritten on new streetlights
 - Streetlights are located at intersections, not usually on private roads, but all requests are referred to the Street/Roads Committee.
- e. Discussion of Administration Section of Town Code-Discussion of Holiday Pay for Temporary Employees
 - Question: in the past, some temporary employees received Holiday Pay, but according to the Town Code, that if you're a temporary employee that you should not receive Holiday Pay. If this is the case, than we should not have paid past temporary employees.

11. Agenda Items

- a. Consider Resolve #R-2015-64 to approve Pole Permit

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-64 approving Pole Permit.

Vote In Favor: Glenn Findlay, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart and Paul Gauvin.

Opposed: Joseph York and Byron Vinton

Vote: Favorable 5 - 2

- b. Consider Resolve #R-2015-65 authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to File a Complaint in District Court Pursuant to Rule 80k of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure

It was motioned by Paul Gauvin, seconded by Peter Stewart and voted to table Resolve #R-2015-65 until next meeting on January 29th, 2015.

Vote In Favor: Joseph York, Glenn Findlay, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin and Byron Vinton.

Opposed: David Kee

Vote: Favorable 6 - 1

- c. Consider Resolve #R-2015-66 to Authorize Payment to Gary's Fuel Service Inc. for Replacement of Heater for Mechanics Bay at BPW Garage

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-66.

- d. Consider Resolve #R-2015-67 to Authorize Payment to Bob's Small Engine for Snow Blower and Accessories

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2015-67.

- e. Consider Resolve #R-2015-68 to Authorize and Provide for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving, and/or Extending Its Facility to Serve an Area Lawfully Within Its Jurisdiction to Serve

It was motioned by Paul Gauvin, seconded by Peter Stewart and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2015-68.

- f. Consider Resolve #R-2015-69 to Accept a Grant from the USDA, Rural Development for the Purpose of Constructing a Secondary Treatment Waste System

If was motioned by Paul Gauvin, seconded by Peter Stewart and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2015-69.

12. Appointments

- a. Planning Board Member

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to appoint Mary Jane Bush to a four (4) year term and Christopher Johnson to a five (5) year term on the Planning Board.

- b. Registrar of Voters

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Peter Stewart and unanimously voted to appoint Kathy L. Downes to a two (2) year term as Registrar of Voters.

13. Town Manager Report

Town Manager, Derik Goodine indicated that a meeting was held with all Town Supervisors to discuss Budget issues indicating no increases except unknown increases such as Health Insurance and union contract.

14. Public Hearings and/or Approval of any Licenses or Permits, if applicable – None

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

Mark Eastman requested to the Council one of the reserved slots the town has at the Alamo for February 5th at 5:30 PM for a presentation on “Future of Bucksport” called “PECHA KUCHA”.

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Glenn Findlay and unanimously voted to approve Mark Eastman’s request for the Alamo on February 5th.

16. Upcoming Public Hearings

- a. Believe in Bucksport Public Forum #1 at Performing Arts Center at Middle School from 4-6 PM January 10, 2015
- b. See any newly scheduled above

17. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

- a. Waterfront Committee for Discussion of LED Lighting
- b. Ordinance Committee to Review Council Rules
- c. Any Additional Committee Assignments and Scheduling

Table all Scheduling of Committee Meetings at this time.

18. Agenda Items Requiring Executive Sessions – None

19. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary