

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Keene at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart and Paul Gauvin. Member Absent: Robert Carmichael, Jr.
3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions – **None**
4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Town Council meeting minutes of February 25, 2016 as presented.

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents – **None**
6. Public Hearings

Hold public hearing on Wayne Hand, d/b/a Bucksport Golf Club for renewal of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit

No public comments

Close public hearing and act on application

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Wayne Hand, d/b/a Bucksport Golf Club for renewal of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit pending final approval by Code Enforcement and Fire Chief.

7. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce – **None**
8. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)
 - a. Presentation of Gratitude and Friendship to the Town of Bucksport by Sherri L. Mitchell, Penobscot Nation, Indigenous Land Rights Attorney -Pat Ranzoni, Bucksport's poet laureate introduced Sherri L. Mitchell, Penobscot Nation Indigenous Land Rights Attorney. Sherri praised the councilors for agreeing to remove the town from the list of those communities, agencies and businesses siding with the state in a lawsuit with the Penobscot Nation over water and fishing rights around and above the vicinity of Indian Island. Sherri noted that gratitude and friendship traditionally have been expressed by bearing gifts. She presented the Town Council, Interim Town Manager and Town Clerk with a ceremonial braided

strip of sweet grass for each representing friendship, strength and healing. Than with the ceremonial drums being hammered, a group of women and a young child offered a song of healing along with a heartfelt thanks to you my friends.

b. Economic Development Director Update – Fairpoint Meeting, Mill Demolition

-Rich Rotella indicated that on March 2, 2016, Interim Town Manager Susan Lessard, Mayor David Keene, Tax Assessor Jeff Fitzgerald all met with Jeff Nevins, who in his role at Fair Point Communications is responsible for interacting with local government and economic development officials about broadband development in Maine. Jeff noted that Fair Point has developed a mapping tool that provides a comprehensive overview of their facilities and network infrastructure in Bucksport. It provides a holistic view of the network in town, for both residential and business services.

-Rich Rotella gave a brief update on AIM development site indicating when he met with Jeff McGlin on March 2, 2016 that everything was going well and that they were on target for their Phase 1 target date. However on March 9, 2016 demolition at the mill site had been halted and Sue Lessard, Interim Town Manager heard from AIM Development's legal counsel that the company AIM hired to do the demolition, DeNovo was in financial trouble and had stopped working on the site. On March 11, 2016 Susan Lessard, Interim Town Manager received word from AIM's legal counsel that they had a call with the surety and they are stepping in. They are looking into their options in terms of next contractors to retain and to resume the work and this should happen fairly quickly.

c. Request to Close Transfer Station on Easter

It was motioned by Joseph York, seconded by Paul Rabs and unanimously voted that the Transfer Station be closed on Easter and both employees use vacation day pay.

d. Town Manager Hiring Process – Finance Committee Recommendation

-Peter Stewart, chairperson of the Finance Committee reported that they recommend the Mayor draft a Town Manager's job description with the intent to post job position as soon as possible.

e. Bid Results – Gas & Diesel 2016-17 Fiscal Year

-Interim Town Manager Susan Lessard noted receiving (4) four bids indicating only (1) one entity, Dysart's, offered a fixed rate for diesel, and no entities offered fixed rate for gas.

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to award both diesel and gas contract to Dysart's.

- f. Presentation of initial draft budget – Town Manager
 - Interim Town Manager, Susan Lessard gave a presentation of the initial draft budget noting the budget goals proposed being; No Mil Rate Increase; Maintain Service Levels; Review Operations for Efficiencies; and Seek Opportunities to Partner/Share Services. Also reviewed were Revenue Impacts, State Fees Received, Fund Balance Use, Budgets with Revenue Offsets, Fire & Ambulance Departments Expense/Revenue, Police & Dispatch Expense/Revenue, Highway Expense/Revenue, Transfer Station Expense/Revenues, Recreation Expense/Revenue, School Budget Expense/Revenue, noting the Municipal Budget being \$5,006,545, Revenue Offsets -\$2,655,641, Net to be Raised by Taxation \$2,350,904, County Tax \$284,420, School Budget \$4,202,945, Revenue Offset -\$161,000, Net to be Raised by Taxation \$4,041,945, overlay \$237,348, Total to be Raised \$6,914,617. The Town also has to raise its share of the Homestead Exemption in the amount of an estimated \$98,000. After adding this amount to the bottom line, the amount to be raised from taxation is estimated at \$7,012,617.
- g. Rosen Building Lease – Heart & Soul Program
 - The Heart & Soul Program is in need of additional space and Richard Rosen has offered to lease Rosen’s Department Store, rent free, to the Heart & Soul Program. Interim Town Manager, Susan Lessard forwarded a copy of the lease agreement to the town’s attorney for review and received back today with minor language correcton.

9. Agenda Items

- a. Vote on Ballot for Bucksport Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
 - No action was taken
- b. Resolve #R-2016-51 to approve use of up to \$8,000 for repairs to the Fire Department Ladder Truck
 - It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-51.
- c. Resolve #R-2016-52 to approve payment of Pay Requisition #7 for the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project
 - It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-52.
- d. Resolve #R-2016-53 to approve renewal of the Universal & Electronic Waste Service Agreement through 2/28/17 – Solid Waste Committee Recommends approval

It was motioned by Paul Gauvin, seconded by Peter Stewart and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-53.

- e. Resolve #R-2016-54 to approve contract for provision of Gas and Diesel for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-54. (See article 8e)

- f. Resolve #R-2016-55 to approve lease of 72 Main Street for use by the Heart & Soul Program – 4/1/2016 – 12/31/2017

It was motioned by Paul Gauvin, seconded by Joseph York and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-55.

- g. Resolve #R-2016-56 to grant an easement for Robert Ames, 36 Elm Street to allow existing garage to remain in place to clear title

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-56.

- h. Resolve #R-2016-57 to approve application to AARP for designation as an Age Friendly Community and to authorize the Mayor to submit the letter and application

If was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2016-57.

10. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections

It was motioned by Peter Stewart, seconded by Paul Gauvin and unanimously voted to approve the following appointments:

- Street naming/Numbering Coordinator (1yr) – Jeffrey Hammond
- Harbor Master (1yr) – Michael Ormsby
- Deputy Harbor Master (1yr) – David Grant
- Sealer of Weights/Measures (1yr) – Robert Wiggin (Jackson Kinney)
- Planning Board (5yr) – David Grant & Edward Belcher
- Conservation Committee (3yr) – Kathy Downes & Mary (Betty) Barker

11. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

Kalahn A. Pundt & Christopher Henry – 76 McDonald Street – Map 33 Lot 7
Sewer Account

It was motioned by Paul Gauvin, seconded by Joseph York and unanimously voted to approve Quit Claim Deed for Kalahn A. Pundt & Christopher Henry for paid Sewer Lien.

12. Town Manager Report

a. Department Head Monthly Reports

-Council Members receive copies of Department Head Reports and were asked to direct any questions to Interim Town Manager or Department Heads.

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

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

-Parcel of land Town owns on Map 15, Lot 92 that needs to be sent to Finance Committee for discussion.

15. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignments, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

-Schedule Streets & Roads Committee Meeting to consider Route 46 Plowing Contract

-Ordinance Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 31st, 2016 at 6:30 PM Conference Room.

-Joint Finance Committee and Streets & Roads Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 31st, 2016 at 6:00 PM Conference Room.

16. Agenda Items Requiring Executive Sessions - **None**

17. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary