

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Mark Eastman, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

a. July 12, 2018 Town Council Minute

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Eastman to approve Town Council Minutes as presented. Vote: 7 – 0.

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

a. Downeast Transportation – Ridership Report June 2018

Town Manager reported that Leslie Rabs provided a riders report showing year to date, as of June 2018, noting taxi ridership has doubled. They continue to distribute flyers informing public of this service and she thanked the Senior Resource Committee, especially Leslie Rabs, for their dedication to this program.

6. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce

a. Second Reading – Chapter 12, Traffic & Safety

Jeff Hammond, CEO, reviewed the information which would allow (2) parking spaces to be assigned to the new owner of 52 Main Street. The change would be from a prohibition to ‘except in designated areas.’ The second change is because signs on the waterfront indicate no scooters, but the Town ordinance does not address scooters. This will be referred back to committee for further discussion to address scooters used by those with mobility challenges.

b. First Reading – Chapter 13 Property Maintenance Standards

Jeff Hammond, CEO reported that this document contains property maintenance provisions taken out of chapter and placed in a new chapter. Wording has been changed to simplify the language, and the main purpose for this Chapter is public safety; vegetated landscaping has been added because overgrown vegetation is a safety issue in the compact area particularly on abandoned property. An appeal process, waiver provision, and a definition section are included.

Motion by Councilor Eastman, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to hold a public hearing at the next Town Council meeting August 9th. Vote: 7 - 0

C. First Reading - Chapter 5 Building Codes and Standards

Jeff Hammond, CEO stated that the proposed ordinance provides 25 exemptions on permitting, addresses building codes and standards, the energy codes and adds a provision that would allow 'tiny houses'. It is a repeal and replace chapter.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to hold a public hearing and second reading at next Town Council meeting August 9th. Vote: 7 – 0.

- c. Ordinance Adoption – #5 – Chapter 12, Traffic & Safety
Referred back to Committee.

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

- a. Regulatory Review Committee Update – 7-26-18 meeting

Councilor Rabs – the Committee discussed two land use items; (1) land use ordinance regarding RV as live in year around.; (2) no vote on committee regarding discontinuation of plastic bag usage - discussion on possible going forward with non-binding referendum question at the November Election.

- b. Alternative LPI

Town Manager - noted when CEO, Jeff Hammond is on vacation, people in need of inspections have nobody to call. He reached out to Luke Chiavelli to discuss coverage for vacations and Mr. Chiavelli is interested. She will set up a meeting with Luke Chivaelli.

Motion Councilor Eastman, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to move forward with hiring an Alternative LPI. Vote: 7 - 0

- c. Finance Committee Update – 7-26-18

Councilor Kee - briefly indicated that the committee is reviewing social and community service funding, procedures and dollar amounts.

8. **Agenda Items**

- a. To approve Resolve #2019-05 to approve the Sewer Commitment for the 4th Qtr of 2017/18 fiscal year

Motioned by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 7 – 0.

- b. To approve Resolve #2019-06 to approve the Maine Municipal Association Voting Ballot as recommended by the MMA Nominating Committee

Motioned by Councilor Kee, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve Resolve #2019-05. Vote 7 – 0.

- c. To approve Resolve #2019-07 to approve Pay Requisition #27 for the Sewer

Treatment Plant Project

Motioned by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve Resolve #2019-07. Vote: 7 – 0.

- d. *To approve Resolve #2019-08 to sell Map 52 Lot 28 to Rosemary and Mark Bamford*

Motioned by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve Resolve #2019-08. Vote: 7 – 0.

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - None

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds - None

11. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager's Report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

Motioned by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Kee to approve out door Vendors Produce renewal license for Terry Rowell, d/b/a Terry's Produce. Vote: 7 - 0

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

Jim Morrison discussed Bucksport Town Code chapter 2 and reviewed sections indicating that Mr. Rabs cannot run for Town Council as an employee. Maine Municipal gave a legal opinion indicating that he could run with no conflict, but he believes that there is a conflict.

Town Manager indicated that the charter language says it cannot be a full time employee of the town and that was what was reviewed by Maine Municipal.

Councilor Carmichael - noted that the Town has received a legal opinion; Bucksport is a small town, and he feels anyone should be able to run for office if they are employed part-time.

Councilor Gauvin-indicated that if the citizens feel this is a conflict, then they won't vote for Mr. Rabs.

Mayor Keene-inquired about the drainage study on Woodland Heights, Forest Hill & behind flower shop. Town Manager noted that Mandy is on vacation, but working on this issue.

13. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

Finance Committee meeting on August 9, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

Regulatory Review Committee meeting on August 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

14. Adjournment

Motioned by Councilor Kee, seconded by Councilor Gauvin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*