

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

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

2. Roll Call

Members present: Mark Eastman, David Kee, David Keene, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr. Absent: Peter Stewart

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

- a. August 9, 2018 Town Council Minutes
- b. August 9, 2018 Regulatory Review Committee Minutes
- c. August 9, 2018 Finance Committee Minutes

This item was tabled because the minutes had not been provided prior to the meeting.

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

- a. Maine Municipal Risk Management Dividend - \$7,327
Town Manager indicated that the dividend was based on positive claims experience for both property and casualty and workers compensation programs.
- b. Downeast Transportation – Ridership July 2018
Town Manager reviewed the monthly report which indicates the number of riders on both the shuttle and the taxi service.

6. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce

- a. Enactment – Chapter 12 Traffic & Safety

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 5 – 0.

- b. First Reading – Chapter 2, Personnel Policies & Procedures – Political Activities Section

The Town Manager reported that the Regulatory Review Committee had recommended changes to 11.11 to be consistent with the Town Charter for full time employees and their spouses to be prohibited from running for Town Council.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Eastman to hold a second reading and a public hearing on this item on September 27th. Vote: 5-0.

- c. First Reading – 2018-19 General Assistance Ordinance repeal & replace Appendices

A, B, C and D and Appendix M

The Town Manager noted that annually the Town is provided with updates from the State with new General Assistance guidelines and Town/cities need to adopt them after a public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Eastman to hold a second reading and a public hearing on September 27th. Vote: 5 – 0.

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**a. Councilor Resignation – Paul Rabs**

Town Manager indicated that the purpose of the item was to accept resignation, and to ask if the Council wished to appoint anyone in the interim.

Motion by Councilor Kee to accept, seconded by Mayor Keene. Vote 3-1-1 (Gauvin opposed, Carmichael abstained) Mayor Keene indicated that there was not a Council majority for the decision and the item was referred to the next meeting when Councilor Stewart would be present.

b. Regulatory Review Committee Update – 9-06-18 meeting

Councilor Gauvin reported that Chapter 2 had been discussed in regard to what employees could not run for Town Council, that Alpha One recommendations related to Chapter 5 changes were discussed and the CEO will come back to the next council meeting with information related to re-organizing items for which permits are not needed. The Committee also discussed single use plastic bags. A group of residents has formed a committee and plans on getting more information, doing public education, and then coming to the Council with a proposal.

c. Infrastructure Committee Update – 9-06-18

Councilor Carmichael reported that the Committee discussed replacing the outdated camera system on the waterfront for a cost of \$22,604.80 and that the Committee recommended moving forward with that project. The Committee also recommended the sale of Map33 Lots 66-67 to David Carlow for \$750 as an abutter to lots that have been in foreclosure for many years, and the Committee recommends including handicapped accessibility options when doing the permanent floating dock project for the town down. The Committee also reviewed a proposal that would alter a sign to allow banners on posts for both ends of Town. More information has been requested on this item.

d. Bucksport Middle School Floor Replacement

Jim Boothby, Supt of Schools discussed a project to replace the gym floor at the middle school. It has been a challenge since building has been built. There has been a defect in the floor from the beginning. The School Board had a study on the floor done and the recommendation is to replace the floor. The total estimated price is \$306,000. The school needs voter approval for the project. The school has \$75,000 toward the project and will need to finance the remainder. The Superintendent had a

conversation about whether the Town could finance the balance of the project. This would save the school the cost of a legal opinion and get a lower interest rate than they could get from a bank. It would also allow the Town to receive a higher interest rate than it currently does on investments.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to authorize the Town Manager to work with the School Superintendent to come up with a financing agreement for the project. Vote: 5-0.

Resident Jim Morrison asked where payment for the \$225,000 would come from. Supt. Boothby indicated that it would be repaid from the annual school budget.

Councilor Carmichael indicated that this could benefit both the Town and the SAD.

Superintendent Boothby clarified that all RSU 25 communities will pay back funds through the school budget.

e. **Camera Replacement Project**

This item was reported on by Councilor Carmichael who indicated that the Infrastructure Committee was recommending that the project move forward.

SAD 25 IT Supervisor Jim Morrill explained that most of labor is in house and limits the cost to the town. Additional information for the cost of electric work at the Fort Knox Inn will be available for the next Council meeting when the project is considered. Without the electrical work – the cost is \$22,604.80. Morrison-can review Jim-No, just for police

f. **Former Fitness Center – ADAPT Plan recommendation**

The Town Manager reported that this item would not be discussed because Pastor Remick & the Church committee was not given ample notification of the meeting. It will be rescheduled for 9-13-18.

Councilor Gauvin asked why it was being discussed if the Town does not own the property. The Manager responded that this area was identified in the ADAPT plan as a Community fitness/workforce training location and that the purpose of the meeting would be to allow all sides to discuss it together.

8. Agenda Items

- a. To approve Resolve #2019-12 to approve final sale terms for 15 Central Street
Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote: 5-0.
- b. To approve Resolve #2019-13 to approve sale of Lots M 33 L 66 & M 33 L 67
Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Eastman to approve. Vote: 5-0.

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections

- a. Appointment of Alternate Plumbing Inspector

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Eastman to appoint Luke Chiavelli as alternate plumbing inspector through March 2019. Vote: 5-0.

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

11. Town Manager Report

The Manager's Report is hereby attached and made a part of the minutes.

Wednesday on Main has scheduled films at the Alamo for the next 3 weeks following the end of Main Street programming.

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

- a. Set Public Hearing Date for General Assistance Ordinance Updates

Public Hearing set for 9-27-18.

- b. Hold Public Hearing – Chapter 12 Traffic & Safety

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Keene.

Jeff Hammond CEO explained that it allows for overnight parking for two spaces in the parking lot behind the town office; plus allows motorized mobility devices on all pedestrian areas.

There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

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

Councilor Gauvin saw a picture in the paper and on TV of our Business Park and the sign needs to be replaced.

Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella reported that this item would be on the next agenda for sign replacement.

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

- a. Infrastructure Committee Meeting – Safety Committee Recommendations

No date set since Councilor Carmichael will be out of Town for the next Council meeting.

- b. finance committee

Thursday 13th at 6:30 PM

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Eastman that the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*