

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting To Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor David Keene.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: 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. October 11, 2018 Town Council Meeting Minutes
- b. November 8, 2018 Town Council Meeting Minutes
- c. November 8, 2018 Regulatory Review Committee Meeting Minutes
- d. November 8, 2018 Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes
- e. ~~November 8, 2018 Services Committee Meeting Minutes~~

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve a-d. Vote: 7-0

5. **Receive and review correspondence and documents**

- a. Downeast Transportation – Ridership Report October 2018

The Town Manager stated that this is the regular monthly report on numbers of people using taxi cab and bus service

6. **Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - None**

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

- a. Infrastructure & Property Committee Meeting Update -11-29-18 Carmichael - discuss proposal to contract Lewis/Malm

Mayor Keene and Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella explained that they had met with the Historical Society to discuss the idea of moving the building closer to the road and adding a 1st floor with space for public restrooms and possibly a Papermaking Museum. They also met with Architectural firm Lewis & Malm to get a proposal for doing concept design work for the project.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to take up an item not on the agenda. Vote: 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to go ahead with the

concept design proposal with Lewis/Malm. Vote: 6 - 1 (Eastman opposed)

8. Agenda Items

- a. To approve Resolve 2019-28 to adopt a Non-Municipal Organization Funding Request Evaluation Policy

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Eastman to approve. Vote 5 - 2 (Keene, Stewart Opposed)

- b. To approve Resolve 2019-29 to purchase body cameras for the police department

Chief Geagan reviewed memo that he had written to the Town Manager outlining the process that the department had gone through over the past year to evaluate the use of such cameras. The ones recommended to purchase are compatible with the cruiser cameras currently in use. The majority of the cameras will be paid for by grant funding.

Councilor Stewart asked if there was a policy in effect for their use. Chief Geagan responded that there is a policy that is being amended and it will be in place before the purchase.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 7 - 0

Councilor Kee noted that these cameras would be helpful in court proceedings.

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

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

- a. Michelle Batchelder & Shawn L. Allen, Map 4 Lot 2-1, 50 Flanders Way

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote: 7 - 0

11. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager's Report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. She also reported that she attended the Duck Cove Association December meeting and luncheon.

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

- a. *Wilson Hall Public Hearing – December 13 Council Meeting*
b. *Regulatory Review Committee – December 13th at 6 p.m. to discuss truck load limits on some local roads*

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

Resident Chris White discussed the Yankee Magazine article about Bucksport which also contained an article about a western Vermont community that is home to the Vermont Country Store and the entity that provided money for the Heart & Soul program. He said that he thinks that the Town needs a place in the downtown area for people to meet/gather and make things happen. He believes that Wilson Hall should be kept because of its history and that the Community needs to think big.

Councilor Rabs provided background on the retail marijuana topic that was raised at the 11/08/18 Council meeting by a resident of Bucksport and one from Orland. He clarified that the Town of Bucksport does not have a moratorium on these uses – that the zoning ordinance was changed to prohibit all five use types in the referendum that was passed in November of 2016. The Town of Bucksport voted in opposition to the referendum question and after public hearings, etc., the Council took steps to document the prohibitions in the local zoning ordinance. There is a process that a resident can use to petition the Council for a change in regulations and Councilor Rabs suggested that was the venue for the person to use that had come it.

Councilor Carmichael asked about changing street lights to LED. Rich Rotella reported that the Economic Development Committee will be addressing the LED street lighting and bring their findings to the Council soon.

Councilor Stewart would like a video of the interior of Wilson Hall for the public hearing on December 13th.

14. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting – Regulatory Review Committee Meeting 6:00 - December 13th

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Voter: 7-0

Respectfully submitted

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*