

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Kee, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Robert Howard. Member Absent: Brian Leeman.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by David Kee, and unanimously voted to approve Town Council meeting minutes of March 28, 2013 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents.

No correspondence or documents to review.

5. Representative Dick Campbell to address the Town Council.

Representative Dick Campbell was unable to attend the meeting.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-102 to send to the Ordinance Committee a request to review permitting practices.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-102.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-106 to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Bangor Gas and the Town of Bucksport.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-106.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-107 to reduce the hours of operation of the Bucksport Transfer Station from six (6) days per week to five (5).

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-107.

9. Council Members agreed to take up item #18(a) under Budget Workshop at this time;

#541 Community Agencies

- a. #81-Buck Memorial Library requesting \$14,000

- b. #82 Snowmobile Club requesting \$1,529
- c. #83 Fort Knox requesting \$1,800
- d. #84 Arcady requesting No dollars
- e. #85 Circus Band requesting \$300
- f. #86 Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce requesting \$15,000
- g. #87 Memorial Day (Flags) requesting \$400
- h. #92 Conservation Commission requesting \$300
- i. #93 Penobscot Consortium requesting \$2,500

#542 Social Agencies

- a. #84 Washington Hancock CAP requesting \$900
 - b. #85 Child & Family Opportunities requesting \$2000
 - c. #87 Bucksport Community Concerns requesting \$4,500
 - d. #88 Downeast Transportation requesting \$3,592
 - e. #89 Eastern Area Agency on Aging requesting \$2,000
 - f. #90 Child Care Center requesting \$2,000
 - g. #91 Bucksport Healthy Communities Coalition requesting \$7,600
 - h. #92 Senior Citizens Group requesting \$2,500
 - i. #93 Hancock County Home Care & Hospice requesting no dollars
 - j. #94 Downeast Health Services requesting no dollars
 - k. #95 Yesterday's Children requesting \$300
 - l. #96 Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County requesting \$600
 - m. #97 Community Health & Counseling Services requesting no dollars
 - n. Downeast Aids Network requesting no dollars
 - o. Hammond Street Senior Center requesting no dollars
 - p. House of Peace-Domestic Violence requesting no dollars
10. Council Members agreed to take up item #17; Jim Boothby, Superintendent, from RSU 25 to address the Town Council in regards to the 2014 RSU budget

Superintendent of RSU 25, Jim Boothby presented the proposed working draft budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal years in the amount of \$13,582,071, compared to 2012-2013 in the amount of \$13,279,724 which represents an overall increase of 2.23% or \$302,347. The increase cost to the town is the loss of \$100,831.53 in general purpose aid, and the increase in the local share as determined by the legislative process in the EPS formula to determine general purpose aid. The mil rate required by the formula increased to 8.11 mils for 2013-2014 as compared to 7.69 mils for the 2012-2013 budgets, which represents an additional \$270,000.

Jim Boothby also spoke on the state average report card noting that the accompanying data received is an indication the district is continuing to make progress. One thing this points to is that under, No Child Left Behind, were designated as a needs improvement school. This is an indication that the improvements we've made in terms of program adjustments and teacher training are making a difference and moving forward.

Jim Boothby indicated a letter grade of "C" does not tell the whole story of a student, nor does it tell the whole story of a school. Rather, this is a good faith effort to condense the

reams of date the department already collects into an accessible snapshot of where our schools are today, showing areas where we are doing well and those where we need to improve. The next high school reports will be issued in the fall; and elementary school report cards will come out next spring.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2013-108 to approve the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee regarding the Oak Hill Burial Place

It was motioned by Glenn Findlay, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-108.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2013-109 to send to the Finance Committee a request of \$400 in TIF dollars to facilitate fund raising for the Bucksport Sculpture as part of the 2014 Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium (SISS)

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-109.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2013-110 authorizing the Finance Director to write-off uncollected ambulance charges for the period January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-110.

14. Consider Resolve #R-2013-111 to approve the bid for parking lot striping for the summer of 2013

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve #R-2013-111.

15. Consider Resolve #R-2013-112 to expense \$1,000 to Peter Remick to purchase land needed for improvements on Route 46

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-112.

16. Consider Resolve #R-2013-113 to approve an exchange of land between the Town of Bucksport and Philip H. Wight and Gail W. Wight for improvements to Route 46

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-113.

17. Consider Resolve #R-2013-114 extending the contract for disposal and hauling of metal, clean wood, and demolition debris at the Bucksport Transfer Station to D.M. & J. Waste

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-114.

18. Consider Resolve #R-2013-115 to approve language for the June 11, 2013 Referendum Ballot

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-115.

19. Budget Workshop (continued from item #9)

Cemeteries:

- a. #76 Silver Lake Cemetery requesting \$675
- b. #77 Oak Hill Cemetery requesting \$300
- c. #78 Evergreen Cemetery requesting \$895
- d. #79 Hillside Cemetery requesting \$300
- e. #86 Buck Cemetery requesting \$1,250
- f. #87 Catholic Cemetery requesting \$300
- g. #88 Lanpher Cemetery requesting \$100
- h. #89 Moulton Cemetery requesting \$100
- i. #91 Heweytown Cemetery requesting \$100
- j. #92 Page Cemetery requesting \$100

Update on recommended adjustments to date on CIP changes

- a. Ambulance-delete purchase of defibrillator \$2,500
- b. Animal Shelter-delete vinyl exterior \$3,000
- c. Dispatch-delete replace server \$2,000
- d. Fire Department Equipment Reserve-delete CAF System for Engine 1 \$43,000
- e. Public Safety Building Reserve-delete garage bay/top windows \$12,000; delete kitchen windows/rear windows \$10,000
- f. Town Garage Reserve-delete widen garage doors \$30,000
- g. Town Office Equipment Reserve-delete 5 stall voting booth \$961.15
- h. Solid Waste Equipment Reserve-delete trailer \$3,000

20. Consider issuing licenses and permits, if any

No licenses or permits to be considered.

21. Discussion items

- a. "Little Yellow School House"
-Town Manager noted that the Town agreed to fix the foundation and it was stated by Joel Wardwell that the lease states no plans for other funds, seek competitive

bids for foundation which should cost less than \$10,000 and transfer funds from undesignated funds.

It was motioned by David Keene, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to take up an item not on the agenda.

Jake and Rhonda Chambers, owners of the Jed Prouty retirement home want to refinance the business and requesting from the Town of Bucksport to give up primary status and take secondary status so they can withdraw at least some of the equity that's been built up in the local property.

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to send Jake and Rhonda Chambers request to the Finance Committee for further discussion and bring back recommendation to the Town Council.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Office.

It was motioned by David Keene, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to take up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by David Keene, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to send the Bucksport Bay Healthy Community agreement to the Finance Committee for review and bring back recommendation to the Town Council.

Town Council members signed quarterly Sewer Commitment.

22. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members present: Michael Ormsby, David Keene, Frank Dunbar and Brian Leeman.
Members absent: Glenn Findlay, David Kee, Robert Howard
3. Update on budget

Ambulance Runs figures would be presented at the next Council meeting.

4. **Streets & Ways**

Public Works Director Duane Nadeau reviewed the Streets and Ways reflecting an overall increase of 2.21% or \$20,041.48, which includes an increase of .41% or \$1,365.48 regular salary, .02% or \$14.00 extra and overtime, 2.93% or \$1,766 equipment rental, 5.03% or \$4,260 fuel vehicles and 10.33% or \$12,636 pavement cost.

Duane Nadeau commented that part-time drivers work from December 15 – March 15, which also includes a sidewalk plow operator. There are small changes with this item, changes to use flex-time for these employees picking up snow from midnight through 6:30 A.M. These winter season employees work around Town until 3:00 P.M.

Duane Nadeau also added that per storm, his people put in approximately 80 hours of over-time. It was noted that flex-hours would change the hours of pickup operations and there wouldn't be any over-time. The employees would go home after 8 hours of work.

5. **Health & Sanitation**

Health & Sanitation reflects an overall increase of 1.19% or \$4,679.02 which includes an increase of .26% or \$171.02 regular salary, 2.87% or \$1,235 benefits, 4.87% or \$67 heating fuel, 5.26% or \$32 fuel vehicle, 1.29% or \$60 administrative cost and 2.55% or \$4,820 tipping fees; and a decrease of -.48% or (\$31) extra and overtime, -.08% or (\$13) equipment rental, -13.55% or (\$662) Insurance and -14.29 or (\$1,000) monitoring wells.

6. **Recreation**

Recreation reflects an overall increase of .55% or \$1,187.08 which includes an increase of .38% or \$234.08 Director's Salary, 2% or \$1 postage, 4.97% or \$43 heating fuel, 2.81% or \$85 vehicles fuel, 7% or \$332 water and 4.99% or \$492 rent.

7. Adjournment

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard. Member Absent: David Kee.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar, and unanimously voted to approve Town Council meeting minutes of February 28, 2013 and March 14, 2013 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Treasurer's Warrants for March, 2013
-Council members received copies of Treasurer's Warrants for March 2013 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.
 - b. Financials for the period ending March 2013
-Council members received copies of Financials for the period ending March 2013 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.
5. Bangor Gas to address Town Council regarding extension of natural gas into the community.

Bangor Gas Company Executives were not available to attend tonight's meeting, but the Town Manager is very confident an agreement to bring natural gas service to many public buildings, homes and businesses is very near.

6. Request from Melanie Findlay to address Town Council regarding town snow plowing.

Melanie Findlay noted that she had spoken with the former Town Manager, as well as the current Public Works Director regarding the frequency of snow removal during the day. She added that the parking spaces in front of her business on Main Street do not get plowed during day-time hours when there is a storm, and commented that other towns do not have this problem. Melanie also noted of the few businesses located along the same stretch of Main Street as her business do not seem to have this problem, but it affects over sixty customers. In fact, "fifty" people cancel their appointments after the last storm because of no parking, even after they drove to her business for their appointment. "Aren't we supposed to be business friendly?"

Council Michael Ormsby asked; so people actually drove in a storm from their homes to your business, but then don't stop at the business on Main Street.

Melanie Findlay answered yes.

Mayor David Keene recommended that the snow plowing policy on Main Street be sent to the Streets & Roads Committee.

Councilor Brian Leeman inquired to Chief of Police Sean Geagan, about a new ordinance that would permit citizens who own businesses on Main Street to plow in front of their business.

Chief Sean Geagan indicated that citizens are not permitted to plow snow on a public way as it is an issue of liability.

The Councils indicated they would address her concerns with the public works director.

7. Request to address the Town Council from Jake and Rhonda Chambers, Chambers Realty, LLC

Jake and Rhonda Chambers, Chambers Realty, LLC owners of the Jed Prouty retirement home on Main Street were unable to meet with the councilors due to personal reasons, but still want to address the council about the terms of their financial agreement with the town.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-100 to approve the updated job description for the Bucksport Health Planning Director.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-100.

Vote in Favor: Frank Dunbar, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Keene, Robert Howard

Vote: 2 - 4 Failed

Byron Vinton, as part of the transition committee for Bucksport Bay Healthy Community Coalition group, spoke in favor of combining the duties of the Senior Center Director and Healthy Planning Director. It would be cost effective as you would eliminate a part-time position.

Mayor David Keene indicated that he was on the Town Council when Mary Jane Bush was hired to create Healthy Communities and fully supported their goals and organization. Funding of this position was supported by grant monies, but today grant monies are not as readily available.

Byron Vinton noted that during the budget process, that there was always an amount of \$7,600 approved for Bucksport Healthy Communities Coalition for extra duties, and the committee does understand the need to seek grants for funding this position.

Michael Ormsby inquired about \$7,600 for extra duties, and in question of combining the two positions.

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to send Resolve #R-2013-100 regarding job description for the Bucksport Health Planning Director to the Finance Committee for further clarification.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-101 to send to the Finance Committee a proposal from Bangor Gas to extend Natural Gas Service from Verso Paper Mill to the Bucksport Middle School.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-101.

Oliva Jacques inquired to the Councilors as to when the project will start. Town Manager noted that the construction would start as soon as weather permits. Mayor Keene explained the route for the project, and that it would be done in two phases. They will start on Elm Street then work towards Central Street, where they will bring it along Broadway up to the Middle School. Next year construction would add more homes and businesses. Oliva Jacques asked if the project would happen this year given the financial situation. Town Manager responded that the project will go on.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-102 to send to the Ordinance Committee a request to review permitting practices.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-102.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2013-103 to send to the Cemetery Committee a request to take control of the Oak Hill Burial Place.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Glenn Findlay and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-103.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2013-104 to approve the purchase of three (3) Conducted Energy Devices.

Chief of Police Sean Geagan spoke on this subject. He instructed the Councilors that this was the right decision, and he has given this much thought over the past two years. Chief Geagan has taken the opportunity to speak to other surrounding police departments as to their experience with these devices and, in his words, "the good out-ways the bad!" One primary reasoning for the need of these devices is the uprising presence of bath salts, which causes people to become out-of-control and they will not respond to police. Chief Geagan also noted that one citizen actually asked why the Department didn't have these devices. Preliminary research on this subject proved that it would cause too much of a liability issue for the Town, but as these devices are becoming more popular, Maine Municipal Association now offers a coverage plan for a Police Department to carry such a device.

Chief Geagan also provided the Councilors with some statistics of the device. He explained that by officers having these devices it significantly reduces injuries on both the officers as well as the suspects. To be more specific, Chief Geagan added that it will show a decrease of about 70% injuries on the officers, and approximately 40% decrease of injuries on the suspects. He noted that some calls these officers go on can be “very, very bad.”

Councilor Frank Dunbar added that he had heard that some hospitals were adding these devices to their emergency rooms for hospital staff to use when they need to treat patients that pose significant threat to their safety.

Councilor Michael Ormsby stated that he had been an opponent of these for many years, but given the research done by Chief Geagan he says he trusts Chief Geagan whole heartedly, and also added that he is in favor of the cameras being a part of the devices. Chief Geagan explained that having the cameras on the device would record video and sound, as well as date/time data as soon as the device is activated it will continue recording throughout the use of the device.

Chief Geagan added that the Sheriff’s Department has had the devices for two years and hasn’t used them yet

Mayor David Keene asked Chief Geagan if he would like more of the devices than requested.

Chief Geagan explained that he would like to be able to purchase an additional four (4) devices, totaling seven (7) Conducted Energy Devices in the Department. Purchasing the additional four (4) would allow every officer to have their own device.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to approve the amendment to #R-2013-104 to purchase four (4) additional Conducted Energy Devices to allow each officer to have their own device and charge the additional expense to the dispatch account.

Citizen Byron Vinton added that he was in favor of taking the additional funding from the Dispatch account to allow for each officer to have a device because he explained that the concept of shared equipment never really worked. Byron Vinton added that by year 2024 the Department would need new radios, but by then the funding would be built back up from this purchase.

Citizen Ken White explained that he had previously inquired with Chief Geagan months back that these devices were a necessity. Ken White added that the officers responding to calls have to deal with people in all different states of mind, and that when an officer is working a call that one hesitation can change a life. Ken White also stated that research shows that nine (9) out of ten (10) times if someone sees the device, the officer won’t have to use it and added, that this decision makes the officers much safer, and that it’s personal to him. He has a son-in-law working for Bucksport Police Department who has two children and it’s important that he is safe while doing his job.

Citizen Melanie Findlay asked the Councilors if the School Resource Officer would also have a unit.

Chief Sean Geagan confirmed that all his officers would have a device.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2013-105 to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bucksport Police Department and the Department of Public Safety Liquor Licensing Unit.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve resolve #R-2013-105.

14. Consider issuing licenses and permits, if any.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Michael Tozier, d/b/a Tozier's II Bar-N-Grill.

Hold Public Hearing for Michael Tozier, d/b/a Tozier's II Bar-N-Grill for renewal of a fulltime Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit

No Public Comments.

Close public hearing and act on application

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Michael Tozier, d/b/a Tozier's II Bar-N-Grill for renewal of a fulltime Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit.

15. Report from the Town Manager

Bangor Gas Extension: Efforts to negotiate with Bangor Gas are progressing very favorably and taken a sharp turn in the right direction. Bangor Gas should be making a presentation to the Council on April 11, regarding extending the gas lines into Bucksport towards the schools. Construction would start when weather is permitting, and be completed before the fall.

BBHCC Director: The coalition has agreed to accept a reconfigured Health Planning Director Position as the Coalition Director. This new position will combine the duties of the Senior Center Director with the Bucksport Health Planning Director and a reconfigured BBHCC Director position. This new configuration will allow both programs to be served and will NOT cost the Town any additional dollars.

The dollars that are now dedicated to the Senior Center Director would be folded into the Town Health Director Position. No additional dollars are allocated by the Town. The remaining dollars needed to fill the position are generated by the coalition.

In order for the position to continue even in this form, the coalition must work to generate sufficient funds to pay its' portion of the salary and other expenses. Combining the positions allows the Town to retain a Health Director and a position for the Senior Center, without spending additional dollars. It also allows the Coalition to continue with a Director, something it may not be able to do otherwise.

There is also a strong desire on part of the Town and the Coalition to maintain a close connection. Given the growing need for services provided by the coalition, and the anticipation on the part of the coalition board that additional dollars will be available in the future, this seems a logical combination of roles. There is considerable overlap between the coalition, and the Senior Center.

Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Golden Eagle Dinner: On May 16th at 6:00 PM, the Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, which includes Bucksport, is holding a dinner to raise funds and to honor local leaders. This year, one of those being honored is Richard Rosen.

Route 46 work: Construction is set to begin by early May on Part 1 (Golf Course) and Part 2 (Hancock Pond). To complete the project as originally conceived, the Town must raise an additional \$90,000 - \$100,000. Voter approval is required for this expenditure. We will be adding this to the June ballot.

Town Budget: We have begun the process for the FY 2014 Town budget. The first hearing was held last week. In the coming weeks we will proceed based on the best information we have available. Jim Boothby will attend the April 25 meeting to discuss the RSU budget and capital projects. It is likely that changes will need to be made late in the process as we learn what will be approved in Augusta.

16. Discussion Items

- a. Department Reports
-Council members received copies of Departmental Reports and were asked to submit any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.
- b. CIP updates from 04/04/2013 Budget Workshop
-Council members received copies of CIP updates from 04/04/2013 Budget Workshop and were asked to submit any questions or concerns to the Town Manager.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to take up an item not on the agenda.

- c. Schedule Committee Meetings:

Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

Cemetery Committee Meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

Streets & Roads Committee Meeting (after Budget) on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

17. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Keene, Brian Leeman and Robert Howard. Members Absent: David Kee and Frank Dunbar.
3. Preliminary budget review

Town Manager briefly reviewed estimated savings to the budget of approximately \$258,135.

Town Manager also gave a brief review of the current mil rate being 12.94 and what affect it would have on Bucksport property owners if the mil rate went from 12.94 up as high as 14.94.

4. Recommendations from Finance Committee

Michael Ormsby, Chairperson of the Finance Committee reviewed the estimated savings list:

1. Change to Salt priority Rural Road program (requires equipment purchase during first year) (CIP). Year-1 purchase cost \$42,924, year-2 savings \$89,924)
2. Eliminate Private Road Sign purchase
3. Reduce Pavement Overlay
4. Reduce Transfer Station hours to (5) days per week (eliminate 1-FTE)
5. Generate revenue through Parks and Rec (Pool)
6. Replace Overnight Full Time Fire Fighter with two (2) on-call staff
7. Increase local fee on Auto Registrations from \$3 to \$4 (can increase as high as \$5)
8. Replace river walk lights with LED lights (Huge energy savings, rebates on LED, more expensive up from costs)
9. Reduce Summer Help

Michael Ormsby indicated that the Finance Committee didn't accomplish much, but it is hard to make decisions not knowing what the Town will receive for funding from the State.

Robert Howard indicated that he wants to keep the level of services at this time and does not want to cut positions until we know for sure what funding we will receive from the State.

Michael Ormsby said next year with the Bette/Bettre program as it now stands, we will probably be looking at position cuts.

David Keene does not want to charge any fee to citizens to use the swimming pool. The town has never charged; shame on us.

David Milan spoke on the Bette/Bettr program noting the only way to have an effect on changing their minds in Augusta, is to continue to show them that it is a bad idea.

5. Review of Capital Improvement Program

Capital Improvement Program was reviewed noting suggested changes:

Animal Shelter – delay Vinyl Exterior

Dispatch – replace server with grant funds

Downtown Reserve – include self-contain machine to water plants

Highway Equipment – change budgeted from \$15,000 to \$42,000

Highway Improvement – Additional paving \$40,000 for Route 46

Police Equipment – reduce bullet-proof vests (\$5,000)

Swimming Pool House – reduce appropriation by \$2,000

Public Safety – change seal garage floor in FD garage from \$25,000 to \$2,500

Recreation Equipment – reduce appropriation from \$5,000 to Zero

Recreation Facility – reduce appropriation from \$23,000 to \$13,000

6. Emergency Services/Protection

Fire Protection reflects a 2% or \$6,899 overall increase, which includes an increase of 2.11% or \$4,776 regular salaries, 2.32% or \$820 extra and overtime, 2.79% or \$940 call firemen payroll, .93% or \$116 training payroll, 2% or \$2.00 postage, 4.41% or \$245 fuel vehicles.

Public Safety reflects a 2.59 or \$1,011 overall increase, which includes a decrease of -6.36% or (\$281) regular salary, an increase of 8.57% or \$1,200 heating fuel, 7.08% or \$92 water.

Ambulance Service reflects a 9.10% or \$22,852 overall increase, which includes an increase of 14.54% or \$14,599 regular salaries, 1.28% or \$76 training, 29.32% or \$139 postage, 20% or \$300 equipment purchase, 5.26% or \$560 vehicle fuel, a decrease of --2.40% or (\$18) miscellaneous.

Utilities reflects a 5.61% or \$12,708 overall increase, which includes an increase of 7% or \$12,708 total hydrants.

Police reflects a 5.06% or \$27,971.01 overall increase, which includes an increase of 11.74% or \$36,476.47 regular salaries, 2.32% or \$1,173 extra and overtime, 12.32 or \$1000 training, 14.29% or \$995 clothing allowance, 4.83% or \$38 heating fuel, 2.70% or \$720 fuel vehicles, a decrease of -100% or (\$8,786) summer officer, -100% or (\$1,526) Police in Education.

Dispatch reflects a .90% or \$1,549.52 overall increase, which includes an increase of 1.05% or \$1,376.52 regular salaries, .69% or \$161 extra and overtime, .40% or \$12 training.

7. General Government

Administration reflects a 5.50% or \$21,762.66 overall increase, which includes an increase of 7.26% or \$15,852.97 regular salaries, 2.51% or \$123 postage, 5.47% or \$400 equipment maintenance and repair, 21.10% or \$2,625 audit, 8.51% or \$879 tax lien, 1.95% or \$146 MMA Dues, a decrease of -2.46% or (\$71) printing.

Municipal Planning reflects a .17% or \$101.67 overall increase, which includes an increase of .38% or \$190.67 CEO salary, 2.56% or \$11 postage, with a decrease of -8% or (\$100) HCPC Dues.

Assessor reflects a .01% or \$5 overall increase which includes 1% or \$192 regular salary, 2.75% or \$13.00 postage.

Municipal Office reflects a 1.57% or \$324 overall increase, which includes an increase of 8.57% or \$300 heating fuel, 5.11% or \$24 water.

Insurance Benefits reflects a 5.28% or \$38,663 overall increase, which includes an increase of 2.41% or \$1,564 worker compensation, 2.28% or \$3,699 social security, 8.55% or \$1,811 group life insurance, 10.47% or \$41,380 health insurance, 4.73% or \$1,009 income protection, with a decrease of -14.53% or (\$8,500) general liability insurance, -27.06% or (\$2,300) public liability insurance.

Contingency – no change

Public Access – no change

Health Officer – no change

Cemetery Care – no change

Economic Development reflects a 47.13% or \$32,176.88 overall increase, which includes an increase of .38% or \$216.88 regular salary, 2.50% or \$10 postage, 15000% or \$30,000 miscellaneous cost, 43.33% or \$1,950 marketing cost.

8. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Brian Leeman and Robert Howard. Members Absent: Glenn Findlay and David Kee.

3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

No minutes to be considered.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Town Manager reported seeking creative and innovative proposals from qualified planning consulting firms or other qualified applicants for the purpose of revising and updating the Town of Bucksport Comprehensive Plan.
 - b. Todd Martin, Outreach Coordinator for Natural Resources Council of Maine invited council members and members of the conservation committee to a meeting on Saturday, April 27th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Williams Pond Lodge located at 327 Williams Pond Road in Bucksport with Rep. Richard Campbell in attendance to discuss four (4) to five (5) most important environmental bills being debated in the legislature.
5. Proclamation awarding The Boston Cane to Audrey deBeauboir Johnson

Mayor David Keene read the Proclamation honoring Audrey deBeauboir Johnson along with a short autobiography, while Town Clerk, Kathy L. Downes presented Audrey deBeauboir Johnson with The Boston Cane.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-097 to approve expenditures of \$5,968.52 from the Route 46 Highway Improvement Account (#84-804-56) for engineering services related to the reconstruction of Route 46

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-097.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-098 to approve recommendations of the Appointments Committee

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-098.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-099 to approve the investment of funds

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-099.

9. Request to address the Council from Jake and Rhonda Chambers, Chambers Reality, LLC

Town Manager was informed by Jake and Rhonda Chambers, Chambers Reality LLC that they were unable to attend the council meeting and requested to post phone until the next council meeting.

10. Discussion items

a. Public discussion of proposed budget savings measures and

-Town Manager noted receiving letter from citizen, Dan See with recommendation to eliminate the Highway Department and contract out.

-Citizen Byron Vinton noted that public safety, especially Dispatch Department, becomes a target and suggested eliminating both Fire and Police Chiefs and hire a public safety Director as an administrator.

-Duane Nadeau, Public Works Director indicated that the town pays a lot more for contractual services for Route 46, and find that contractual services are very expensive. Duane noted that by changing to a salt program, verses having sand and salt on the roads in the winter would be a savings to the town of approximately \$90,000 per year. The first year would only save about \$35,000 due to the cost of changing over the town equipment on the trucks. Duane also noted to eliminate private road sign purchase; reduce pavement overlay, and reduce transfer station hours from six (6) day work week to five (5).

-Town Manager commented that Duane Nadeau did an excellent job in reviewing and suggesting some cuts to reduce his budget.

-Town Manager suggested changing the waterfront walkway lights to LED. The initial up front purchase would cost, but will save over the long run and be more energy efficient.

-Craig Bowden, Director of Emergency Services reported that the fire and ambulance budget does not allow cutting the budget 15% without cutting services and or personnel. Craig noted that sixty (60) percent of ambulance calls are over the age of 65.

Town Councilors are exploring a wide range of options for cost cutting, but all of them remain open for more discussion before any decisions are made.

b. Schedule Finance Committee to further consider recommendations

-Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

c. Bangor Gas

-Town Manager and Mayor David Keene met with Bangor Gas today. They felt it was a very productive meeting, and Bangor Gas seemed more enthusiastic to continue negotiations.

11. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Brian Leeman and Robert Howard. Member Absent: Glenn Findlay.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Town Council meeting minutes of January 10th & 31st, 2013 (2 sets of minutes for January 31st) and February 14th, 2013 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Treasurer's Warrants for February 2013
-Council members received copies of Treasurer's Warrants for February 2013 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.
 - b. Financials for the period ending February 28, 2013
-Council members received copies of Financials for the period ending February 28, 2013 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager of Finance Director.
5. Consider Resolve #R-2013-092 to approve the Facilities Plan developed by Olver Associates for required upgrades to the Bucksport Waste Water Treatment Plant

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-092

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-093 to schedule the Solid Waste Committee to consider changes to the Transfer Station program

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-093.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-094 to schedule the Appointments Committee to consider appointments to Town Boards

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-094.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-095 to approve expenditures of \$4,420.00 from the Route 46 Highway Improvement Account (**84-804-56**) for engineering services related to the reconstruction of Route 46

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-095.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-096 to authorize expenditures of \$643.80 from the Recreation Capital Improvement Fund to repair the Swimming Pool Sand Filter

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2013-096.

10. Consider issuing Quit Claim Deeds for paid tax and sewer liens

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve issuing Quit Claim Deeds for paid tax lien to Brenda Snow Gamble and paid sewer lien to Kelly Byrant.

11. Consider issuing licenses and permits, if any

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

No public comments.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Wayne Hand, d/b/a Bucksport Golf Club for renewal of a fulltime Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit.

12. Report from the Town Manager

Bangor Gas Extension: Efforts to negotiate with Bangor Gas are progressing. They have expressed a desire to continue negotiations. We are willing to talk and are trying to arrange a meeting. We did have a meeting in late February that was not productive. The goal was to have a definitive answer by the end of February.

Bangor Gas Tax case: Nothing new to report in this. The Town did finally receive the written ruling on the 2008 tax abatement case. Bangor Gas promptly asked that it be kept confidential pending appeal. Bangor Gas did file an appeal of this ruling. We are willing to meet to work out a solution on this and other issues.

BBHCC Director: The position remains open. There is not a consensus among the Coalition on how to proceed given the funding realities. The

advisory board is scheduled to meet soon with a recommendation to me. It will make a recommendation to the Town Council at that time.

MDOT New Freedom Handicapped Access Grant: No updates. Work will begin on this project as weather permits in the spring.

Route 46 work: Engineering work is complete for now. The Town Council awarded the bids to Lane Construction at the 2/28/13 meeting. A preconstruction conference is planned for March 19th. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on March 21st to discuss options for the alternate route. To complete that section of road will cost an additional \$200,000.

Town Budget: We have begun the process for the FY 2014 Town budget. I have asked the Department Heads to look at options to reduce expenses and requested modified budgets to reduce expense by 15%. Most departments are already working on very tight margins. It will come down to how much loss in service is acceptable to the tax payers versus how more they are willing to pay.

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on March 21st to discuss options including reductions in services and staffing needs. Given we probably will not know what the State will do until very late in the process, we will have to make some decisions without complete information. One rather simple and necessary change that will save resources is the payroll schedule. This is a separate discussion item on the agenda.

13. Discussion items

a. Department Reports

-Council members received copies of Departmental Reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.

b. Pay Schedule Shift

-Town Manager reported that the Town currently operates with eight (8) different pay periods. These include separate and distinct pay periods for: Call Fire/Call Ambulance, general part-time staff; Police and Fire; part-time office staff; Highway, Waste Water, Transfer Station; full-time hourly office staff, and salaried staff. Under the current pay scheme, some staff are actually paid in advance of their work. Other staff has a pay period that ends three (3) to eight (8) days before the Friday payday. As you can imagine, this requires significant resources in time to manage and creates an amazing amount of work for our office staff. To better manage staff time by increasing efficiencies and reducing costs, would be to adjust the pay period of every staff classification to operate under the same pay period.

c. Finance Committee Schedule Adjustment

-Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 21st , has been changed from 6:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

d. Budget Testimony update

-Budget update was briefly reviewed under Town Manager's Report along with Pay Schedule Shift.

Appointments Committee meeting on Thursday March 28th , 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

Solid Waste Committee meeting on Thursday, March 28th , 2013 at 5:30 P.M. at the Town Office.

14. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Kee, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Brian Leeman and Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to table Town Council meeting minutes of January 10th and 31st, 2013.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents

No correspondence or documents to be reviewed.

5. Consider Resolve #R-2013-084 to send to the Finance Committee a request to purchase land from the Town of Bucksport

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-084.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-085 to send Finance Committee for review and consideration, reinvestment of Town finances

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-085.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-086 to seek Requests for Proposals to update the Town of Bucksport Comprehensive Plan

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-086.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-087 to retain Perkins Thompson as representation for the Town of Bucksport in the Bangor Gas Rate Hearing

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-087.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-088 to approve a Utility Pole Permit Application from Bangor Hydro Electric Company

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-088.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-089 to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Schoodic Sculpture International Symposium and the Town of Bucksport

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-089.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2013-090 authorizing application for a 2013 Housing Community Development Block Grant

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-090.

12. Resolve #R-2013-091 to award the contract for reconstruction of Route 46

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-091.

13. Discussion items

- a. Updated report on prospective budget
 - Town Manager noted the "Worst Case Scenario" for the Town of Bucksport on the potential loss of revenue based on the proposed budget by Governor LePage, reviewing proposed loss in Homestead exemption, a reduction of approximately \$15,000 in excise taxes on "truck tractors", the loss of BETR to BETE, and it temporarily eliminates revenue sharing.

Town Manager commented on two meetings being held in regards to Governors proposed reductions in State Funding to Schools and Municipalities and what impact it would have on communities. One meeting being held on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 PM at Hampden Academy Performing Arts Center and the other meeting on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 PM at Brewer Auditorium.

- b. Report from the Ordinance Committee regarding Federal Street
 - Robert Howard, Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee indicated that the committee recommends that no action be taken with regards to Federal Street parking.
- c. Report updates on Bangor Gas issues
 - Town Manager has nothing new to report and if no progress by the end of March will plan on looking for alternative gas companies. Unfortunately, the town will probably not be installing natural gas lines in the community this year.
- d. Report on request for information on County Budget

-As requested by council members, the County Commissioner's Office provided a copy of the Hancock County 2013 Budget.

e. Report on Jed Prouty project

-Town Manager reported that the extensive list of renovations at the Jed Prouty has been completed, ahead of schedule and beyond any expectations.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to take up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Jane Cirillo, d/b/a Pack Rat Pickers.

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Miscellaneous License for George MacLeod, d/b/a MacLeod's Restaurant for special permit for catering privileges f/b/o Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

Finance Committee meetings on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office to review items (#5) purchase of land from the Town of Bucksport; and item (#6) review investment proposals, and on Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 P.M. to review potential cost savings actions for the fiscal year 2014 budget.

14. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members present: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Kee, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Brian Leeman and Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

No minutes to be considered.
4. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Treasurer's Warrants for January 2013
-Council members received copies of Treasurer's Warrant for January 2013 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.
 - b. Financials for the period ending January 31, 2013
-Council members received copies of Financials for the period ending January 31, 2013 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.
 - c. Hancock County Commissioners Tax Spreadsheet
-Town Manager provided Council members with copies of the Hancock County Commissioners Tax Spreadsheet showing all Hancock Towns/City individual listing of state valuation and total tax.
David Kee questioned what services the Town of Bucksport receive for \$272,694.
Sean Geagan, Police Chief indicated the use of the jail, court house, registry of deeds, contractual services, etc.
 - d. Letter from Curtis Thaxter, Attorneys at Law regarding Bangor Gas 2008 tax appeal
-Town Manager indicated that Bangor Gas Company has filed a 2008 tax appeal for abatement on 2008 taxes.
David Keene inquired about funds available for legal fees regarding Bangor Gas Company 2008 tax appeal for tax abatement.
Town Manager does not know, but will review account status.
Michael Ormsby indicated that it could cost the Town \$80,000 or more, but if it should get appealed to Supreme Judicial System, than it would cost a lot more.
5. Congressman Dick Campbell to address the Council

State Representative Dick Campbell addressed the Town Council of his legislative agenda, and noted that he wants to work with the council to get bills into Legislature that

would benefit both towns, Bucksport and Orrington that he represents. Dick spoke of having been in and out of the Legislature since 1992, and said he has seen many changes during that time and understands things are difficult. Many of the bills submitted are focused on creating jobs in the two towns, since both of them are energy producers. Mayor David Keene said he was pleased with what Dick Campbell has been doing and would like to see it continue. While I don't speak for the entire council, he thanked Dick for coming and talking with the council and look forward to working with Dick in the future.

David Kee asked Dick what he knew about the proposed revenue sharing cuts?

Dick Campbell indicated that he was unsure about how that would affect the two towns, but would get more information and share it with the council as soon as possible. Dick said he wants to help Bucksport and Orrington as much as he can.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-073 to approve changes in job descriptions

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-073 approving job description for the Bucksport Senior Center Director, and withdraw job description for the Bucksport Health Planning Director.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-077 to schedule the Ordinance Committee to consider minor revisions to the Town Charter

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-077.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-079 to approve the audit for the period 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-079.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-082 to schedule the Sewer Committee to review the Facilities Plan for the Town Wastewater Treatment plant developed by Olver Associates

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-082.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-083 to approve the Budget Workshop Schedule

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-083.

11. Issue Quit Claim Deeds for six (6) properties that were tax acquired that have been paid

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Quit Claim Deeds for Timothy Jerome (four (4) properties), Keith and Betty French and Roberta Harriman.

12. Consider issuing licenses and permits, if any

Hold Public hearing for Jeff Leadbetter, Leadbro LLC d/b/a Harbor View Grille for renewal of a fulltime Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit.

No public comments.

Close hearing and act on application.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Jeff Leadbetter, Leadbro LLC d/b/a Harbor View Grille for renewal of a fulltime Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit.

13. Report from the Town Manager

Bangor Gas Extension: The Town agreed to suspend our filing with the PUC until the end of February to allow for one final effort to negotiate an agreement. We are waiting to hear from Dave Shipley on a meeting to discuss the gas extension and other issues. We should have a definitive answer by the end of February.

Bangor Gas Tax case: The Town did finally receive the written ruling on the 2008 tax abatement case. Bangor Gas promptly asked that it be kept confidential pending appeal. Jef Fitzgerald, Dave Milan, and I met with Dave Shipley to discuss a potential settlement on the remaining years. Bangor Gas did file an appeal as it had to be done by February 1 or they would lose the opportunity to do so. We hope to meet in the coming days to work out a solution on this and other issues.

BBHCC Director: The position remains open. There is not a consensus among the Coalition on how to proceed given the funding realities. It is very doubtful someone will be in place by March 1. The advisory board is scheduled to meet later in February. It will make a recommendation to the Town Manager at that time.

Federal Street Parking: Ordinance Committee meeting to take up this matter again at the request of a resident. Andrew Allen from MDoT was contacted per direction of Council. MDoT will look at the posted speed limit at the request of the Town. I did not make that request. The department will not look at other issues such as parking and width of the street. While the roadway does not meet current code, it is grandfathered in. The state does not have the authority to intervene.

MDOT New Freedom Handicapped Access Grant: No updates. Work will begin on this project as weather permits in the spring

Public Infrastructure CDBG – Water Tank: The new water tower is up and operational. In the spring the old tower will come down.

Route 46 work: Engineering work should be nearing completion for now. Plans are posted and the Town is accepting bids through February 26. Soon after that, we will have a good idea on costs and how much work we will be able to do.

Town Budget: We have begun the process for the FY 2014 Town budget. I have asked the Department Heads to look at options to reduce expenses. Most departments are already working on very tight margins. It will come down to how much loss in service is acceptable to the tax payers versus how much more they are willing to pay. Given we probably will not know what the State will do until very late in the process, we will have to make some decisions without complete information.

We cannot have a closed session to discuss possible cuts. As you will see in the Budget Hearing schedule, I have scheduled a hearing in March to discuss ways to tackle the proposed losses. By then, perhaps we will have a better handle on what is most likely to happen at the state level.

That will also give me an opportunity to talk to Council members for input as well as individual staff that may be impacted by potential changes in advance.

14. Discussion items:

a. Department Reports

-Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.

Town Manager reported that the Ordinance Committee met this evening regarding the request for changes in parking on Federal Street and it was recommended by the Ordinance Committee to take no action.

Town Manager noted an upcoming meeting on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Hampden Academy Performing Arts Center for discussion on the impact of Governor LePage's proposed state funding reductions to both schools and communities.

Frank Dunbar reported that the Bucks Mills Rod and Gun Club will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2013 with guest speaker David Trahan and one of the topic will be on guns. The public is invited.

Michael Ormsby spoke in response to the request from Bangor Daily News requesting names of concealed gun permit owners, don't agree, it is wrong, and expressed concerns

of safety issues. Mike inquired about obtaining legal opinion before releasing names of owners.

Police Chief, Sean Geagan commented that he had checked with several police departments and they don't agree with releasing this information, but have no choice but to grant request because of Freedom Access. However, Sean noted that he requested ruling from AG Office asking should the Town deny request, what would happen.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

Sewer Committee meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

David Keene commented that the Bucksport Area Cultural Arts Society together with the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce are launching "Beat the Blues" a winter-time series of concerts and comedy at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center on February 22, March 1, 8 & 15, 2013. All shows start at 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM and the cost is \$10 per ticket, per show. Come show support for the Performing Arts Center.

15. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Frank Dunbar and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Brian Leeman and Robert Howard. Member Absent: David Kee.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Town Council meeting minutes of June 14th & 28th, 2012 and September 13th & 27th, 2012 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents

No correspondence or documents to be reviewed.

5. Congressman Dick Campbell to address the Council

Congressman Campbell was not available to address the Council.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-078 to consider the Facilities Plan for the Town Wastewater Treatment plant developed by Olver Associates

Bill Olver of Olver Associates, Inc. gave a brief overview of the facilities plan of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary upgrade noting an estimated cost of approximately 11.1 million. All council members received a copy of the facilities plan. Bill Olver reviewed the preliminary costs including; capital cost for secondary treatment plant; estimated project costs in funding agency format; impact of secondary treatment on operating costs; current cost sharing considerations; potential scenario with Rural Development; sewer user rates in surrounding communities; noting other funding sources that are very limited at the present time; and project financing and scheduling considerations.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-078.

7. Katie Coleman to address the Council regarding Federal Street

Katie Coleman presented pictures of Federal Street and parking near her property and requested that parking be ban altogether on Federal Street. She feels it is a safety issue because of the street being so narrow. But, if parking on Federal Street cannot be ban, than a least the area around the entrance to her property.

Town Manager indicated that Federal Street does not meet the street/road standards, but because of the age of the street it is grandfathered and there are no restrictions.

Councilor Michael Ormsby has lived on Federal Street a long time and never a problem except at the corner by the Catholic Church which has been resolved by moving the no parking sign further down Federal Street below the entrance to the Catholic Church rectory.

Terry Savage property owner on Federal Street indicated that approximately a year and a half ago the Police Department, Katie Coleman and himself worked out a solution and did not know she had parking issues again. Terry indicated that he does not want any problems, want to be a good neighbor, but it is getting impossible.

Citizen Chris Johnson spoke of his concern at the top of Federal Street by the Catholic Church whether or not the fire department or any large vehicle turning down Federal Street is able to make the corner. Chris asked if the fire department is comfortable with Federal Street, and suggested maybe installing a light at the top of this street. Chris also believes this could become a liability issue and maybe the town needs to look into it.

Mayor David Keene said this issue has gone back and forth and was hoping the property owners were gone too come to an agreement, but unfortunately this has not happened and therefore suggest referring this back to the Ordinance Committee for final recommendation.

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to refer Federal Street issue back to the Ordinance Committee, and contact MDOT for an assessment of Federal Street.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-079 to approve the audit for the period 7/1/2011 to 06/30/2012

Kathryn Hickson, Finance Director indicated that the Town has received the audit report from RHR Smith & Company for the period 7/1/2011/to 06/30/2012 with one exception, the Management Audit review Letter. When this letter becomes available, a copy will be put in each of the Town Councilors box.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2013-079 until receipt of Management Audit review Letter.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-080 to approve expenditures of \$5,968.52 from the Route 46 Highway Improvement Account (84-804-56) for engineering services related to the reconstruction of Route 46

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-080.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-081 to approve Town Council Committee appointments for the 2013 calendar year

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-081.

11. Presentation and discussion led by the Town Manager concerning Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

Town Manager gave a brief summary on what the Town of Bucksport potential loss of revenue based on proposed budget by Governor LePage the "worst case scenario", and warned town officials and residents about possible major cutbacks in the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget locally. He noted that it is possible that the town could lose as much as 1.3 million locally, based on the state projections and Governor's proposal. This does not account for changes that result in dollars currently sheltered by TIF. Also, now valuation within a TIF District is sheltered from out valuation: this decreases the taxes paid to the County; this also increases the level of school aid received from the state; this also increases revenue sharing to the town. It is estimated that every dollar sheltered generates \$.61 in lowered county taxes, increased school aid, and increased state revenue sharing for the community. This figure assumes Enhanced BETE remains as it is now, but Enhanced BETE changes every year. The town has significant reserves, some of which could be used on a one-time basis to soften the blow on local taxes and to maintain some municipal services.

12. Sign the Sewer Commitment

All council members signed Sewer Commitment for the months of October, November and December 2012.

13. Discussion items

Finance Committee met tonight and reviewed; sewer acquired property at 52 Central Street; and brief discussion on budget and the potential loss of state aid and funding for Town programming and noted that meeting minutes will be forthcoming.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

It was motioned by David Keene, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to take up an item not on the agenda.

David Milan, Economic Development Director advised the council on applying for a CDBG housing grant in the amount of \$400,000 to help home and apartment owners based on low to moderate income improve their properties. In the past, Ron Harriman Associates of Bangor has been the town's consultant and administrator of the program, but state officials are urging competitive proposals now. Therefore, in order to meet a timely deadline for the application, council permission is required to seek competitive proposals, including Ron Harriman Associates.

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to authorize David Milan, Economic Development Director advertise for a consultant to assist with the application filing of the CDBG and also help administer the program, if money is granted.

14. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Swearing in of newly elected Town Council Members

Town Clerk, Kathy L. Downes swore in newly elected Town Council Members Glenn Findlay and Brian Leeman.

3. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Keene, Frank Dunbar, Brian Leeman and Robert Howard. Member Absent: David Kee.

4. The election of a Mayor for the year 2013

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Frank Dunbar to nominate David Keene for Mayor for the ensuing year.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard to cease nomination and unanimously voted to elect David Keene as Mayor for the ensuing year.

5. Consider minutes of previous meetings

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to table council meeting minutes of June 14th and 28th, 2012.

6. Receive and review correspondence and documents

a. Treasurer's Warrants for December 2012

-Council members received copies of Treasurer's Warrant for December 2012 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.

b. Financials for the period ending December 31, 2012

-Council members received copies of Financials for the period ending December 31, 2012 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.

7. Congressman Dick Campbell to address the Council

Congressman Campbell was not available to address the Town Council.

8. Determine Town Council committee members and appointments

-Council members will let Mayor David Keene know what committee they would like to serve on and will take-up at the next town council meeting for council approval.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-065 authorizing the Town Manager or Mayor to sign official documents approved by the Town Council

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-065.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-066 regarding procedures for aligning Treasurer's Warrants

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-66.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2013-067 setting the rate of interest for delinquent sewer bills

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-067.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Glenn Findlay, David Keene, Frank Dunbar and Brian Leeman.

Opposed: Robert Howard

Vote: Favorable 5 - 1

12. Consider Resolve #R-2013-068 to approve expenditures of \$14,050 from the Route 46 Highway Improvement Account (84-804-56) for engineering services related to the reconstruction of Route 46.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-068.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2013-069 to approve expenditures of \$3,441.21 from the Garage Reserve Account (84-804-16) to replace the fuel storage tank the Town Garage

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-069.

14. Consider Resolve #R-2013-070 transfer \$39,925 in funds from the TIF Expense Account to the Downtown Improvements Reserve

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-070.

15. Consider Resolve #R-2013-071 to approve expenditures of \$1,500 from the Downtown Improvement Reserve Account (E84-804-26) to fund permitting for the West End Development Project

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-071.

16. Consider Resolve #R-2013-072 to approve the renewal to the Hancock County Hazard Mitigation Plan

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-072.

17. Consider Resolve #R-2013-073 to approve changes in job descriptions

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2013-073 to seek legal opinion, and bring back findings at the January 31st, 2013 town council meeting.

18. Consider Resolve #R-2013-074 referring proposed appointments to the Appointments Committee

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-074.

19. Consider Resolve #R-2013-075 regarding the disposition of tax acquired property

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by David Keene and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-075.

20. Consider Resolve #R-2013-076 to schedule the Finance Committee to consider action against sewer acquired property

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-076.

21. Consider Resolve #R-2013-077 to schedule the Ordinance Committee to consider minor revisions to the Town Charter

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-077.

22. Pam Payson to address the Town Council regarding local business concerns

Pam Payson spoke of her concerns with vendors only paying \$25.00 for a vendors permit to sell products along side the road, and commented of the unfairness as they do not support the community, pay school and property taxes, etc. and requesting to the Town Council to increase vendors permit fees.

Council members agreed to refer this concern to the Ordinance Committee.

23. Consider issuing licenses and permits, if any

No licenses or permits to be considered.

24. Report from the Town Manager

Annual Report: The report is done. We had a minor last minute change from the auditor we had to incorporate. It should be available soon.

Bangor Gas Extension: Still awaiting word on our early December request to the PUC to clarify the disputes between the Town of Bucksport and Bangor Gas. On January 3, we had a phone conference with the PUC and the Public Advocate to clarify our intentions. Bangor Gas has until January 11 to respond. We hope this will lead to a resolution and negotiations can move forward in one way or the other. The Town is also looking at other options. These include compressed natural gas, the Town becoming the provider, or another provider similar to Bangor Gas.

BBHCC Director: The position is posted on several web sites and will be in area newspapers beginning this week. We plan to interview in early February with hopes to have someone in place by March 1 to have time with Mary Jane.

Federal Street Parking: The Town Council has agreed that this issue was largely put to rest. The Ordinance Committee did not recommend any changes to the allowed parking on the street. I attempted to work with both parties to come to an agreeable solution. Unfortunately, this does not appear likely. Ms. Coleman may attend the Council meeting to request further action. She has been in touch with Andrew Allen from MDOT. He indicated to her that Bucksport has a Grandfathered existing condition on that road. I spoke to Mr. Allen. He indicated to me that MDOT has no interest in getting involved in this matter. MDOT lacks jurisdictional authority. The most they could do would be to recommend changes such as making it a one way street, or to eliminate parking. Those recommendations would only come if the Town asked for MDOT to become involved.

MDOT New Freedom Handicapped Access Grant: No updates. Work will begin on this project when weather permits in the spring

Mission and Visioning work: The Department heads continue to move forward on this project. We have identified key concepts that will lead to our mission.

Route 46 work: Engineering work continues. We hope to have plans ready to go out to bid in the coming days. Assuming those are to be turned in by early February, We should be able to assign the bid at the first Town Council meeting in February.

Senior Center Director: Jennifer Jacobi started in the position on January 2, 2013. I will be working with her to create a smooth transition and strengthen the center.

Town Budget: We have begun the process for the FY 2014 Town budget. Department heads have submitted budget and CIP requests. They are being reviewed now. By

February, we should be able to start scheduling committee meetings to look at the budget in detail.

25. Discussion items

a. Department Reports

-Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.

b. FY 2014 Budget process

-Town Manager briefly noted the budget proposal from Gov. Paul LePage by cutting revenue sharing to local municipal budgets would force communities to cut services or increase taxes, or both.

The problem of cutting revenue sharing along with many of the other measures the governor has proposed doesn't address the budget problem, but only shifts the costs to local property taxes. The Town of Bucksport would lose approximately \$300,000 from state revenue sharing. Also, Bucksport could lose a significant amount of additional revenue from other changes proposed by the governor, including the Homestead exemption and the BETE and BETR programs.

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to take up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to appoint Kathy L. Downes as Registrar of Voters for the ensuing year.

Appointments Committee meeting on Friday, January 18th, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, January 31st, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

Robert Howard congratulated and welcomed new members to the Council, and indicated that he was available to help with the transition if needed.

26. Adjournment

It was motioned by Frank Dunbar, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder and Robert Howard. Members Absent: Joel Wardwell.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Belle Ryder and unanimously voted to approve Town Council meeting minutes of May 10th and 22nd, 2012 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Contract between Town of Bucksport and Atlantic Mechanical, Inc.
 - Town Manager distributed copy of letter from A. Robert Ruesch, Attorney, from Verrill Dana representing Atlantic Mechanical, Inc. (AMI) indicating that AMI complied with all required specifications with regards to restoring the 8" pilings at the Town Dock and requested that the town forward payment in full to AMI.
 - Town Manager noted that according to the paint company, the paint was not applied correctly to the pilings, and this is the reason for the coating deficiencies on the pilings, and the reason the town has not paid the remainder of funds due AMI.
 - Council members were in agreement to seek legal opinion from Town Attorney.
 - b. Update on Penobscot Indian Nation Lawsuit regarding Penobscot River Jurisdiction; Terms of Engagement
 - Town Manager distributed a letter to council members from Matthew D. Manahan of Pierce Atwood notifying Members of the Coalition that they will be representing the organization in connection with the Penobscot Indian Nation's Lawsuit challenging the Maine Attorney General's determination that the Penobscot Indian Reservation does not include the entire Penobscot River north of Indian Island. Because of joint representation to all members of the coalition on this matter, Pierce Atwood outlined the terms of their representation in the letter for review.
 - Economic Development Director, Dave Milan briefly noted that out of the six panels being installed at the west end of the walkway, plans for one of the themes on the panel would be about the Penobscot Indians connection to the Penobscot River.
5. Consider Resolve #R-2013-029 to approve back pay for Bucksport Ambulance Service staff from July 1, 2012 through August 30, 2012

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-029 approving back pay for the Bucksport Ambulance Service staff from July 1, 2012 through August 30, 2012.

Vote In Favor: Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder and Robert Howard.
Oppose: Michael Ormsby
Vote: Favorable - 5 - 1

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-035 to send to the Solid Waste Committee proposed changes in the operating schedule of the Transfer Station

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-035.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-036 to appoint representatives to serve on the Board of Directors for the Penobscot Valley Refuse Disposal District

It was motioned by David Keene, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-036 appointing Town Manager, Michael Brennan as representative and Robert Howard as alternate representative to serve on the Board of Directors for the Penobscot Valley Refuse Disposal District.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-037 to award the bid for the 2012 – 2013 winter sand purchase

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Belle Ryder and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-037.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-038 to approve the contract with Maine Water Company for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-038.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-039 to schedule the Sewer Committee to hear updates on the secondary treatment plant from Olver Associates

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-039.

11. Discussion items

- a. Bangor Gas line extension

-Two representatives from Bangor Gas, Jerry Livengood, General Manager and Jonathan Kunz, Manager of Marketing and Sales indicated that negotiations have been going on for almost two years to bring natural gas to portions of the Town of Bucksport and they need an answer yes or no as to whether or not to pursue the project. Bangor Gas also needs assurance that they would get the \$300,000 up front before construction would proceed.

Town Manager, Michael Brennan indicated the community wants to bring Bangor Gas services to the town as quickly as possible, but the council is not willing to upfront the town's \$300,000 all at one time. The town is willing to make payments in installments. The first payment of one third will be made when construction begins; the second payment of one third will be made when the project is approximately 50% complete; and the final payment will be made when all construction is complete and approved by the Town Council.

Councilor Byron Vinton has concerns with the dollar amount changing, where initially the town was told between \$225,000 and \$250,000, and last heard it was over \$400,000.

Jonathan Kunz indicated that costs keeps changing due to design, survey site plan, pipe size, ledge removal, etc. This is an enormous project with continuous changes. Town Manager indicated that having conversations with other nearby town managers, that Bangor Gas does not have the best reputation for following through with contract of agreement.

Belle Ryder said that the council has been around and around the block, indicating the town has done what it needs to do in a timely way, but Bangor Gas has not done the same.

Byron Vinton also expressed his concerns of construction beginning on October 1st, and the possibility of streets and roads under construction with the winter season approaching.

The council was in agreement before proceeding with the project, to requests supporting documentation to verify the revenue and cost estimates. The council needs to make sure that the \$300,000 of taxpayers dollar invested into this project is justified to our citizens.

The council also wants proof that the company will properly repave the areas its crews and subcontractors dig up, given problems other communities in the region have experienced with Bangor Gas.

All council members were in agreement to bring natural gas to Bucksport, and recommend continue meetings with Bangor Gas to pursue concerns and differences and proceed with the project in the spring.

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to take up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to send Bangor Gas line extension to the Finance Committee for further review.

- b. To request a proclamation recognizing Childhood Cancer Awareness Week during the week of October 14th thru October 20th
-Council members were in agreement to put this item on the next council meeting agenda.
- c. Lighting in Jewett School Parking
-The Jewett School Parking lot is very dark, no lights and concerned with the safety of our citizens especially our elders at voting time. Public Works Director, Duane

Nadeau met with CMP and they are willing to install a light on the CMP pole closest to the sidewalk, and aim the light toward the parking lot, not at any residence home as the school has lights that light the sidewalk from the street to the school.

Sewer Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 9th, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

Solid Waste Committee meeting on Thursday, October 11th, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Office.

12. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Belle Ryder and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder and Robert Howard. Members Absent: Byron Vinton and Joel Wardwell.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

No minutes to be considered.
4. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Treasurer's Warrant for August
-Council members received copies of Treasurer's Warrant for August and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.
 - b. Letter from Diane Barlow, former Intermediate EMT for Bucksport Ambulance
-Council members received letter from Diane Barlow, former Intermediate EMT for the Bucksport Ambulance service, requesting that the council reconsider their proposal. The town has a good ambulance department, pay them for being on call, as most other ambulance departments do, and keep two attendants and a driver on all emergency runs.
 - c. Contract on Millett Associates for professional services on Route 46 reconstruction
-Copy of agreement awarded to Millett Associates for professional services on Route 46 Reconstruction as referenced in the Request for Proposals dated August 12th.
 - d. Copy of facebook message from Andrea Fossett Gray on Town of Bucksport site "Hike for our Heros"
-Looking for volunteers to help their team of hikers as they start their walk in Maine along the East coast Greenway from Calais to Bangor to Portsmouth starting September 8th, 2012 to help military families in need. They will be in Bucksport September 17th and leaving September 18th.
5. Consider Resolve #R-2013-022 to approve policy changes and updates for the Bucksport Ambulance Service

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-022.

Citizen Paul McCann, spoke as former Fire Chief, said he spent thirty-one years on the Ambulance Service, and spoke in support of the Fire Department's agreement along with back pay for the attendant's.

Donna Bissonnette spoke, as her profession being a Nurse, she sees a problem with only two (2) attendants on the ambulance call at one time.

Diane Barlow asked the Council to listen to the concerns. We are talking about the standard of care for the citizens, not to mention the liability. The ambulance service should be governed by the respective department.

Council members spoke of an agreement being reached that would provide pager pay for attendants being available to answer any call that might come in during a shift but some councilors say that agreement never was formally adopted by the council. Also the agreement for the number of emergency personnel on each ambulance run was cut to two, a driver and an emergency medical technician (EMT) from three – a driver and two EMT's.

Fire Chief Craig Bowden spoke and acknowledged his appreciation for public support but indicated that he and the fire department personnel working on the details of the staffing and pay agreements thought the council was comfortable with the decision to move ahead with the new agreement. However, I believe because of the lengthy negotiating process, there were miscommunications between both sides.

Michael Ormsby indicated that he thought the department was in favor of two emergency personnel instead of three.

Fire Chief said they were willing to a one year trial, but also commented that it depended on the call as to whether or not more personnel would be needed.

David Kee asked, would there be a delay in more serious calls to get another EMT? Is the agreement adequate?

Fire Chief said that he is comfortable with the new policies at this time. There will be delays, but the department will do everything possible to give the best patient care.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-029 to approve back pay for Bucksport Ambulance Service staff from July 1, 2012 through August 30, 2012

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by David Keene and voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-029.

Voted In Favor: David Kee, David Keene and Belle Ryder

Opposed: Michael Ormsby, Robert Howard

Vote: Favorable 3 - 2

David Kee commented that it is normal policy that any agreement or contract goes to appropriate committee for review and report back to the council their recommendation. No agreement or contract goes into effect until the council has voted publicly. However, I believe the town has a great emergency staff, they acted in good faith and feel they should not be penalized for their good deed and this is why I voted to approve back pay.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-030 setting the town goals for the fiscal year 2013

Council members requested three additional goals: explore the possibility of extending parking at site of old H & R Block building; explore opportunities to improve the relationship with RSU 25; and explore opportunities to collaborate with nearby communities.

It was motioned by Belle Ryder and seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-030 including three additional goals.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-031 to name voting delegates for the Maine Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting scheduled for October 3, 2012

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Town Manager, Michael Brennan as voting delegate for the MMA Annual Business Meeting.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-032 to accept recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding investment strategies for town reserve funds

Michael Ormsby reported that the Finance Committee recommends investing in certificates of deposit, (safe investments to guarantee the security of Town funds), and to review investments every six months, approximately four weeks before maturity date.

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-032 including recommendation from Finance Committee.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-033 to approve the discharge of tax acquired property located at 1 Thomas Street

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-033.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2013-034 to consider support for a coalition supporting the Attorney General of the State of Maine in a matter considering jurisdiction over the Penobscot River

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-034 in support of the coalition but withhold financial contribution at this time.

12. Consider issuing licenses and permits, if any

No licenses and permits to be issued.

13. Report from the Town Manager

Bangor Gas Extension: Bangor Gas seems confident they will be moving forward with the gas line project. Financially, the numbers seem to work out. I

have not confirmed a time line from Bangor Gas, but from what I understand, they are hoping to have it up and operational by the middle of November. At this point, the main hold up seems to be negotiating an easement with Verso. This will get worked out, it just takes time. One issue that will mostly impact the school is the timing and the purchase of fuel oil. When bids were sent out, there was a stipulation that the amount purchased by the school could be impacted significantly by the start-up of natural gas.

Downtown Redevelopment CDBG Enterprise Grant: The project is moving forward slowly. There are a few questions presented by the Public Works Department regarding the streetscape/waterfront walkway portions of this project. In regards to the downtown façade portion of the grant, the Bucksport Economic Development Council is serving as the review committee to approve plans for the identified locations. Once they meet to develop the approval process, there will be more news on that front.

First Atlantic Nursing Home: Very little is progressing on this project at this time. Everyone is waiting on the legal process to move forward in order for First Atlantic to move beds. There is some interest in moving forward with other areas of this project however, should development occur before the First Atlantic facility begins, that would have a significant impact on TIF funding streams. All the players are going to sit down later in August to discuss going forward.

Jed Prouty Project: Everything seems to be going very well for the Chambers and this project. By early July, they were full up and they now have a waiting list. They have scheduled a Grand Opening/ Dedication on Friday September 7th at 1:00 PM, and an all-day Open House on Saturday September 8th.

Chambers Realty requested and received \$12,500.00 for the installation of the heating system on August 3. This brings the total allocated to \$186,230.98 with \$13,768.02 remaining available to Chambers Realty.

MDOT New Freedom Handicapped Access Grant: No updates to report. We are still awaiting word from the State on when this work will get done. The State is waiting on Federal funding.

Public Infrastructure CDBG – Water Tank: Work has begun on this project. The plan is to complete primary construction this year.

Maine Water request for tax exemption: Mary Costigan of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P. A. is preparing an updated agreement that reflects current financial conditions. This should be ready for approval soon.

Maine Water Contract for Wastewater services: Need to reschedule committee meeting to review this contract. Maine Water was not able to attend the meeting scheduled for this week.

Orland Dam: Orland has raised sufficient funds to move forward with the study. John Barlow has contacted me for any contribution from Bucksport. I

am requesting the committee meet again to consider this request. Any funding from Bucksport would have to come from Overlay Reserves.

Route 46 work: RFP for engineering services was published in multiple locations. All bids are due by August 17. Approval of engineering contract will be on the next Council agenda. Once we have an engineer on board, we will all meet with DOT to review requirements of DOT for this project. Engineering plans will need DOT sign off. The plan is for all engineering services to be done by winter, including easements and other land issues. Construction will begin in the spring and we will coordinate with other work DOT is doing in the area.

Rod and Gun Club: Currently tabled.

Wastewater Secondary Treatment Facility: The State Department of Environmental Protection recently submitted the proposed Administrative Consent Agreement prepared to resolve the violations of Maine's Environmental law and the towns' waste discharge license that have accrued since the renewal of that license to include secondary treatment limits. These violations have occurred as a result of the Federal EPA eliminating the waivers granted to the Town of Bucksport.

The agreement establishes a formal pathway for the upgrade of the town waste water treatment facility from primary treatment to secondary treatment. The agreement has been reviewed by Olver & Associates, the engineering firm hired by the Town of Bucksport to design the new facility, no changes were recommended by Olver & Associates. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the town attorney at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P. A.

2010 SHIP Grant: The State has decided to not become involved with this issue. It believes it is a local issue. I have spoken to Mary Costigan at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P. A. She is of the opinion that the contractor is responsible to correct any problems with the work. If the contractor believes it is the responsibility of the paint company, then the contractor should go after the paint company and it is not our issue. I am waiting for copies of the contracts and the bid information. Once I receive that, I will forward it to the attorney. I contacted her for an opinion on our standing if we consider taking legal action against any party involved. Once she reviews the contracts, we can decide how to proceed. The contractor was bonded; therefore it may be a matter of going that route. The cost to repair the pilings is approximately \$45,000.00

2012 SHIP Grant: A grant application was submitted on August 3. Awaiting word on the outcome.

Silver Lake Project: We recently received word that Bucksport was awarded \$41,500 in grant funding for this project. This is the amount the requested.

Home to School (Safe Schools Routes) Grant: A grant application was submitted on August 3. At the same time, we applied for the Federal

Transportation Enhancement Program as an alternative funding source for this project. We are awaiting word now on the outcome of the application.

14. Discussion items

a. Department Reports

-Council members received copies of Departmental Reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.

b. Update on new Maine Water contract

-Council members received copy of email from David Michaud, Maine Water Company on looking at ways to save money at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

c. Camping Area on Silver Lake, behind Town Garage

-Town Manager reported improper use of camping area on Silver Lake behind Town Garage and will need to review this matter with the Police Department and determine how we want to handle this situation.

Sewer Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Office.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Office.

15. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Belle Ryder and unanimously voted to approve that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder and Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Town Council meeting minutes of April 5th, 12th, and 19th, 2012 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents

Town Council Members received copy of minutes from the meeting of the SASH Program (Support and Services at Home), and Town Manager briefly review the SASH Program.

Mary Jane Bush, Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities commented that it is very clear that older adults want to stay in their own homes as long as possible, and this program addresses the needs of residents in their residential housing facilities, especially older adults with chronic conditions. This message was reinforced in focus groups and in a comprehensive study done through the University Maine Center on Aging.

5. Open Public Hearing to consider accepting a CDBG Community Enterprise Grant

David Milan, Economic Development Director reviewed Phase II portion of the CDBG Community Enterprise Grant. The application is divided into two programs, the Streetscape Program and Downtown Façade Program. The Streetscape Program consists of Picnic Point (west end of Waterfront Walkway) and Pedestrian Connector (Main Street beside Historical Society). The Downtown Façade Program requires a designated area located downtown as Slum and Blight, and also a public review Committee (EDC). The review committee is required to adopt policies for: standards for redevelopment of historic properties; agreement for property owners, an appeal policy; along with describing the proposed projects. In addition to the review committee, it requires Planning Board approval.

6. Close hearing and take action on CDBG Community Enterprise Grant

Take up Item (14)

Resolve #R-2013-014 to approve accepting a CDBG Community Enterprise Grant

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Belle Ryder and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-014.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-001 authorizing expenditures from overlay, TIF Revenues, Undesignated Fund Balance, Capital Projects, and Sewer Reserve Accounts

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-001.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-002 authorizing balances to be carried forward

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-002.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-009 to send to Sewer Committee a proposed extension of the wastewater operating contract between the Town of Bucksport and Maine Water Company

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-009.

Take up Item #13:

Resolve #R-2013-013 to approve the execution of a construction contract for the new Silver Lake Road water storage tank between The Maine Water Company and Natgun Corporation and to proceed with the administration and distribution of the Town's 2012 \$500,000 CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant in support of the project

Rick Knowlton, Vice-President of Operations for Maine Water Company briefly noted receiving two (2) bids for the water storage tank project. Maine Water Company has awarded the construction bid to Natgun Corporation and requesting support from the Town of Bucksport, even though the town is not a signatory to the contract, but CDBG funds will be used to pay a portion of the costs.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-013.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-010 to approve expenditures for the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the Public Works Department from the 2012 Capital Improvement Program

Duane Nadeau, Public Works Director received five (5) bids for the purchase of a new pick-up truck and low bidder was Quirk Ford, Augusta. Funds will be paid from the 2013 Highway Department Capital Improvement Funds.

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-010.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder
Opposed: Robert Howard

Vote: Favorable 5 - 1

11. Consider Resolve #R-2013-011 to approve expenditures for the purchase of a quick switch snowplow for the Public Works Department from the 2012 Capital Improvement Program

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-011.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder

Opposed: Robert Howard

Vote: Favorable 5 - 1

12. Consider Resolve #R-2013-012 to approve expenditures from TIF Revenues for downtown improvements

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-012.

13. Resolve #R-2013-013 to approve the execution of a construction contract for the new Silver Lake Road water storage tank between The Maine Water Company and Natgun Corporation and to proceed with the administration and distribution of the Town's 2012 \$500,000 CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant in support of the project

Discussion and action reviewed under Item #9.

14. Resolve #R-2013-014 to approve accepting a CDBG Community Enterprise Grant

Discussion and action reviewed under Item #6

15. Discussion items

- a. Update on FY2012 Financial results
 - Council members were provided with revised figures from the preliminary Fiscal Year 2012 financial results that was provided on July 12th, and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Finance Director or Town Manager. Kathryn Hickson, Finance Director gave a brief overview noting the figures are still preliminary, pending posting of an accrual for payroll paid in July for hours worked in Fiscal Year 2012.
- b. Future investment policy
 - Town Manager recommended sending Town investment policy to Finance Committee for discussion.
- c. Update on request from Bucks Mills Rod and Gun Club to lease a portion of the sludge site for a shooting and archery range

-Sewer Committee met earlier this evening and their recommendation is to table this item for future review. The committee indicated this site is a permitted sludge facility and with the new secondary waste treatment in the works, the town may be looking at more sludge to spread and possible expanding the existing facility. Other concerns are where the unknown cemetery is located and agreeing to a one hundred (100) year lease.

Council Member David Kee indicated;

1. Four (4) area citizens, including a member of the Rod and Gun Club and the Bucksport Code Enforcement Officer, engaging in their own independent research, have come up with four different conclusions and opinions as to where the cemetery shown on the 1860 map might be located. A fourth, former Bucksport resident, who herded cows in the area in question about 50 years ago, remembers tombstones on both sides of the area that may have encroached a little on the site.
2. There are also differences of opinion as to which map (1860) or a map of 1881 is the more accurate. Rob Freeman, who holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences and teaches Geographic Information Systems at ECBB states as follows: "Anytime you georeference one map based on control points you do introduce some error. This process is sometimes called "rubber sheeting" as it essentially stretches the old map to make it fit the new one."
3. David agrees, as mentioned by one of the researchers, Roger Green, that is difficult and costly to prove a negative. Mr. Greene also stated that he has no opinion whether the cemetery in question exists or not and the "lost cemetery" is most surely in doubt.
4. Bill Olver, who is the engineer overseeing our wastewater upgrades, has stated that once the plant goes online, we could potentially have twice as much product to take to the sludge site. We will be treating the product "twice" and will consequently pick up more sludge which may well mean building a new sludge building or expanding what is now there.
5. According to our previous Town Manager, in 1988, when the current wastewater treatment facility was being constructed and a casket was unearthed, it was a detailed title search that discovered the Jeremiah Wardwell plot.
6. Title 13 1371-A of the MRSA which addresses "undocumented burial sites" requires under Section (2) (D) that the CEO must be satisfied that the investigation is complete and accurate." I repeat: complete and accurate, my emphasis added.

In conclusion:

David said he believes that the high statutory standard for a complete and accurate investigation, though costly, mandates a title search of the area, as was successfully conducted in 1988, as well as the use of the best, current technological effort, such as geophysical ground penetrating radar, be utilized in

order to meet this statutory standard. Also, do not believe that half measures and partial investigation will legally meet this standard.

Town Council suggested that the Rod and Gun Club Members search the property looking for an alternative location that is suitable, which could be closer to State Route 46.

Frank Dunbar, Member of the Bucksmills Road and Gun Club thanked the Council for everything they have already done, and to allow further investigation of the property. The Club will keep the Council informed.

Citizen Cindy Christopher indicated that family members were buried in this cemetery and need to block the area for historical accuracy.

- d. Update on request for assistance from the Bucksport Area Child Care Center -Council Members received a map of the Bucksport Area Child Care Center indicating location where they are requesting a land swap with a 99 year lease from the Town. Town Manager indicated that he is waiting for the Child Care Center formal proposal.
- e. Sewer Commitment
-All Council Members signed quarterly Sewer Commitment.
- f. Discuss next step to be taken regarding disposition of tax acquired property belonging to Gail Hallowell. Continuation of action taken at the April 12, 2012 Town Council Meeting
-The property has been sold and a closing date is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31st, as long as the owner has removed all items from the home. Town Manager will put them item on the Council agenda the last meeting in August.

Byron Vinton indicated that a four month performance review of the Town Manager will be held next month in executive session. Any comments, contact any Town Council Member.

Frank Dunbar apologizes to the cemetery folks for any misunderstandings from the Bucksmills Rod and Gun Club.

David Kee indicated that the housing grant was denied, but will apply next year.

Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 14th, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

Sewer Committee meeting on Thursday, August 9th, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

16. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Belle Ryder that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder and Robert Howard. Member Absent: Jeffrey Robinson.

3. Consider minutes of previous meetings

No minutes to be considered.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents

- a. Treasurer's Warrant for June

-Council members were provided with copies of the Treasurer's Warrant for the period ending June 2012 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.

- b. Revenue and Expense Report for the period ending June 30, 2012

-Council members were provided with copies of Revenue and Expense Report for the period ending June 30, 2012 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.

- c. Electronic Waste Recycling Event – Ellsworth

-Council members received copy of information on the Electronic Waste Recycling Event in Ellsworth, sponsored by Rotary Club of Ellsworth.

5. Consider Resolve #R-2013-001 authorizing expenditures from overlay, TIF Revenues, Undesignated Fund Balance, Capital Projects, and Sewer Reserve Accounts

Belle Ryder questioned whether or not the expenses of the Town Manager Replacement cost already are paid and Resolve showing it being outstanding. Town Clerk was asked to research this amount of \$2,676.28.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Belle Ryder and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2013-001.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2013-002 authorizing balances to be carried forward

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2013-002 until next council meeting to include dollar amount.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2013-003 authorizing audit services related to the fiscal Year 2012 audit

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-003.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2013-004 to send to the Solid Waste Committee a request to change policies at the Transfer Station to increase staff safety

-It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-004.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2013-005 accepting a grant for the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition from the Bingham Program

Mary Jane Bush, Health Planning Director briefly reviewed the Bingham Program noting this grant would address prevention and reduce personal violence such as, domestic violence, bullying and alder abuse.

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-005.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2013-006 accepting a grant for the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition from United Way of Eastern Maine

Mary Jane Bush, Health Planning Director briefly indicated the grant awarded by United Way of Eastern Maine in the amount of \$5,000 will be used to implement the Healthy Living Program.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-006.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2013-007 to approve expenditures from the Ambulance/Emergency Services Capital Improvement account

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-007.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2013-008 to schedule a Public Hearing to accept a Community Enterprise Community Development Block Grant

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2013-008.

13. Consider issuing licenses or permits, if any

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Belle Ryder and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License/Miscellaneous License for Kathleen Findlay, d/b/a The KAVE.

Hold public hearing on Jin Ming Chen, d/b/a Ming's Garden for renewal of fulltime liquor license; and Jay Feldman, d/b/a The Black Sheep Tavern for renewal of a fulltime Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit
No public comments.

Close hearing and act on applications

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Jin Ming Chen, d/b/a Ming's Garden for renewal of a fulltime Liquor License.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Jay Feldman, d/b/a The Black Sheep Tavern for renewal of a fulltime Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit.

14. Discussion items

a. Report from the Town Manager

Bangor Gas Extension: Dave Milan and I met with representatives of Bangor Gas on July 6. Bangor Gas is concerned with the cost and limitations of a possible easement with Verso regarding the land needed for their equipment. We agreed to pay ½ of those costs as long as the funds come from the \$300,000 approved by voters for gas line extension. We hope to have a better idea by July 15. The goal of Bangor gas is to begin construction around August 1, 2012, and to finish the work to the school before the end of the year. No one is sure how that will impact oil purchases.

CDBG Housing Assistance Grant: We received notice on June 20th that we were not selected for review to be in consideration for a 2012 CDBG Housing Assistance program award. We can apply next year.

Downtown Redevelopment CDBG Enterprise Grant: We received confirmation that we received the grant from DECD on Friday June 8. We are tentatively scheduled a public hearing on July 26 to consider accepting this grant.

First Atlantic Nursing Home: No significant updates this month. We are still waiting on the state for a decision regarding our proposal for wetlands mitigation as well as word on the Certificate of Need application. Once these questions are answered, we can move forward.

Jed Prouty Project: Chambers Realty requested and received payments of \$12,500.00 on June 66 for ½ of the heat contracting work, and \$9,426.73 for Pay

Estimate #5, approved work related to the project. This brings the total allocated to \$173,730.98 with \$26,268.02 remaining available to Chambers Realty.

MDOT New Freedom Handicapped Access Grant: Awaiting word from the state on when this work will get done.

Public Infrastructure CDBG – Water Tank: Work is progressing on this project. Bids on the tank will be announced next week. Most construction should be completed this year.

Maine Water request for tax exemption: Lee Bragg is preparing an updated agreement that reflects current financial conditions.

Maine Water Contract for Wastewater services: Met with Maine Water regarding future services agreement for Wastewater. The council should have an updated agreement available for consideration at the next council meeting. Costs will likely increase.

Orland Dam: No updates on this. Waiting on word from Orland on how they plan to proceed.

Route 46 work: I had a meeting with A Deputy Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation about this project. On July 17th, I have meetings with MDoT out of Bangor to work out the details of this project. It sounds like construction will happen next year.

Rod and Gun Club: Sewer Committee meeting on July 12 to discuss this further. No major updates as of now. There remains a significant debate over the location of a possible cemetery.

2010 SHIP Grant: The issue with the paint remains. No side is willing to admit fault. Fortunately the State has chosen to become involved. At this point, we are waiting on a review by the state.

2012 SHIP Grant: We had a site visit on June 28. The reviewer offered several recommendations to strengthen the grant application. These recommendations are being included in the grant application that is due on August 3.

Silver Lake Project: The grant application was submitted at the end of June. We believe we have a good chance at receiving this grant though there is nothing new to report at this time.

Home to School (Safe Schools Routes) Grant: We had a site visit on June 28. The reviewer offered several recommendations to strengthen the grant application including looking at additional funding sources. These recommendations are being included in the grant application that is due on August 3.

- b. Report from the Finance Director
 - Council members received copy of preliminary figures, pending posting of additional vendor invoices that may be received for FY 2012 as well as some miscellaneous billings, inventory adjustments, and other journal entries that are typically made during the month of July. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Town Manager or Finance Director.
- c. Other Department Reports
 - Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.
- d. Update on request from Bucks Mills Rod and Gun Club to lease a portion of the sludge site for a shooting and archery range
 - Sewer Committee met to discuss further issues, noting no major updates other than the debate over the location of a possible cemetery.
 - Citizen Cindy Christopher asks who will be doing the testing for the burial site.
 - Belle Ryder referenced three (3) different proposed locations have been selected for a possible cemetery and those locations will not be touched.
- e. Update on request for assistance from the Bucksport Area Child Care Center
 - Town Manager indicated that specific clarification is needed before proceeding with the project.

f. MMA Legislative Committee vote

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Robert Howard and voted to appoint Byron Vinton to the MMA Legislative Committee.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder and Robert Howard

Abstained: Byron Vinton

Vote: Favorable 5 - 0

g. MMA Election of Officers

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by David Keene and voted to authorize Byron Vinton to cast a ballot for MMA Election of Officers on behalf of the Town Council.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Belle Ryder and Robert Howard

Abstained: Byron Vinton

Vote: Favorable 5 - 0

- h. It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Belle Ryder and unanimously voted to take up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Belle Ryder, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to schedule a Town Council meeting on Wednesday, August 8th, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.- to discuss four (4) month performance review on Town Manager in executive session.

Solid Waste Committee Meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

Finance Committee Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office has been cancelled.

15. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary