

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
APRIL 13, 2017**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Marcia Delaware, Fred Sherburne, Peter Haskell, Mark Robichaud, Sharon Grant, Chuck Ellms

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Mike Blake

STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Watson, Kim Hughes, Susan Page, Shannon Hall, Matt Connor, Noel Sirabella, Kevin Wintle, Jim Roy

The Invocation was led by Town Clerk, **Kim Hughes**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

K-9 DEMONSTRATION BY THE DEXTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Jim Roy of the Dexter Police Department did a demonstration with his Police Dog, **Zelda**. Drugs were hidden in the Council Chambers and **Officer Roy** demonstrated how **Zelda** was able to sniff out and locate the drugs. **Officer Roy** stated that **Zelda's** ability has already paid off as the Department has several felony cases pending due to her work.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL CHAIR

Marcia Delaware presented a copy of the latest Town Report to **Rick Whitney**. The Report contains a dedication to **Mr. Whitney** and also features a photo on the front and back cover of the inside of the Grist Mill Museum.

Marcia Delaware also presented a copy of the latest Town Report to **Greg Hartford** along with a card and gift certificate as a thank you for allowing the Town to use his photography on the covers of the last two Town Reports.

PRESENTATION BY RICK WHITNEY FOR KEY CLUB

Rick Whitney introduced six members of the Key Club who attended the meeting with a display of honors that they received during the New England Regional Convention. The members were **Hannah Farrar, Kilee Lewis, Christopher Roderka, Mathieson Deering, Elise Beaudry, and Aino Rudloff-Eastman**. **Rick Whitney** was also honored at the convention as the top student adviser in New England.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for Victualer's License for Casey Hamlin doing business as The Truck Stop, 30 Spring Street, Brownville

Casey Hamlin told the Council that she has a food truck that serves hand-cut french fries, onion rings, corn dogs, cotton candy, snowcones, etc. at affordable prices. She has been in Dexter before helping to raise money for the playground and is looking forward to being around during the summer as soon as she figures out where it will be most practical to park her food truck.

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of March 9, 2017

Motion to approve: Fred Sherburne

Second: Mark Robichaud

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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2. *Approve/Amend Council Minutes of April 5, 2017*

Motion to approve: Fred Sherburne

Second: Sharon Grant

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. *Order A2017-19 Appointment of Animal Control Officer*

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approve the appointment of Noel Sirabella as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Dexter.

Filed April 13, 2017

CHUCK ELLMS

Second: Fred Sherburne

Marcia Delaware introduced **Noel Sirabella** and welcomed him as the newest staff member.

Mr. Sirabella has come to Dexter with some new ideas such as taking feral cats to a place in St. Albans that used to be a large chicken barn. The cats are well taken care of and can live the rest of their lives there and some are even adopted out. He has also recently contracted with Foxcroft Veterinary for a monthly fee for housing dogs that are picked up in Dexter and the monthly fee also covers services for injuries at no additional charge.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. *Order A2017-20 Appointment of MSAD #46 School Board*

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approve the appointment of Duane Minton to the MSAD 46 School Board for a term to expire November 7, 2017.

Filed April 13, 2017

SHARON GRANT

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. *Order A2017-21 Election Results from MSAD #46 Referendum Election*

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the April 11, 2017 MSAD 46 Referendum Election results as follows:

YES - 33

NO - 8

Filed April 13, 2017

FRED SHERBURNE

Second: Mark Robichaud

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Shelley Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall would be arriving in Dexter and the opening ceremony is set for May 11 at 5:00PM. That is the same night as the next Council meeting but she encouraged the Council and everyone to try to attend the ceremony. Also, the dedication of the new flag pole at Ellms Field will be the next day on May 12 at 5:00PM. **Ms. Watson** mentioned that the sidewalk project is on full stall due to budget constraints but there are still hopes for the future. She is in hopes to at least do the light poles in the late summer or sometime in the fall. She feels that doing the project in the middle of the summer would be disruptive to the merchants. **Ms. Watson** continued by stating that Dexter is officially an Age Friendly Community. AARP has set the date of May 19 for the kick-off event. On May 12 there will be a table top exercise to determine the effectiveness of the emergency dam plan. The plan was actually practiced in 2014 when there was flooding and the Town lost the road by the museum. **Ms. Watson** has been invited to a business leader's round table at Mayo which she is planning on attending. She stated that mud season seems to be better this year than last year so hopefully last year's hard work continues to pay off on the dirt roads. She reminded the Council that the meeting with the Corinna selectmen is April 20 at 5:00PM at the Corinna Town Office. The Highway Department, Facilities Department, and the Cemetery crew have been busy sweeping the streets and tomorrow they are bringing the fire truck down to wash Main Street. She concluded by congratulating the Key Club and stated that they are a great bunch of kids.

Gerry Rudmin commented on the sidewalk project and asked if there has been any sort of political pressure with the State by the citizens of Dexter to get the repairs done since the sidewalks are unsafe. **Ms. Watson** replied that it is not just DOT that is holding things up but it is the ADA requirements, which are a Federal requirement. However, the State is paving Main Street this summer from the Ripley line to the light and they have to bring the crosswalks into compliance. **Marcia Delaware** added that what they are hoping to do is replace the light poles along with the sidewalk around the poles even though it is not what was envisioned. **Sharon Grant** stated that they are in hopes that the worst of the sidewalk issues on Main Street are where the light poles are going to be replaced and also added that when the State comes in and puts in the ADA approved crosswalks they will take away a lot of parking spaces on Main Street.

2. Departmental Reports

Marcia Delaware thanked **Susan Page** for the report concerning the Tax Club that the Town offers residents for paying their taxes. She also stated that she is grateful to **Dave Pearson** for being the Town's representative and for getting back to the Council with all the changes that the Legislature is proposing.

3. Order A2017-22 Victualer's License for Casey Hamlin doing business as The Truck Stop
BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Victualer's License for a lunch wagon for Casey Hamlin doing business as The Truck Stop.

Filed April 13, 2017
MARK ROBICHAUD

Second: Sharon Grant

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2017-23 Sale of Tax Acquired Property

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the sale of tax acquired property per Section 2-197 of the Town Code of Ordinances:

OWNER'S NAME	MAP/LOT	LOCATION	ACTION
Alton, Mark W & Stewart, Tammy M	M301 L71	20 Silvers Mills Road	To Be Sold
Black, Brian & Theresa	M11 L51-D	Park Street	To Be Sold
Fogg, Selena	M201 L19-H-1	149 Arno Road	To Be Sold
Henderson, Carol	M5 L50-D-10	10 Denny Drive	To Be Sold
Merrill, Jane	M401 L63-H	969 Garland Road	To Be Sold
Philbrick, Melinda	M13 L30	42 Lincoln Street	To Be Sold
Phillips, George W	M12 L137	76 Main Street	To Be Sold
Sciongay, Eugene S & Luanne P	M12 L21	91 High Street	To Be Sold
Turek, Daniel	M203 L10	6 Pleasant Ridge Road	To Be Sold

Filed April 13, 2017
PETER HASKELL

Second: Mark Robichaud

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Approve/Sign Municipal Quit Claim Deed for Loren Preston

Motion to Approve: Fred Sherburne

Second: Sharon Grant

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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3. Proposed Ordinance - Lakeshore Restaurant Lease

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign the lease agreement with McAllister-Lakeshore, Inc; dba Lakeshore Restaurant.

Motion to Place on the May 11 Agenda: Peter Haskell

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

No Comments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50PM: Fred Sherburne

Second: Chuck Ellms

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim M. Hughes
Town Clerk