

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
February 16, 2017**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Watson, Susan Page, Matt Connor, Marilyn Curtis

The Invocation was led by Deacon **John Parola** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

None

II. MINUTES

I. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of January 12, 2017

Motion: Mike Blake made a motion to approve the Minutes from January 12, 2017 after amending them by adding “which means the Town will keep \$4.50 per each sticker sold.”

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

NONE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Manager's Report

Shelley Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked **Susan Page** for stepping in and taking the minutes in Kim's absence. **Ms. Watson** stated that the Recreation committee was sorry that they had to postpone the skate night for the second time. The first time it was too warm and this time it was too cold to ask the volunteers to stand outside. **Ms. Watson** stated the engineer for the sidewalk project is finalizing the plan and she was hoping to have the information that afternoon but he didn't get back to her. We need to hold a pre bid meeting so that the contractors that are interested won't already have work lined up. **Ms. Watson** also thanked **Steve Gudroe**. He called and offered some of his cemetery workers to help with snow removal and also offered to have them be paid from his budget. **Ms. Watson** said that she was surprised to find out that we had already gone through our allotment of fuel with A.E. Robinson which was 13,000 gallons. She contacted them and they gave us another contract for an additional 8,000 gallons at an increase of .19 a gallon. **Ms. Watson** told the Council that the Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual banquet and if any of them would like to attend to let her know and she would sign them up. **Ms. Watson** stated they would be working this weekend hauling snow away with some help from local contractors. It has been a really frustrating storm but there is an end in sight and it is called spring. **Ms. Watson** then recognized **John Parola** as he had a presentation to make to the Council. **Mr. Parola** presented a check in the amount of \$11,000 from the Joan and Bill Alford Foundation to the Town for the support of the summer camp project that was started last year. **Marcia Delaware** accepted the check and thanked **John Parola** for all the work he did with the program.

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2. Departmental Reports

Ms. Delaware stated she was glad to see the report from **Mr. Pearson** on the Legislative Committee and how they are looking at all the bills and how they relate to the Town. She is appreciative that we have a person who is watching our interest.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2017-08 Renewal of Liquor License for Brenda Brooks

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the renewal of the Spirituous, Vinous, and Malt Liquor License for Brenda Brooks doing business as All Aboard Restaurant.

Filed February 16, 2017

PETER HASKELL

Second: Mike Blake

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Order A2017-09 Renewal of Liquor License for James Costedio

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the renewal of the Malt Liquor License for James Costedio, Jr. doing business as the Dexter Municipal Golf Course.

Filed February 16, 2017

MARK ROBICHAUD

Second: Mike Blake

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Order A2017-10 Tax Payment Extension

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council, pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII Sec. 2-192 of the Dexter Code of Ordinances, hereby extends until March 13, 2017 the time period for owners of record and lien holders to bring their accounts current. Owners of record and lien holders are required to make full payment of all property taxes and costs assessed against properties that have tax liens that matured on January 9, 2017. Municipal Quit Claim deeds will be issued at the April 13, 2017 meeting on properties that have satisfied full payment of their taxes. Action will be taken to dispose of any remaining properties with outstanding tax balances with matured liens.

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FRED SHERBURNE

Second: Mike Blake

Marcia Delaware asked if these were new properties. **Shelley Watson** said that technically they were properties that would have been included last time but when it was being researched we discovered that there were some addresses that had not been sent notices so in order to be very compliant and careful we needed to send out extra letters which brought the total accounts down from ten to three.

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Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. *Order A2017-11 Accept Donations for Beach Area from Dexter Revitalization Committee*
BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donations from the Dexter Revitalization Committee for the beach area for the following items:

3 Additional 8' picnic tables – approximately \$125 each
3 Charcoal grills – approximately \$150 each
Sand volleyball court – approximately \$200
2 Horseshoe pits – approximately \$200
Additional floatation markers - \$350
Sign – approximately \$500 to \$800
Trash receptacles – Millworks to donate
2 Cigarette receptacles – approximately \$30 each
Walkway from parking lot to playground
Post “No Smoking” signs – approximately \$25 each
New free-standing “Matt Pooler Playground” sign – approximately \$200

All work by the Dexter Revitalization Committee will be done in coordination with the Dexter Recreation Department and the Dexter Facilities Department.

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SHARON GRANT

Second: Mike Blake

Frank Spizuoco spoke to the Council in regards to the donation. He stated that there was one catch and that would be that they could get some labor from the Town for some of the things that they want to do. DRC wants to do one pavilion this year and they would pay for the materials and the concrete but would like some help with the labor. **Mr. Spizuoco** also stated that they wanted to resurface the playground area because some of the concrete is being pushed up from the frost and they may need some help for that. **Mr. Spizuoco** stated that he did speak to **Christine Pooler** about the renovations they wanted to make to the playground area. **Mr. Spizuoco** stated that next year they would like to add two more pavilions but if they could get help with one pavilion, the playground area, and the walkway this year they could do the rest of it themselves. **Mr. Spizuoco** said they would also like to put a 4' by 8' sign out by the road somewhere that said Dexter Public Beach and Recreation Area. They would also like to put up a matching sign for the Matt Pooler Memorial Playground that would be 4' by 4'. Overall it will be a two year project. **Marcia Delaware** asked if the pavilion that is in the plans is the same as the one that was constructed this year. **Mr. Spizuoco** said that it might be changed a little but would pretty much be the same. He stated that it would be cheaper if it was stick built and not done with trusses. **Mr. Spizuoco** stated that he talked to **Mike Gudroe** and he said that the things they need help with wouldn't be a problem. Some of the things need to be a priority so they are done for the summer camp. **Mr. Spizuoco** also stated that if there was an accepted bid for the sidewalks that maybe the cement for the pavilion and playground could be done at the same

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time. **Shelley Watson** expressed some concern about the availability of **Mike Gudroe** as they also have to replace the pavilion at Crosby Park. **Mr. Spizuoco** stated that he talked to **Mike Gudroe** and he didn't think that it would be a problem. **Ms. Delaware** asked if he could meet with **Mr. Gudroe** before budget time to see what would be needed. **Mr. Spizuoco** stated that he only needed labor and that DRDC would buy the materials. **Ms. Watson** also mentioned that before the grass really starts growing some of the cemetery crew may be available to help as well. **Mr. Spizuoco** said it would be nice to put together a few weekends where we could bang some of it out.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Order A2017-12 Renewal of Municipal Golf Course Agreement

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to renew the agreement with James Costedio, Jr. for the operation of the Dexter Municipal Golf Course for five (5) years.

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MIKE BLAKE

Second: Fred Sherburne

Marcia Delaware stated that she and **Mike Blake** sat down with **Jim Costedio** and went over the lease line by line to make it simpler and clearer. **Ms. Delaware** asked **Mr. Costedio** if he had found a copy of the deed stating that the Town could sell the property. **Mr. Costedio** stated that he found one document that said they couldn't but at one point there was a document that said they could. **Mr. Costedio** suggested that it be addressed the next time his lease is up in another five years. **Ms. Delaware** stated that she wasn't suggesting that the Town was interested in selling it. She was just wondering if he had found the particular deed that she and **Ms. Watson** had been looking for.

Ms. Delaware stated that she had made the suggestion that the Town give to the golf course the mowers and equipment that they own in exchange for no more money being appropriated for equipment in the budget. She asked **Mr. Costedio** what he thought of that idea. **Mr. Costedio** stated that he wasn't sure if it was an even exchange. He stated that no matter who was running the course they had to take into consideration that there were also six buildings and fifty acres to maintain. He stated that he was willing to negotiate it during the budget process.

Mike Blake stated that he is not at all in favor of the Town selling the golf course. He stated that the Council needs to work with **Mr. Costedio** and come up with something that is agreeable to both sides to keep it going the way it is going. **Mr. Blake** asked **Mr. Costedio** what the percentage was of golf being down across the country. He replied that it is down around twenty five percent in the last twenty years and locally three golf courses in the last three years have closed down within a twenty mile radius. He said we are fortunate to be hanging on. One of the key factors is that with it being Town owned, there is no tax bill.

Peter Haskell stated that for the amount of money that the Town contributes, he feels that it is a good deal.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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6. Order A2017-13 DOT Compensation Agreements

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign the agreements for just compensation for acquisition of property rights for Project No. STP-1824(600) as follows:

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| Parcel #65 | \$ 500.00 | entrance to municipal parking lot |
| Parcel # 71 | \$1,169.00 | corner of Main St and Rt 7 |
| Parcel #73 | \$ 500.00 | police station |
| Parcel #74 | \$ 500.00 | library |
| Parcel #87 | \$ 500.00 | ice rinks |
| Total | \$3,169.00 | |

All proceeds to be deposited in the sidewalk paving account # E10503/50762. In the event the sidewalk project is delayed beyond fiscal year 2016/2017 deposit will be made to the sidewalk reserve account # R13010-40222.

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CHUCK ELLMS

Second: Sharon Grant

Shelley Watson stated that we have the right to appeal the assessments but the appeal wouldn't be heard until the project is completed. It is only tiny pieces of land and the parcel on the corner of Main and Rt. 7 has a tree on it and that is why it paid a little more. **Peter Haskell** asked if this was for the project on Spring Street. **Ms. Watson** stated that it was and that they were supposed to start in August and go to bid soon. **Mr. Haskell** stated that he saw a list of the projects in the area up for bid and this project wasn't on it. **Marcia Delaware** thought maybe it was on a previous year.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Motion: Mike Blake made a motion to add a QuitClaim Deed for Andrew and Nicole Gaiss to the agenda

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Motion: Peter Haskell made a motion to approve and sign the QuitClaim for Andrew and Nicole Gaiss

Second: Mike Blake

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move to Executive Session at 7:36 PM: Mike Blake

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Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 PM: Mike Blake

Second: Sharon Grant

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Motion to Adjourn at 8:31 PM: Mike Blake

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Page
Deputy Clerk