

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
JULY 14, 2016**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mike Blake, Fred Sherburne, Ron Apel, Marcia Delaware

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Alan Wintle, Sharon Grant, Mark Robichaud

STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Watson, Kim Hughes, Marilyn Curtis, Shannon Hall, Mike Gudroe, Steve Gudroe, Kevin Wintle, Warren Ackerman, Susan Page, Eric Campbell

The Invocation was led by **Pastor Matt Thomas** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance C2016-2 Street Light for Silver Lake Housing

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the request for a light on existing pole #1102 at the entrance to Summit Road per Dexter Town Code Chapter 11 Streets and Roads, Sec. 11-32. Street Lights.

NO COMMENTS

2. Ordinance C2016-3 Lease Agreement with North Country Riding Club

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign a 5-year lease agreement with North Country Riding Club for a horse riding ring on land located at Ellms Field being Map 101/Lot 15.

NO COMMENTS

3. Resolution B2016-2017-1 Municipal Budget

See Resolution in Unfinished Business

NO COMMENTS

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of June 8, 2016

Motion: Marcia Delaware made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 8, 2016

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. Order A2016-56 Election Results from June 14, 2016

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the results of the June 14, 2016 election as follows:

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

REPUBLICAN	
Representative to Congress	
Poliquin, Bruce	132
State Senator	
Davis, Paul T., Sr.	145
Representative to the Legislature	

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Wallace, Raymond Allen	135
County Commissioner	
Davis, Thomas J.	141
DEMOCRATIC	
Representative to Congress	
Cain, Emily Ann	82
State Senator	
Boothroyd, Carole J.	82
Representative to the Legislature	
Pearson, David Brookes	94
Register of Probate	
Palmer, Gerry G.M., Jr.	43
Stupak, Renee M.	38

MSAD #46 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM

Question 1 – Budget	
Yes	114
No	180
Question 2 – Referendum Process	
Yes	235
No	56

NUMBER OF VOTERS REGISTERED AS POLLS OPENED – 2346
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST – 295
PERCENTAGE OF VOTER TURN OUT – 13%

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MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Ron Apel

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Order A2016-57 Appointment to SAD #46 Board of Directors

Kim Hughes explained that Lisa Cromwell had called to withdraw her application as she now intends to work as a substitute teacher and would no longer qualify to serve on the Board.

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby appoint John Fogarty to the SAD #46 School Board for a term to expire November 8, 2016.

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RON APEL

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Order A2016-58 Vote for MMA's Legislative Policy Committee

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby vote for David B. Pearson and Jack Clukey to serve on the 2016-2018 **Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee**.

Filed July 14, 2016

FRED SHERBURNE

Second: Ron Apel

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Order A2016-59 Appointment of Temporary Assessor

Marcia Delaware stated that the Town had received three bids for temporary Assessor. Jacki Robbins submitted the lowest bid and has previous experience working for the Town.

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby appoint Jacki Robbins to fill the opening of temporary Assessor.

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MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Ron Apel

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Approve/Sign SAD #46 Election Warrant

Motion: Marcia Delaware made a motion to Sign the SAD #46 Election Warrant

Second: Ron Apel

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Shelley Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the move to the Town Hall was due to the collapsed ceiling in the Council Chambers. She stated that the summer camp is in full swing with about 38 regular attendees. The first day had a few hiccups but **Mike Martin** quickly came up with solutions and he and the Councilors are doing a great job. The kids seem to be enjoying all the activities including the reading time. The only disappointment is that there were originally 50 applicants so next year there may need to be an alternative to the attendance such as a waiting list. **Ms. Watson** continued by thanking the Highway Department and the Facility Department for starting work at 4AM to sweep and clean the municipal parking lot to get ready for the events that are going on this summer with the first one being the cruise-in scheduled for Saturday. She also thanked **Kim, Susan, Shannon,** and **Mike** for creating the

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birthday cake for the 4th of July parade and **Shannon** and **Kevin Ronco** for disassembling the cake, reassembling it, and moving it to the window of the Council Chambers. **Ms. Watson** invited the public and the Council members to a special Highway and Equipment meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 20 in the dining area of the Town Hall to discuss alternatives to fixing the sidewalks and streetlights. She thanked everyone who participated in the 4th of July parade stating that every year it is getting a little bigger and a little better. Thanks to the work of the Library staff for going business to business trying to recruit participants and giving ideas as well as a few other residents who were very active with the parade. **Ms. Watson** attended the Lakes Associating meeting to honor them for their 15 year commitment of taking classes, taking weekly studies to check the water clarity, educating the lake owners, and pulling up invasive plants, etc. **Ms. Watson** has received an estimate on the damaged Council Chambers ceiling but does not know if the insurance company has approved the claim. There are two carpenters coming to look at the ceiling and to give estimates for the repair. It has been recommended that the entire ceiling be ripped down since there is no way of knowing what the condition of the rest of the ceiling is in. Another issue is the contract that was signed with B & B paving. The contract had the distance wrong on Zions Hill Road. **Ms. Watson** talked with B & B and the Town's inspector as well as with **Chuck Ellms** who talked with some of the members of the Highway Committee. It will cost an additional \$45,000 to complete the project or another alternative would be to complete all of Silvers Mills Road and Zions Hill Road and then go as far as possible on Airport Road with the money that is left. **Mike Blake** asked **Marilyn Curtis** how much paving money was left but **Ms. Curtis** did not have the figure with her. **Ron Apel** asked if there is any data on how much traffic there is on the three roads and the reply was that Airport Road gets the least amount of traffic. He then suggested that the worst section of Airport Road should be paved. **Eric Campbell** stated that the Highway Committee suggested that the Town come up with the extra money and complete the project and said he thought there was enough money in the paving account.

Motion: Ron Apel made a motion to pave the entire Airport Road if the funds are available in the paving account and if the Town is short of funds, pick the worst area of Airport Road to finish the project with the funds that were approved.

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Departmental Reports

Marcia Delaware complimented the Department Heads on the good job they did staying under budget and then asked about the Assessment and Evaluations account which has an unexpended balance and the reply was that it is the money for the commercial revaluation which has not been completed.

3. Order A2016-55 Sale of Tax Acquired Property – 78 Pleasant Street

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council, in accordance with the Dexter Town Code, hereby authorizes the sale of certain tax acquired property being more specifically described as Map 7, Lot 18 at 78 Pleasant Street to Accentricity, LLC (Jim & Charlie Quimby) for the amount of \$6,100.00. Transfer Tax costs shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

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RON APEL

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Second: Marcia Delaware

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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RON APEL

Second: Marcia Delaware

Ron Apel asked if the Town would request a LED street light when the order is placed.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Ordinance C2016-3 Lease Agreement with North Country Riding Club

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FRED SHERBURNE

Second: Ron Apel

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

6. Resolution B2016-2017-1 Municipal Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS the sum of \$4,386,211, which sum constitutes the estimated requirements of the Town of Dexter for the year 2016-2017 based upon the budget submitted by the Town Manager as provided by the Town Charter, be raised by assessments upon the estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dexter and upon the estates of the non-resident proprietors within the Town for the present municipal year and the sum is hereby appropriated in addition to the sum otherwise provided. The amount for each purpose being specified in the schedule is as follows:

CLASSIFICATION	APPROPRIATION	REVENUES
General Government	\$ 946,466	
Public Works	\$1,105,445	
Airport	\$ 64,073	
Public Safety	\$ 508,285	
Health & Welfare	\$ 65,926	
Solid Waste Mgt/Lakes & Dam	\$ 271,366	
Culture & Recreation	\$ 172,194	
Facilities & Parks	\$ 449,398	
Cemetery	\$ 102,638	
Economic Development	\$ 500	
Debt Service	\$ 99,277	

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Contributions to Reserve Accts	\$ 154,250	
County Tax	\$ 282,699	
Education	\$1,990,666	
Subtotal	\$6,213,183	

Decrease from 2015-2016 ----- \$(290,676)

General Government Revenue		\$ 53,750
Cemetery Revenue		\$ 7,381
Culture & Recreation Revenue		\$ 13,650
Excise Tax Revenue		\$ 500,000
Facilities & Parks Revenue		\$ 12,290
Health & Welfare Revenue		\$ 10,400
Public Safety Revenue		\$ 31,500
Public Works Revenue		\$ 59,500
MMSWA Revenue		\$ 1,000
Airport Revenue		\$ 53,900
Economic Development		\$ 0
Undesignated Revenue		\$ 987,151
Transfers		\$ 0
Capital Projects Revenue		\$ 95,950
Subtotal		\$1,826,972

Increase from 2015-2016 ----- \$ 333,979

NET BUDGET ----- \$4,386,211

NET INCREASE FROM 2015-2016 ----- \$43,303

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MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Fred Sherburne

Marcia Delaware asked that since we know that the amount for education was voted down and that the amount will be less since Dexter’s share will be more than the other Town’s share, can the net increase of \$43,303 be eliminated and shown as \$0? **Mike Blake** replied that he would not be comfortable cutting the amount until the figures were known. **Ms. Delaware** asked why the Council should vote to approve an amount that they know is not correct and that should be lowered. **Shelley Watson** stated that she did not think the Town would be obligated to raise that amount of money once the school budget was approved and pointed out that the mil rate has not yet been set since the Town is just now hiring a temporary Assessor. **Mike Blake, Ron Apel,** and **Fred Sherburne** agreed that the budget should be approved “as is” knowing that the education amount would go down. **Kevin Wintle** approached the Council and stated that there was some confusion with the Police Budget with the number two man. He stated last year the

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salary was \$38,154 and there was going to be an issue with the new rules with the \$47,000 salary, which is not in the budget. **Mike Blake** stated that he was not in favor of that kind of increase in pay and that if **Chief Wintle** wanted to promote someone to Sergeant a bonus or merit raise might be best but that a full Council should be involved in the decision. **Ron Apel** stated that he would like to see the budget passed and then revisit the Police Budget to see if money could be moved later for the promotion. **Marcia Delaware** added that there were three different budget workshops and at the last one **Chief Wintle** was specifically asked if there was to be a Sergeant and the reply was “no” so that money was cut right then and there. She said it bothered her that now **Chief Wintle** was coming back and asking for it again. She asked if a merit increase could be looked at instead of jumping right in to what the last Sergeant made. It was agreed that the issue should be looked at when a full Council was available.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2016-60 Transfer of funds from Airport Reserve

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$15,891.95 to the general fund balance from the Airport Reserve Account for year end 6/30/2014.

Filed July 14, 2016

MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Ron Apel

Shelley Watson explained that the auditor recommended the transfer as the Town was not reimbursed from the Airport Grant and it creates a paper trail that is needed.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Order A2016-61 Transfer of Funds to Balance F/Y 2015-2016

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$26,479.74 as listed below to balance the FY 2015/2016 budget.

\$2,283.60 from account 10301 Health & Welfare to account 10605 Recreation

\$14,653.92 from account 11010 Utilities to account 10206 Employee Benefits

\$9,542.22 from 11015 Morrison Memorial Building to account 10206 Employee Benefits

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RON APEL

Second: Marcia Delaware

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Approve/Sign Cemetery Deeds for the following:

Gaetan Landry

John Bartosenski

Motion to approve: Marcia Delaware

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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4. *Approve/Sign Quit Claim Deeds for the following:*

Mary L. Yennie

Mill Stream Properties

Chris Rattigan and David Goulette

Jeffrey R. and Elizabeth A. Higgins

Karl Weinschenk

Motion to approve: Ron Apel

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. *Proposed Ordinance – Amendment to Motor Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance*

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Sec.9-68 Stop intersections to add the following:

Stop intersections in the town shall be designated at the following locations:

(x) At the junction of Highland Avenue and Crosby Street, all traffic on Highland Avenue to stop before entering Crosby Street.

Shelley Watson explained that a resident came in and stated that they had almost been hit by a school bus that breezed right through the intersection and requested that the Town put up a stop sign. There is nothing in the Town Codes now showing that a stop sign should be there or has ever been there.

Motion to place on next month's Agenda: Ron Apel

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

6. *Discussion on Solar Power Purchase Agreement*

Ron Apel presented the Council with a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) from ReVision Energy and explained some of the proposal. The proposed site for the solar panels would be the Police Station roof and there would be no upfront cost to the Town. The Town would lease the roof of the Police Station to ReVision Energy and they would install and maintain the solar panels. ReVision Energy would sell the electricity that is produced back to the Town at a rate that is comparable to CMP. After seven years there are options such as purchasing the panels or continuing to lease. **Mr. Apel** gave examples of electric costs in Town buildings and what the purchase of electricity could be from ReVision Energy. He also stated that Nick Sampson from ReVision Energy could be available to give a presentation when the full Council is available and would like to see it put on another Agenda. **Mr. Apel** also mentioned that since there could be some cost to the Town down the road, it would have to be determined if an RFQ or Bid would be needed, which would be a Council decision. Also, the only other site in Town that is suitable for solar panels is the old landfill on Upper Garland Road but that would cost the Town for the installation of the concrete blocks needed to support the panels.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

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Steve Gudroe updated the Council on the Vietnam Veterans' Moving Wall by thanking **Eric** and his crew for the huge amount of fill that they brought to the cemetery, which was somewhere between 1500 and 1800 yards of fill. **Chuck Ellms** donated his time and equipment to level the fill but that fill is still not enough to bring the field up to elevation and to make it a safe site for the wall. There was some talk of hiring someone to bring in more fill but **Chuck** did not think the site could be brought up to where it needs to be for the wall. That afternoon there was a meeting to talk about an alternate site for the wall and it was decided that Ellms Field would be the best place. There is a little work that will need to be done with grading and gravel to accommodate wheelchairs, etc. but it is basically ready to go. **Mr. Gudroe** added that the soil that was brought to the cemetery was needed there anyway so it was not a waste of time or resources. The Council were in favor of moving the Wall to Ellms Field.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15PM: Ron Apel

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim M. Hughes
Town Clerk