

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
JUNE 8, 2016**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mike Blake, Fred Sherburne, Mark Robichaud, Ron Apel, Alan Wintle, Sharon Grant, Marcia Delaware

STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Watson, Kim Hughes, Marilyn Curtis, Susan Page, Kevin Wintle, Matt Connor

The Invocation was led by Pastor Lois Field followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance C2016-1 Transfer of Money for Legal Costs

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to move money from the general fund to cover all necessary legal costs incurred through June 30, 2016 to Town Council Legal Account 10201-50450.

Shelley Watson commented that the transfer is to cover the cost of litigation with Dexter Shoe and the Town has not received the final bill but should see it by the end of the month.

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of May 12, 2016

Motion to approve: Ron Apel

Second: Sharon Grant

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. Order A2016-46 Nomination to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby nominate David B. Pearson to **Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee** to serve during the 2016-2018 biennium.

Filed **June 13, 2016**
MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Ron Apel

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Shelley Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them of the Anniversary Celebration at the Town Hall on June 17th to commemorate Dexter's 200 years of incorporation. Dave Pearson will be reading the Proclamation from the steps of the Town Hall and will be dressed for the occasion. **Ms. Watson** stated there will be cake served in the dining room and she hopes everyone can attend. The interviews have been completed for the summer councilors and five applicants have been chosen. Three of the applicants have been chosen to become life guards which is possible because of the generous donation given by the Plummer Foundation. They will start taking classes at the YMCA next week. The Red Hot Dog Festival is growing

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bigger every day and the committee is looking for volunteers. Around 100 volunteers are needed and they will be working in shifts during the day. Everyone who volunteers will receive a free t-shirt so anyone who is interested, please feel free to sign up. **Ms. Watson** continued by stating that the contractor is working on the ditching project on Silvers Mills, the Airport Road, and Zions Hills Road and is supposed to be finished tomorrow. **Eric Campbell** and the contractor walked all of the roads and agreed on the final counts. The 4th of July parade is also coming right up and looks like it will be a huge community effort. The ladies at the library, as well as Ronnie Grant, are spearheading the parade and they have been going door to door asking businesses to enter floats. The parade will be led by a white horse and will also be using the theme of Dexter's 200th anniversary. **Ms. Watson** informed everyone that **Anita Colomy**, the Assessor, is back in the hospital so keep her in your thoughts and **Tina Jowdry**, who works at the library and has been a great volunteer for the parade, is getting done on June 17th and will be missed. **Ms. Watson** finished by congratulating the graduating seniors of the Class of 2016 and wished them much success in the future.

2. Departmental Reports

Marcia Delaware asked what the next step is when people do not respond to the CEO's letters concerning bad houses and **Ms. Watson** responded that they could possibly be served by the Sheriff's office but that costs the Town money. The problem is that one of the homes with an issue is owned by someone who lives out of State. A certified letter was mailed and it came back. The Town also sends a letter by regular mail and that letter has not come back so the owner should have been notified. The follow up will be another letter that is sterner and then legal action will be considered.

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RON APEL

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2016-47 Renewal of Liquor License for Factory One

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the renewal of the Spirituous, Vinous, and Malt Liquor License for Adrian Cronkhite doing business as Factory One, 80 Water Street.

Filed June 08, 2016
FRED SHERBURNE

Second: Ron Apel

Sharon Grant asked **Kevin Wintle** if he was seeing any issues and he replied only a few small problems but nothing big.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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2. Order A2016-48 Renewal of Special Entertainment Permit for Factory One

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Special Amusement Permit submitted by Adrian Cronkhite doing business as Factory One, 80 Water Street.

Filed June 08, 2016

ALAN WINTLE

Second: Sharon Grant

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Order A2016-49 Sale of Dead Sand from Town Gravel Pit

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Director to sell the dead sand at the Town owned gravel pit for ~~\$2.00~~ **\$3.00** per *Town-loaded* yard with all proceeds to go towards Highway Department safety compliance expenses.

Filed June 08, 2016

SHARON GRANT

Second: Marcia Delaware

Mike Blake asked how the Town was monitoring the loads that were going out of the pit and **Shelley Watson** responded that the gate is locked. No one gets in without the Town's letting them in so one of the Highway Department Crew would have to be there. **Mr. Blake** verified that proper record keeping should be done and **Ms. Watson** stated it would be. **Marcia Delaware** asked if the Town was doing the loading and **Ms. Watson** replied that it was not originally planned for the Town to do that and if the Town does do the loading, it would be an extra \$1 per yard. **Mike Blake** expressed concern that the Town would not know how much of a load was taken and thought the Town would be better off to do the loading. It was agreed that the Order should be amended to reflect \$3 per yard and loaded by the Town.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Order A2016-49 Sale of Tax Acquired Property – 689 Charleston Road

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 402, Lot 68 at 689 Charleston Road to Mary L. Yennie for the amount of \$1,017.00. Transfer Tax costs shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

Filed June 08, 2016

MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Ron Apel

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Order A2016-51 Sale of Tax Acquired Property – 75 Main 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

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Map 13, Lot 52 at 75 Main Street to Chris Ryder for the amount of \$2,051.00. Transfer Tax costs shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

Filed June 08, 2016

MARK ROBICHAUD

Second: Marcia Delaware

Vote: 6 to 1 (Blake – abstained due to a personal interest in the property), motion passes

6. Order A2016-52 Sale of Tax Acquired Property – 96 Liberty 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 15, Lot 9 at 95 Liberty Street to Chris Rattigan and David Goulette for the amount of \$10,200.00. Transfer Tax costs shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

Filed June 08, 2016

RON APEL

Second: Marcia Delaware

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

7. Order A2016-53 Sale of Tax Acquired Property – Chickadee Lane

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 20B, Lot 15C at Chickadee Lane to Jeffrey R. and Elizabeth A. Higgins for the amount of \$1,222.00. Transfer Tax costs shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

Filed June 08, 2016

FRED SHERBURNE

Second: Marcia Delaware

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

8. Order A2016-54 Sale of Tax Acquired Property – 1 Goff Road

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 201, Lot 48 at 1 Goff Road to Karl Weinschenk for the amount of \$7,544.00. Transfer Tax costs shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

Filed June 08, 2016

ALAN WINTLE

Second: Ron Apel

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

9. 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

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Map 7, Lot 18 at 78 Pleasant Street to _____ for the amount of \$_____.
Transfer Tax costs shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

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SHARON GRANT

Motion: Ron Apel made a motion to table Order A2016-55 due to no bids on the property at 78 Pleasant Street and to advertise the property for sale again.

Second: Marcia Delaware

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

10. Discussion on the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall

David Iverson, Incoming Commander of the Shirley B. Carter VFW Post 4298, introduced himself, **Mr. French**, and **Mr. Batchelder** and presented a map of the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery to show the Council the proposed area for the wall. They have been working for the past two months to find a suitable location to bring the wall to Dexter and they think they have found it at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. **Mr. Iverson** stated that he thought it was a fitting place to have the wall. Right now the wall is scheduled to arrive in Dexter on May 10, 2017 and would be open on the 11th to the 17th. It will cost \$6500 to get the wall to Dexter so there will be fund raising. Traffic will be a concern so there could possibly be a shuttle from another location in Town. The wall will be open 24/7 and will be lighted and guarded and the VFW asked the Council for permission to set up there. All the activity will be respectful since it is a memorial. **Steve Gudroe** said he had met with them and took them on a tour of the cemetery and he thought it would work very well to have the wall there. He added that most of the roads into the cemetery are paved so it would not be an issue in the spring. He also added that there is one section of dirt road that he has to fix every spring anyway so the Highway Department will have the gravel in place this fall so that he can fix the road early in the spring. **Kevin Wintle** could not think of any traffic issues and was in favor of the location. **Marcia Delaware** added that she went up to see the site and felt it was a spiritual place and the view looking down over the cemetery was just beautiful. **Mr. Iverson** explained that the wall comes in pieces and that Vietnam Veterans will build the wall on site. The Council approved unanimously of bringing the wall to Dexter and of the wall being erected at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

11. Approve/Sign Quit Claim Deeds for the following:

Don Smith, Jr. – 300 Corinna Road

Don Smith, Jr. – 111 Free Street

Marguerite Sherwood – 397 Ripley Road

Motion to approve: Marcia Delaware

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

12. Approve/Sign Cemetery Deeds for the following:

Larry Levensalor

Keith Gudroe

Motion to approve: Marcia Delaware

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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13. Proposed Ordinance – 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.

Motion to place on next month’s Agenda: Marcia Delaware

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

14. Proposed Ordinance – Lease Agreement with North Country Riding Club

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign a ~~20-year~~ **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.

Marcia Delaware expressed concern with the length of the lease and thought the lease should be for 5 or even 10 years but not for the 20 years that are proposed. She added that when it started, it was a fledgling club with no money but now that it is established, a nominal fee such as \$25 should be charged to the club.

Motion: Marcia Delaware made a motion to place the Proposed Ordinance for the lease agreement with the North Country Riding Club on next month’s Agenda with the change for a 5-year lease at \$25.00 per year.

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Wintle reminded everyone that the school budget meeting is tomorrow and feels that the budget needs to be looked at as it is too high so residents should attend.

Fred Sherburne complimented **Steve Gudroe** and his crew on how well our cemeteries look.

Tony Pomerleau expressed concern on how the wood cutting operation was going at the Town gravel pit. **Mike Blake** replied that the Town Forester, **Kirby Ellis**, could not attend the Council meeting that night but that he was going to attend the budget meeting on Monday so he could talk with the Council. **Mr. Blake** added that **Mr. Ellis** understands that there are some issues there.

Michelle Baker addressed the Council and stated that she works with Pets Piscataquis and would like to hold a benefit lawn sale. The Organization is non-profit and funds spay/neuter programs for dogs and cats. She asked permission of the Council to hold the lawn sale in the Lake Shore parking lot on July 8, 9, and 10. The Council advised **Ms. Baker** that the new summer camp would be running on Friday the 8th so that day would not work, however, Saturday and Sunday would be fine. The Council decided that she could go in and start setting up Friday

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afternoon after 3PM and hold the sale on Saturday and Sunday. **Ms. Baker** stated she had a lot of items to sell and asked if she could hold a sale on another weekend if there were a lot of items left and the Council agreed that would be fine. Also, **Ms. Baker** advised the Council that someone has volunteered to stay with the items overnight during the sale so everything would be secure.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

Motion to Adjourn at 7:45PM: Ron Apel

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim M. Hughes

Town Clerk