

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
MARCH 9, 2017**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Watson, Kim Hughes, Mike Gudroe, Marilyn Curtis, Matt Connor, Rick Stocker

The Invocation was led by **Pastor Andrew Bermudez** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of February 16, 2017

Motion to approve: Mike Blake

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. Approve/Sign Election Warrant for the School Referendum on April 11, 2017

Motion to approve and sign: Mike Blake

Second: Chuck Ellms

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Shelley Watson started by congratulating the girls' basketball team for their Eastern Maine Class C Championship and added that it was a great job by the Lady Tigers. She also added that the Town has hired Noel Sirabella as the new Animal Control Officer. He is already certified and has some great ideas that could save some money which is always a good thing in tight budget years. **Ms. Watson** continued by pointing out an email that she gave the Council concerning the ongoing sidewalk issues. She talked with the engineer and would like to ask the Highway/Equipment Committee and the Council to meet Wednesday with the engineer if he is available. She also has talked with someone from the MDOT who is the pedestrian expert and he has stated that there is money available to fund sidewalks but the bad part of that is that the money is three years out. He is scheduled to come next Wednesday and the first thing he will do is an assessment. **Ms. Watson** concluded by stating that she thought the Town should just go ahead and get the plans, get it out to bid, and see what happens from there.

2. Departmental Reports

NO QUESTIONS

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2017-14 Dexter Civic Pride Fund

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the generous donation from the Hartley Family Charitable Fund in the amount of \$1800.00 known as the Dexter Civic Pride

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Fund. Funds to be deposited into *the Banner Account in the amount of \$1200.00 and the Wayside Park Programs Account in the amount of \$600.00.*

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PETER HASKELL

Second: Mike Blake

Marcia Delaware began by stating that because she did not know how the grant worked she did some research and in reading the letter from the Hartley Family Charitable Fund she discovered that one of the stipulations in the grant is that the money cannot be used for any other organization so the request from the Dexter Fish and Game for \$600 could not be honored. **Ms. Delaware** stated that there still were several ways the money could be used and one would be the account dedicated to Christmas decorations. Another would be the Wayside Park program because the account is overdrawn now and has no money to start the music program in the summer. Another place for money to be deposited would be an account for banners to be purchased for Main Street after the new street lights are installed.

Mike Blake stated that he thought the Town should find money from somewhere to support the Fish and Game Association even if the request is filled during the upcoming budget.

Chuck Ellms was agreeable to whatever the rest of the Council decided.

Sharon Grant asked how much the Wayside Park program was over and the answer was \$200. She thought putting money into the Park program was a good idea.

Peter Haskell agreed that the Town should work the Fish and Game request or put money into the kid's fishing program as a special event but was agreeable to whatever the Council decided to do with the \$1800.

Mark Robichaud wondered if the money could be given towards the Fishing Derby as a Civic Pride event and not directly to the Fish and Game.

Fred Sherburne thought some of the money should go to the Wayside Park program.

P J Nicholas added that the last Fishing Derby had 760 that registered for the derby and usually there are two or more fishing with each registration and some that do not register. There were about 185 registered from Dexter and about 585 registered from surrounding areas. There were two groups of four guys from West Palm Beach, Florida that flew up for the derby. It just keeps getting bigger each year and is a great event for the Town itself and for the businesses.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Order A2017-15 Age Friendly Community

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to apply for membership with the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

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MARK ROBICHAUD

Second: Fred Sherburne

Shelley Watson stated she met with a representative from AARP and a representative from the Charlotte White Center who are advocating for this and what it would involve is that the Council

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would advertise for a committee after applying and being accepted. The committee would look at the Town's strengths and weaknesses to help us become a better age friendly community. There are eight steps to go through and it's a process of two to three years but there are possible grants from AARP even though they may be small. The Town's Health Officer, Nancy Hoskins, has already volunteered to work on the committee and she already knows a lot of the issues that the elderly face. Liz Breault, the Town Librarian, has also volunteered to serve on the committee because they have the Skeleton Crew Group and they do a lot of programs with the elderly.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Order A2017-16 MDOT Overlimit Permit

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby agrees that a construction overlimit permit will be issued to the Contractor for ME Department of Transportation Project No. STP-2257(100) which consists of Hot in Place Recycled Pavement and Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay on Route 7 from Corinna to 0.03 of a mile north of Mechanic Street in Dexter. The permit will allow the contractor to use overweight equipment and loads on municipal ways.

Filed March 9, 2017
FRED SHERBURNE

Second: Mike Blake

Marcia Delaware commented that she talked with the past Public Works Director about this and he said it happened quite a lot but he never once had to issue a permit because the work was done after the roads were no longer posted.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Approve/Sign Municipal Quit Claim Deeds for the Following:

*Wallace and Ella Adams
Selena and Sean Fogg
Chris and Nancy Germano
William and Mary Haggerty
Robert, Jr and Robert, Sr Leavitt
Thomas and Trudy McClure
David Pepin and Alberto Gonzales-Blanco
Richard Curtis
Brian Smith and Amy Heywood
David Snow
John and Ione Wilson
Richard Young*

Motion to approve and sign: Mike Blake

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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VI. PUBLIC FORUM

NO COMMENTS

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Confidential Records per IMRSA Sec 405 (6) (F)

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20PM: Mike Blake

Second: Sharon Grant

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:55PM: Fred Sherburne

Second: Mike Blake

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00PM: Mike Blake

Second: Chuck Ellms

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim M. Hughes
Town Clerk