

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
July 13, 2023**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Charles Ellms, Peter Haskell, Marcia Delaware, Adam Briggs, and Heidi Kinney

**EXCUSED ABSCENSE:** Andrew Bermudez, Levi Ladd

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marilyn Curtis, Chief Wintle

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Resolution B2023-2024-1 Municipal Budget*

**Marcia Delaware** addressed the public stating that the Council goes over the budget line by line and makes cuts where they can but there are a lot of things that are out of their control. She wanted the public to know that they work very hard to be fair to the taxpayers.

*2. Order A2023-33 Airport Lease for Robert Sundberg*

NO COMMENTS

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of June 8, 2023*

Motion to approve: **Peter Haskell**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: 4-1 (Kinney Abstained), motion passes

**III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS**

NONE

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** thanked the public for attending, both in person and via zoom. He stated that it had been a crazy month. He thanked **Susan** in the front office as she had been working by herself for over a month and stated there has been a new hire that will be starting next week. **Mr. King** also thanked **Marilyn** as she has been working long days on both the budget and the audits.

**Chief Wintle** has also been very busy as he has been struggling with a short staff and his employees have been working through it. The Highway Department has been very busy getting ready for paving. They will be doing all the roads up around the school and have been ditching and replacing culverts. They will also have some grinding to do.

**Mr. King** stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was great and thanked **Ronnie Grant** and everyone else involved. The fireworks were ok but there was some smoke that settled so it made it a little harder to see them from the school. **Mr. King** thanked the Fire Department for their help with the fireworks. He went on to state that the Cruise In/Fly In will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> this year and will be from 10-2 at the airport. The annual Red Hotdog Festival is on July 12<sup>th</sup> and the DRC needs many more volunteers. The Annual Firemen's Auction is August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> and the Concerts in the Park are on Tuesday nights. **Mr. King** thanked the Council for all their hard work on the budget.

*2. Departmental Reports*

NO COMMENTS

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*3. Resolution B2023-2024-1 Municipal Budget*

**2023-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS** the sum of \$4,826,162, which sum constitutes the estimated requirements of the Town of Dexter for the year 2023-2024 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:

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>REVENUES</b>
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 53,000	
General Government	\$1,085,491	
Public Works	\$1,124,877	
Airport	\$ 22,040	
Public Safety	\$ 720,798	
Health & Welfare	\$ 61,015	
Solid Waste Mgt/Lakes & Dam	\$ 328,000	
Culture & Recreation	\$ 228,256	
Facilities & Parks	\$ 425,870	
Cemetery	\$ 142,400	
Economic Development	\$ 15,000	
Debt Service	\$ 212,000	
Contributions to Reserve Accts	\$ 150,500	
County Tax	\$ 404,270	
Education	\$1,980,110	
Subtotal	\$6,953,627	

Increase from 2022-2023 ----- \$39,709

General Government Revenue	\$ 58,900
Cemetery Revenue	\$ -0-
Culture & Recreation Revenue	\$ 9,200
Excise Tax Revenue	\$ 604,000
Facilities & Parks Revenue	\$ 6,925
Health & Welfare Revenue	\$ 17,540
Public Safety Revenue	\$ 57,900
Public Works Revenue	\$ 96,500
MMSWA Revenue	\$ 2,000
Airport Revenue	\$ 3,000
Economic Development	\$ -0-
Undesignated Revenue	\$ 1,028,500
General Fund Transfers	\$ 70,000
Capital Projects Revenue	\$ 120,000

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Special Revenue Funds		\$ 53,000
Bonds Issued		\$ -0-
Subtotal		\$ 2,127,465

Decrease from 2022-2023 ----- \$89,828

NET BUDGET ----- \$4,826,162

NET INCREASE FROM 2022-2023 ----- \$129,537

Filed July 13, 2023  
**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Adam Briggs**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2023-33 Airport Lease for Robert Sundberg*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement for the lease of Town property located on Map 401, Lot 128-H-04 at the Dexter Regional Airport, hereby approves the lease renewal of said property to Robert Sundberg for a term of ten (10) years.

Filed July 13, 2023  
**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Adam Briggs**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Resolution B2023-2024-2 Tax Due Date and Interest Rate*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2023-2024 property taxes shall be due and payable on or before October 13, 2023; and furthermore that the interest rate for the outstanding balance paid after that date shall be at the rate of 4% per annum.

Filed July 13, 2023  
**PETER HASKELL**

Second: **Charles Ellms**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Resolution B2023-2024-3 Mil Rate*

**BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS;** the sum of \$4,826,162 is required to be raised through taxation to support municipal operations, as well as the Town's contribution to School Administrative District #46 and payment to Penobscot County for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, that a mil rate not to exceed 20.0 mils be hereby adopted for the 2023-2024 tax year.

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Adam Briggs**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*3. Resolution B2023-2024-4 Tax club*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the continuation of the Tax Club for the collection of property taxes for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Filed July 13, 2023  
**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2023-34 Approve License for Anthony Lee's Winery for the Red Hot Dog Festival*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the off-premise catering permit for Mark Libby doing business as Anthony Lee's Winery for the Maine Red Hot Dog Festival on August 12, 2023.

Filed July 13, 2023  
**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*5. Order A2023-35 Transfer Funds to Police Reserve*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$25,000 from Drug Case Evidence Account #R104-01-40311 to Police Department Equipment Reserve Account #R130-10-40220.

Filed July 13, 2023  
**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Order A 2023-36 Approve Liquor License Renewal for Dexter Municipal Golf Course*

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

Filed July 13, 2023  
**PETER HASKELL**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

**Ryan Wilks** asked about adding vinous and spirits to his license. It would have to be a new application instead of a renewal. He will look into that in the future.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*7. Order A2023-37 Accept Extension of Bond Anticipation Note*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the amendment to the \$1,300,000 Bond Anticipation note dated July 1, 2021, and awarded to Androscoggin Bank, Lewiston, Maine, by extending the term of the Note to December 31, 2023; and increasing the interest rate from 4.12% to 5.99%, and further to authorize the Treasurer and Chair of the Town Council to execute said Second Allonge and all other documents necessary to complete said

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amendment. All other terms and conditions as stated in said Bond Anticipation Note will remain the same.

Filed July 13, 2023

**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

**Marcia Delaware** asked if the hold up is due to the audits not being done and if so, is the December 31<sup>st</sup> date realistic. **Trampas King** stated that **John Simko** from Androscoggin Bank is keeping in contact with the auditors and with the Bond Bank and he feels comfortable with the December date. Androscoggin Bank might do something with us on their on.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*8. Order A2023-38 Accept AIP Grant*

**Adam Briggs** made a motion to add Order A2023-38 to the agenda.

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby supports the submission of that certain Airport Grant Agreement with the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, identified as **AIP Grant No. 1B0-NEG-3-23-0016-022-2023** with a date of offer of July 10, 2023 (the "Grant Agreement"), and authorizes **Trampas King**, in his capacity as Town Manager, to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Town of Dexter. The Grant Agreement is made in support of costs related to reconstruction of the taxi lane, parking lot improvements, access road improvements, and fence and gate installations in the new terminal area. The Grant Agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$572,372.00.

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**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

**Trampas King** stated that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of four grants for the terminal building project. The first grant was for \$760,000, the second was \$330,000 and the fourth one will be out probably in September.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*9. Approve/Sign Cemetery Deed for Donald Vigue, Peter Nicholas, and Wayne Belanger*

**Peter Haskell** made a motion to approve/sign

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Theresa McManus** addressed the Council stating that she had concerns because she was run off her road, Crockett, on her horse by a local with no teeth. She stated that she wanted to get signs and asked what the rules are. **Marcia Delaware** stated that she could buy them but she would need to have the Highway Department put them up for her. **Ms. McManus** also asked about culverts stating that she had two driveways and one of them doesn't have one. **Mr. King** stated that she can purchase a culvert through the Highway Department and they would install it for

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her. **Ms. McManus** went on to ask about the schools. She asked what the moral compass of our schools are here and if they are going with diversity. **Ms. Mcanus** went to the school because she wanted to look at the books that are in the library and she also wanted to see what kinds of things are hanging on the walls. She stated that she was denied access to the school, and she feels that since she is a taxpayer, she feels that she has a right to go in. **Trampas King** stated that he would let her know when the next School Board meeting is, and she can ask them about it. **Ms. Mcanus** went on to say that she has no problem paying the taxes, but she has a right to go into the school and she was asking the Council to stand behind her. **Mr. King** stated that they would need to have a conversation with the Superintendent to see what the policy is, and he stated that the School Board will have openings on the November ballot.

**Mr. King** informed the Council that he had the voting ballot from MMA that needed to be filled out for members of the Nominating Committee. There was one for a one year term and 3 choices for 3 people for 3 year terms.

**Adam Briggs** made a motion for **Trampas King** to fill out the ballot on behalf of the Council  
Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

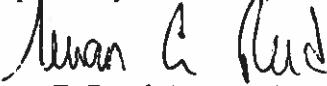
NONE

**Heidi Kinney** made a motion to adjourn at 7:33

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk