

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
MARCH 14, 2019**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Peter Haskell, Fred Sherburne, Sharon Grant, Mark Robichaud, Marcia Delaware, Chuck Ellms, Steve Gudroe

**STAFF PRESENT:** Susan Page, Shannon Hall, Marilyn Curtis, Jeremy Trowbridge, Eric Campbell, Rick Stocker

The Invocation was led by **Deacon David Denbow** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pam Pultz** from Pine Tree Hospice gave a presentation to the Council about the difference between volunteer hospice and medical hospice. **Ms. Pultz** stated that volunteer hospice doesn't provide any medical assistance. The volunteers give respite to people that are taking care of family members by going into their homes or to the hospital. The volunteers provide support and companionship to clients by taking them for rides, playing games, reading to them, or just by being there. Pine Tree Hospice can give assistance as soon as someone is diagnosed with a life limiting illness, such as dementia, and doesn't have to be a terminal illness. Pine Tree Hospice also provides bereavement services to anybody that needs it and also has workshops to help people with things like advanced directives. 136 people in Dexter were helped last year with a total of 1210 people in 39 communities. Pine Tree Hospice doesn't charge for any of their services and has to raise all of their funds on their own through donations, fundraising, and grants. **Ms. Pultz** stated that the organization is in need of volunteers and they provide all the training for anyone that is interested. Any volunteer or financial support is appreciated.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of February 14, 2019*

Motion to Approve: **Fred Sherburne**

Second: **Sharon Grant**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

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

None

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** thanked the road crew for doing a great job. **Mr. King** stated that he has a meeting with D.O.T. on April 8<sup>th</sup> to talk about the plans for Main Street. **Mr. King** told the Council that the inspections on the houses for the Work Camp are starting on Wednesday.

*2. Departmental Reports*

**Steve Gudroe** commented that he appreciated the report from **Noel Sirabella**, the A.C.O. **Mr. Gudroe** said that it was an excellent report and justified what he does on a daily basis.

*3. Update on Mayo Hospital Merger from HAD #4 Member Mark McNaughton*

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**Mark McNaughton**, stated that the HAD #4 Board voted 15 – 3 to sign an agreement as written with Northern Light Health. **Mr. McNaughton** said that it will require the Legislature to change the existing Charter before it can happen. **Trampas King** stated that Mayo is holding a Public Forum on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ridgeview School.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2019-9 Accept Donation from Plummer Memorial Foundation to Install a Stairlift in the Morrison Building.*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donation from the Plummer Foundation in the amount of \$4600 for the installation of a stairlift to access the second floor of the Morrison building.

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**CHUCK ELLMS**

**Sharon Grant** asked if the \$4600 would cover the whole cost of the stairlift. **Trampas King** stated that we were about \$400 short. **Mr. King** had asked the **Utility District** if they would help cover the difference but they said no. **Mr. King** also stated that there would be yearly inspection fee as well.

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Order A2019-10 Sale of Tax Acquired Property*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the sale of tax acquired property per Section 2-197 of the Town Code of Ordinances:

OWNER'S NAME	MAP/LOT	LOCATION/ ACCOUNT	ACTION
Dudley, Robert C	401-037	675 Garland Road	30 day notice to DHHS
Dunn, Christopher	010-088	15 Bryant Road	Advertise for public bid
Flanders, Thomas W.	012-083	46 Mill Street	Advertise for public bid
Gould, Devises of John	401-060-A	24 Pullen Road	Advertise for public bid
Gould, Michael & Padra	006-023	43 Prospect Street	30 day notice to Mayo
Morrison, Joseph & Bonnie	009-005	55 Zions Hill Road	65+ years of age, accepted payment arrangement
Myer, James J.	019-018	Skimmer Lane	Advertise for public bid
Weinschenk, Karl	012-038	138 Free Street	Delay bid until structure is demolished
Young, Richard	07-064	118 Church Street	Advertise for public bid

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Fred Sherburne**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*3. Order A2019-11 Abatement of Taxes for 2 Beech Street*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby abates the uncollectible tax acquired real estate tax amount of \$380.14 on Account #183, Map 07, Lot 06-H, 2 Beech Street.

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**SHARON GRANT**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** informed the Council that this is a tax acquired trailer, but it would be a tear down so we don't want it.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2019-12 Assessment of Future Taxes for 2 Beech Street*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Assessor to assess future real estate taxes on Map 07, Lot 06-H to Map 07, Lot 06 at 41 Forest Street.

Filed March 14, 2019  
**FRED SHERBURNE**

Second: **Mark Robichaud**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*5. Discussion on Paving of Roads by the Town of Dexter*

**Trampas King** stated that B & B Paving gave an estimate for the paving of Main Street Hill to the Fern Road and 50' onto the Fern Road, Free Street from Main Street Hill to Liberty Street, and High Street from Main Street Hill to Liberty Street and the quote for all three was \$208,358.00. **Chuck Ellms** asked if that included the entrances to the municipal parking lot. **Mr. King** stated that they gave an estimate for the whole parking lot so he didn't include that. **Eric Campbell** mentioned that Pleasant Street is bad as well. It was decided to put out an RFP for the three original streets.

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to add Order A2019-13 and Order A2019-14 to the agenda.

Second: **Steve Gudroe**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*6. Order A2019-13 Accept Bid for Bridge Consulting*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid submitted by Plymouth Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$17,000.00 for consulting services for replacement of the Mill Street Bridge.

Filed March 14, 2019  
**MARK ROBICHAUD**

Second: **Sharon Grant**

**Steve Gudroe** asked what this was for. **Trampas King** explained that it is the engineers part of the repair process. **Mr. King** stated that we are applying for a grant which would cover some of the bill. The grant will be at least 50/50 but could be more. It was explained that D.O.T. has marked the Mill Street bridge as a foreclosure if not fixed. **Chuck Ellms** asked if we can fix it on our own like we did with Lincoln Street. It was stated that Lincoln Street was an emergency situation so it was looked at differently. It was decided to look at both options.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*7. Order A2019-14 Transfer of Money for Sidewalks*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$7,554 from Sidewalk Reserve Account #E130-05-511-22 to Streets, Roads, Bridges, Other Contractual Services Account #E105-03-504-51 for additional engineering bills.

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**STEVE GUDROE**

Second: **Mark Robichaud**

**Trampas King** stated that the Town chose to do some things on our own concerning the sidewalks instead of having the State do it which would have cost a lot more. One of those things was the electrical for the installation of the street lights. We have to have inspections which will incur expense as well as a bill we already have from Plymouth Engineering for the lights that have already been installed. **Mr. King** stated that we didn't have any money put aside for things like this. We may not use all the funds but he wanted to have them available in case we needed them.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Steve Gudroe** asked about the properties that the Town just acquired. He asked if we own them. **Marilyn Curtis** said that we have a matured tax lien and we are selling our interest in the property which wipes out any interest that other entities have in the property. That is why we only ask for what is owed in taxes as opposed to brokering them. Technically we don't own them and the buyer is only getting a Quit Claim Deed, we aren't giving them a Warranty Deed. There are steps that the buyer has to go through to get a Warranty Deed.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to go into Executive Session per 1MRSA Sec 405(6)(C) Real Estate at 7:56pm.

Second: **Sharon Grant**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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**Fred Sherburne** made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:15pm  
Second: **Chuck Ellms**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**Sharon Grant** made a motion to place Order A2019-15 on the agenda  
Second: **Steve Gudroe**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*Order A2019-15 Acceptance of Payment Arrangement*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the payment arrangement proposed by Bonnie Morrison in which she will pay \$1,000 on March 14, 2019, and \$1,000 on the fifth of each month for the next five months. This arrangement will stop the foreclosure sale of the property on 55 Zions Hill Road. If a payment is not made on time, the Town of Dexter will proceed with the foreclosure sale.

Filed March 14, 2019  
**SHARON GRANT**

Second: **Steve Gudroe**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**Fred Sherburne** made a motion to go into Executive Session per 1MRSA Sec 405(6)(A)  
Personnel Matter  
Second: **Chuck Ellms**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**Steve Gudroe** made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:11pm  
Second: **Fred Sherburne**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Steve Gudroe made a motion that the Council issue a positive review of the Town Manger after his successful completion of the six month probationary period and further that the \$3,000 increase to his salary be awarded retroactive to the six month anniversary date.  
Second: **Chuck Ellms**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Motion to Adjourn at 9:15pm: **Sharon Grant**  
Second: **Chuck Ellms**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Page  
Town Clerk