

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
AUGUST 8, 2019**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Page, Shannon Hall, Marilyn Curtis

The Invocation was led by **Trampas King** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Order A2019-52 New Airport Lease for Joel Burrill

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of July 11, 2019

Motion to Approve: **Steve Gudroe**

Second: **Chuck Ellms**

Marcia Delaware noted that the dates were wrong for the Kiwanis Cruise In and the Make A Wish Fly In. It should have been August 3rd not the 4th.

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

NONE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Trampas King thanked all the departments for all they have done. He noted that Public Works had been doing a lot to get the roads ready. **Mr. King** said that Maine Earth should be done by the end of the month but there is more paving to be done on Main Street Hill, Free Street, and High Street. **Mr. King** believes it will be done in September as they are waiting to hear from Hopkins Paving. **Mr. King** thanked everybody for the warm welcome that was given to the Work Camp participants and stated that it was amazing, inspirational, and positive and gave the Town some energy and excitement that hasn't been seen here before. **Mr. King** received a letter from one of the groups from Connecticut thanking us and saying that this was one of the best Towns they have gone to and many of the kids want to come back here. The Work Group also had a great time at the beach on Wednesday night with Kiwanis being the host. **Mr. King** stated that we need to look into the Heart and Soul program again since we have some momentum going. **Fred Sherburne** stated that he sent an email to them to touch base. **Mr. King** reported that the Make A Wish Fly In was a huge success with about 16 planes present. **Mr. King** stated that he has been very proud of his Town in the last couple of weeks. He mentioned that the Maine Red Hotdog Festival was this weekend and he hoped the weather would cooperate. **Mr. King** reminded everybody that the grand opening of Gatherings 4 Main Street was on Friday night and she would also be open on Saturday for people to check it out. The Library will be having an open house on Saturday September 7th to celebrate the restoration and to also show everyone the Maker Space program. Also on September 23rd the Army National Guard will be coming in and using Ellms field to make a presentation for students to come and look around to see what they have to offer. It will be open to the public on the 24th and 25th. **Mr. King** stated that **Fred Sherburne** was on the news as he has started a new business venture.

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Fred Sherburne aired his concerns about trucks parking on the corner in front of Millside Fitness and hopes that when the paving gets finished it might help as the trucks are sticking way out into the road. **Sharon Grant** feels that there shouldn't be diagonal parking at that end. **Mr. King** stated that maybe we should leave the first space as no parking. Marcia Delaware suggested making it extra wide and use it for handicapped parking. **Mr. King** is going to discuss it with DOT.

2. *Departmental Reports*
NO COMMENTS

3. *Order A2019-52 New Airport Lease for Joel Burrill*

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-26, Lot 128-H-28, and Lot 128-H-30 at the Dexter Regional Airport, hereby approves the lease of said property to Joel Burrill for a term of ten (10) years.

Filed August 8, 2019
MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: **Sharon Grant**
Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Order A2019-53 Transfer of Money to Balance F/Y 2018-2019*

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director to transfer the following sums between Departments to balance the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget.

TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO
\$1,946 from #E102-05-504-50 Administration Legal Expense	
\$2,895 from #E110-01-501-40 Facilities Laborer Wages	
\$ 553 from #E110-10-507-73 Utilities Street Lights	
\$5,394 TOTAL	
	\$1,251 to #E108-01-508-05 Debt Interest Expense
	\$ 695 to #E109-07-504-60 Landfill Monitoring Costs
	\$2,895 to #E110-15-503-40 MM Building Heating Fuel
	\$ 553 to #E114-01-504-51 Airport Other Contracted Professional Services
	\$5,394.00 TOTAL

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Net change to Fiscal Year budget ending 06/30/2019 = \$0.00

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SHARON GRANT

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. King stated that he wanted to talk about possibly making a change to our current Property Maintenance Ordinance to add something about keeping lawns mowed. He stated that he would like to add something but he isn't sure what yet. **Mr. Haskell** stated that the Council had discussed this before and said there was a concern that if we "forced" somebody to mow their lawn and they got hurt they could hold us responsible. \ said he would check into that. He doesn't want to pick on people but feels if we have something in writing that maybe we can get people to be more compliant. **Mr. King** stated he would talk to Millinocket to see how they are enforcing it.

Marcia Delaware stated that August 3rd was the one year Anniversary of our Town Manager and she feels that he has gone above and beyond what he is required to do and she thanked him and said it has been a pleasure working with him. **Mr. King** said that you have to be a part of the community if you want them to come to you. You have to be out there and let them see you.

Sharon Grant said it has been a big help with him putting posts on Facebook as well

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Motion to Adjourn: **Fred Sherburne**

Second: **Mark Robichaud**

Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Page
Town Clerk