

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
October 10, 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, Kevin Wintle

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

Nancy Hoskins and **Denise Webb** from the Dexter Public Health Association had **Trampas King** draw the winning ticket for their quilt raffle. The quilt was made and donated by **Roe O'Toole** and the winner was **Mary Hoffman**.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance C2019-3 Transfer Money from the General Fund for Paving Of Aprons

No Comments

2. Ordinance C2019-4 Amendment to Appendix C. Property Maintenance, Section 2: Maintenance Standards/Premises and Yard Areas

No Comments

3. Ordinance C2019-5 Amendment to Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, ATV's on Public Ways

Mrs. Cornell, a resident on the Charleston Road, stated that they have had some property damage in the past by some not so respectful riders. **Mrs. Cornell** asked the Council if they would consider excluding the Charleston Road from the list. **Mrs. Cornell** went on to say that ATV manuals state that they aren't safe to operate on paved roads and that in the State of Georgia they have had so many accidents they are doing public service announcements. She stated that the Charleston Road is traversed every day by log trucks, salvage trucks, etc. and it is a hard road to maintain. **Rich Hoffman** from the Garland Trail Hawks stated that by making secondary roads legal people have the tendency to go slower and obey the speed limits because it is legal. The Town of Garland opened their roads three years ago and they haven't had any issues or complaints. He stated that you can also put lower speed limits on the access roads and people will obey them. **Todd Mitchell** stated that he lives on the Upper Garland Road and he has seen ATV's go by and they are going slow and being respectful. He stated that he would love to be able to go down his road and get to a trail. **Robert Webb** stated that since the time that the first set of roads were opened in Dexter there really haven't been any problems and he feels that people are a lot more respectful if they aren't trying to hide.

Sharon Grant stated that the Council had set a trial period for the first set of roads that were opened and the same could be done here. **Sharon Grant** stated that people with concerns about insurance for ATV's when they are registered should contact their State Representative.

4. Ordinance C2019-6 General Assistance Guidelines

Trampas King explained that the numbers are set by the State.

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of September 12, 2019

Motion to Approve: **Fred Sherburne**

Second: **Chuck Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

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III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. Approve/Sign Election Warrant for November 5, 2019

Motion to Approve/Sign: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Steve Gudroe**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Trampas King reported that D.O.T. and Maine Earth are done for the year but they will be back in the spring. **Mr. King** stated that we still have some work to do on the Main Street lights and that four of the old lights were refurbished and put in at the library. They look very nice and **Liz Breault** is very happy with them. **Mr. King** stated that the paving was finished on Main Street Hill, Free Street, and High Street. **Mr. King** told about the Community Heart and Soul meeting the night before and he thanked the DRC for making a donation towards the effort. **Mr. King** reported that the Army National Guard partnered with the TCTC and had a recruitment fair at Ellms Field. There were stations set up nursing, automotive, etc. There were over 300 kids in attendance. It was a great opportunity for kids that might not be able to go to college.

2. Departmental Reports

NO COMMENTS

3. Ordinance C2019-3 Transfer Money from the General Fund for Paving Of Aprons

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$14,750.00 from General Fund Account #G10-37300-00 to Street Reconstruction Parking Lot Paving Account #E105-03-507-61 for paving of the Main Street entrance, and exit to the municipal parking lot.

Filed October 10, 2019

Fred Sherburne

Second: **Mark Robichaud**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

4. Ordinance C2019-4 Amendment to Appendix C. Property Maintenance, Section

2: Maintenance Standards/Premises and Yard Areas

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends the Dexter Town Code, Land Use, Appendix C. Property Maintenance as follows:

Appendix C. Property Maintenance

SECTION 1. PURPOSE/SCOPE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to get a minimum standard for the maintenance of the premises surrounding said buildings, structures, and vacant lots.

SECTION 2. MAINTENANCE STANDARDS/PREMISES AND YARD AREAS:

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1. All premises and ~~yard areas~~ exterior property shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition.
2. All yards or lots shall be kept free of accumulations of trash, garbage, refuse, junk, or other material which may cause a hazard to public health, sanitation, and safety or may act as a breeding place for vermin.
3. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation other than trees and shrubs. However, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT: The Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Dexter shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. In the event of a violation, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the property owner by serving a written notice by certified mail or by hand delivery. Said notice shall explain the nature of the violation and allow no more than ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) days from the date of the receipt of the notice to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected within the required time allowed, the property owner shall be subject to penalties as set forth in Section 4.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES: Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance after receiving notice of such violation shall be liable for civil penalty of a minimum of \$100.00 up to \$2,500.00 for each violation. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation as referenced in Maine State law. In addition, the Town may pursue all remedies and reliefs available by law without limitations.

Filed October 10, 2019
MARK ROBICHAUD

Second: **Steve Gudroe**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

*5. Ordinance C2019-5 Amendment to Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic,
Article IV, ATV's on Public Ways*

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV. Specific Street Regulations to add the following:

Sec. 9-80 Use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on Public Ways

ATV use on Town approved public ways are open as determined annually by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry from 8:00AM to dusk. Operation of an ATV will be with the flow of traffic in the travel lane at the posted speed limit. For definition purposes, the Four Season Adventure Trail will be referred to as the "railroad bed".

The operation of an ATV will be allowed on the following public ways:

- j. Charleston Road Extension*
- k. Charleston Road*
- l. Kaeton Pond Road*
- m. Nelson Road*

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- n. Park Street*
- o. Pleasant Street from Park Street to Common Street*
- p. Common Street*
- q. Main Street Hill from Charleston Road to Upper Garland Road*
- r. Upper Garland Road*
- s. O'Brien Road*
- t. Wing Road*
- u. Dunn Road*
- v. Carr Road*
- w. Pullen Road*
- x. Airport Road east of Phinney Road*

Filed October 10, 2019
STEVE GUDROE

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Marcia Delaware stated that she understood the concerns that people have and she encouraged people to call the Police if they had any issues.

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

6. Ordinance C2019-6 General Assistance Guidelines

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town council hereby approves the State recommended general assistance guidelines as follows:

2019-2020 GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES
(October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

APPENDIX A – OVERALL MAXIMUMS
BASED ON PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD

OLD AMOUNTS

NEW AMOUNTS

1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6
693	697	908	1,137	1,297	1,372		725	728	964	1,208	1330	1,405

NOTE: For each additional person add \$75 per month

APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

OLD AMOUNTS

NEW AMOUNTS

# IN HOUSEHOLD	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	44.65	192	45.12	194
2	82.09	353	82.56	355
3	117.44	505	118.37	509
4	149.30	642	150.23	646
5	177.21	762	178.60	768
6	212.56	914	214.19	921

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7	235.12	1,011	236.74	1,018
8	268.60	1,155	270.70	1,164

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

# OF BEDROOMS	<u>OLD AMOUNTS</u>				<u>NEW AMOUNTS</u>			
	UNHEATED		HEATED		UNHEATED		HEATED	
	WK	MO	WK	MO	WK	MO	WK	MO
0	123	527	146	628	133	574	156	671
1	123	527	146	628	133	574	156	674
2	156	669	191	823	167	720	206	886
3	198	851	241	1,038	211	908	260	1,117
4	223	958	276	1,185	224	964	284	1,221

**APPENDIX D – UTILITIES – ELECTRIC
BASED ON PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD**

1. Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water

# IN HOUSEHOLD	<u>OLD AMOUNTS</u>		<u>NEW AMOUNTS</u>	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	14.00	60.00	14.00	60.00
2	15.70	67.50	15.70	67.50
3	17.45	75.00	17.45	75.00
4	19.20	86.00	19.90	86.00
5	23.10	99.00	23.10	99.00
6	25.00	107.00	25.00	107.00

1. Electricity Maximums for Households With Electric Hot Water

# IN HOUSEHOLD	<u>OLD AMOUNTS</u>		<u>NEW AMOUNTS</u>	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	20.65	89.00	20.65	89.00

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2	23.75	102.00	23.75	102.00
3	27.70	119.00	27.70	119.00
4	32.25	139.00	32.25	139.00
5	37.30	160.10	38.75	167.00
6	41.00	176.00	41.00	176.00

Filed October 12, 2019
CHUCK ELLMS

Second: **Marcia Delaware**
Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2019-61 Agent Fee Price Increase

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes a fee increase on the agent fees charged for Motor Vehicle registrations as authorized by the Department of Motor Vehicles. New registrations will increase from \$4 to \$6 and renewals will increase from \$3 to \$5.

Filed October 10, 2019
MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: **Chuck Ellms**
Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

2. Order A2019-62 Transfer Money form Airport Reserve

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$15,000 from Airport Reserve Account #E130-05-511-01 to Airport Other Contractual Services Account #E114-01-504-51 for the easement acquisition plan.

Filed October 10, 2019
SHARON GRANT

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Trampas King explained that the airspace around the airport has trees growing that need to be removed because they are becoming a danger. He explained that we have easements on two of the properties that are on the Corinna side of the road. Those two will be clear cut but we need to get easements on the others. There are four on the South side and two on the West side. The FAA will take care of all the ones that we don't have easements on. **Mr. King** explained that they take the valuation of the property and deduct the value of the airspace and they make an offer on the difference. The property owner can bargain back and forth and to come to an agreement. The FAA suggested that we try to purchase the airspace on the properties that we have the easements. The cost of the evaluations on the two properties is \$15,000. The airport committee felt that we owed it to the home owners to give them a fair offer and if the homeowner sells we would get the money back from the FAA.

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Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

3. Order A2019-63 Adoption of Airport Operations Manual

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby adopts the Airport Operations Manual as approved by the Airport Committee.

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FRED SHERBURNE

Second: **Mark Robichaud**

Trampas King stated that we currently have very few guidelines at the Airport and we need some rules in place.

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

Sharon Grant made a motion to add Order A2019-64

Second: **Steve Gudroe**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

4. Order A2018-64 Sale of 2003 International

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the sale of the 2003 International 2574 VIN # 1HTGGAXT23H563849 to Chad Davis for \$18,000.

Filed October 10, 2019
MARK ROBICHAUD

Second: **Sharon Grant**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

Trampas King explained that both the 2003 International and the 2001 International were put up for bid and the 2001 was the only one that we received a bid on. The bid was for \$8500 and the Council didn't accept the bid at the September meeting. **Mr. King** stated that it was decided to put the 2003 up for sale with a price of \$18,000. **Mr. King** talked with the Highway Dept and some of the Council that is on the Highway Committee and they decided to put the 2001 up for sale as well. **Marcia Delaware** asked if it was going to be put back out for bid. **Mr. King** stated that he wants to offer the original bidder the chance to offer a higher price since we have done the bid process once. **Mrs. Delaware** stated that she believes it has to be put back out to bid according to the code book. **Chuck Ellms** replied that if we put it back out to bid, he feels we might lose the sale to the original bidder. He has come up on his price as to what he will give. **Mr. King** feels that if we do the bid process we can have bids in by the 23rd. **Steve Gudroe** asked if we could approve something tonight so that the Town Manager could approve the bid. **Marcia Delaware** said no. **Mr. King** said not to make the decision but the Council could say yes tonight so he can get the bid process going. **Mr. King** asked if we got an acceptable bid on the 23rd if he could send an email out to the Council to approve the bid so that we could sell it by the next morning.

Marcia Delaware made a motion to put the 2001 International out to bid for \$9,000.

Second: **Mark Robichaud**

Vote: 6-1(Ellms) motion passes

5. Proposed Ordinance – Transfer of money for Street Lights

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BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$16,226.00 from General Fund Account #G10-37300-00 to Account #E105-03-507-62 to finish the Main Street Sidewalk project.

Filed October 10, 2019
FRED SHERBURNE

Will place on next month's agenda for public hearing

Trampas King stated that the lights on Main Street need some work and our electrician will be finishing them. There is a \$14,000 bill already and he wants to make sure that we have the money to pay it all.

6. Discussion on Fireworks Cost Increase

Trampas King stated that he got a letter from the fireworks company stating that there is possibly a %15 tariff being applied to fireworks. It won't affect this years budget because we don't pay for them until July but he wanted the Council to be aware that it might be more than the amount on the contract.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Fred Sherburne commented on the National Guard event at Ellm's Field and said there were over 600 students that came. He stated that it was quite a display and one of the recruiters said that the kids could get a \$20,000 sign on bonus and free tuition. **Sharon Grant** stated that her grand daughter has been in the Airforce for six years and she is now in college and is going to be a veterinarian.

Sharon Grant also mentioned that she attended the Tea Talks that was sponsored by the Age Friendly Committee and held at Gatherings. She stated that is was very good and it will be held once a month with a different speaker each time and it is open to anybody that wants to attend.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

Motion to Adjourn: **Marcia Delaware** made a motion at 7:58

Second: **Fred Sherburne**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Page
Town Clerk