

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
November 14, 2019**

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

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Steve Gudroe

**STAFF PRESENT:** Susan Page, Shannon Hall, Marilyn Curtis

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

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Trampas King** recognized the three outgoing Council members and thanked them for their service to the Town. **Mark Robichaud, Sharon Grant, and Peter Haskell** were each presented with a clock shaped like the State of Maine with a picture of Nancy the Town Clock on it.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Ordinance C2019-7 Transfer of Money from the General Fund for Street Lights*

**Trampas King** explained that the money was to pay the rest of the sidewalk project and to have money to finish the work that needs to be done on the Main Street lights.

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of October 10, 2019*

Motion to Approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Chuck Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

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

*1. Order A2019-65 Election results from November 5, 2019*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the results of the State of Maine Referendum Election and Local Municipal Election of November 5, 2019 election as follows:

**STATE OF MAINE ELECTION RESULTS**

**QUESTION 1: BOND ISSUE**

Yes	484
No	218

**QUESTION 2: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

Yes	446
No	248

**TOWN OF DEXTER LOCAL ELECTION**

**TOWN COUNCIL -3 YEAR**

Bermudez, Andrew	456*
Blake, Michael	150
Briggs, Adam	169

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Cronkhite, Adrian	63
Goodwin, Richard	152
Haskell, Peter	147
Kinney, Heidi	361*
O'Brien, Noreen	139
Palmer, David	283*

**DEXTER UTILITY DISTRICT TRUSTEE - THREE YEAR**

Crowell, Jeffery	587*
Salley, Roger	564*

**SAD #46 DIRECTOR - THREE YEAR**

Cyr, Leilani	363*
Ploude, Antoinette	287
Sawtelle, Brian	440*

**SAD #46 DIRECTOR - TWO YEAR**

Bagley, Amanda	203
Paige, Amanda	283*
Sushinsky, Mary Ann	78

**SAD #46 DIRECTOR - ONE YEAR**

Burton, Michael	530*
Carver, Craig	472*

**HAD #4 DIRECTOR - THREE YEAR**

Ellms, Kimberly	562*
Goodwin, Sharon	555*

**\*ELECTED**

NUMBER OF VOTERS REGISTERED BEFORE POLLS OPENED - 2435

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS AT POLLS - 5

NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST - 61

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST – 704

PERCENTAGE OF VOTER TURN OUT – 29%

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**STEPHEN GUDROE**

**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Sharon Grant**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

*2. Order A2019-66 Appointment to SAD #46 Board of Directors*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Amanda Bagley to the SAD 46 Board of Directors for a two year term to expire December 31, 2021.

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**CHUCK ELLMS**

Second: Marcia Delaware

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

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**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** thanked everyone for coming and he also thanked the Highway Crew. **Mr. King** reported that there was another Heart & Soul meeting a couple of weeks ago and another was scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup>. **Mr. King** stated that he hosted the Tea Talks at Gatherings that morning and it had gone really well. Tea Talks is open to everyone but is a great outlet for the elderly. **Mr. King** announced that there would be some changes in the office as both **Shannon Hall** and **Juli Kimball** were leaving to go to the Garland Town Office. He wished them both the best of luck.

*2. Departmental Reports*

NO COMMENTS

*3. Ordinance C2019-7 Transfer of Money from the General Fund for Street Lights*

**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.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Sharon Grant**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

*4. Order A2019-67 Accept Bid for Sale of 2001 International*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid from C & W Nuite in the amount of \$10,250 for the Public Works Department's 2001 International 4900 Dump Truck with headgear, plow, wing, and sander. VIN # 1HTSDAAR81H371607.

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**SHARON GRANT**

Second: **Fred Sherburne**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2019-68 Closure of Crosby Street*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the partial closure of approximately 200' on the south end of Crosby Street from Zions Hill Road to the bus garage entrance during winter plowing. Furthermore, the Dexter Town Council authorizes converting the remainder of Crosby Street going north to two-way traffic with a temporary stop sign being placed at the end of Crosby Street onto Pine Street.

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**FRED SHERBURNE**

Second: **Mark Robichaud**

**Marcia Delaware** noted that in the code book it stated that we could close a road for winter maintenance for up to ten years. She wondered if we should close the road for a longer period so we don't have to address it every year. **Trampas King** suggested we do it for a five year period and revisit it in the summer of 2024. **Fred Sherburne** asked if we needed to have a beginning and ending date in the order as well. **Mr. King** stated that there was a date previously but it was taken out. He said we could amend it from November 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Ms. Delaware** stated that the code book said that roads are supposed to be closed on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The amended order would be to close the road for a period of five years from October 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Vote: Unanimous – as amended - motion passes

*2. Order A2019-69 Plowing of South View Lane*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Highway Department to plow South View Lane to the turnaround.

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**MARK ROBICHAUD**

Second: **Fred Sherburne**

**Marcia Delaware** asked if the subdivision had been accepted by the Planning Board. **Trampas King** stated that he had heard there needed to be three houses there before it would be plowed but he found out that wasn't the case. **Mr. King** stated that it is 325' long, 20' wide, is tarred, has two houses on it, with a cul-de-sac turnaround. **Mr. King** stated that the biggest thing was whether or not the road had been built to the specs that the Highway Department had provided and also that once a Town takes over a road it becomes theirs. **Chuck Ellms** stated that if we only do winter maintenance then it doesn't really matter if it was done to spec or not as long as it is wide enough to get the truck up there. **Marjorie Mosley**, a resident on South View Lane, asked if would be possible to sand it as well. **Mr. King** suggested that we plow and sand it on a trial basis for one year and we won't be responsible for the tar. **Mr. King** stated that it will now become a public right of way.

Order will be amended to say plow and sand for a trial period of one winter.

Vote: Unanimous – as amended - motion passes

*3. Order A2019-70 Sign Contract for New Copier Lease*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with Transco Business Technologies and US Bank to upgrade copiers at the Town Office, Finance Office, and Police Station.

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**STEVE GUDROE  
FRED SHERBURNE**

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Second: **Mark Robichaud**

**Mr. King** reported that we are able to get a new copier with a higher amount of copies allowed per month. The old copier will go to the Police Station.

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

*4. Order A2019-71 New Account for Christmas for Kids*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director to open a new account at Bangor Savings Bank for the Christmas for Kids donations and expenses.

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**CHUCK ELLMS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** explained that there were some issues last year with one of the Town credit cards so this account will be used only for the Christmas for Kids program.

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

*5. Order A2019-72 Wassoqueag Snowmobile Club Grant In-Aid*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Dexter Recreation Department to make application for financial assistance under the provisions of Bureau of Parks and Lands Snowmobile Trail Fund (12 MRSA 220.8 Sec. 1893-3) for the maintenance and grooming of snowmobile trails.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Sharon Grant**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

*6. Order A2019-73 Approve Beano/Bingo for VFW*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the continuation of Beano/Bingo by signing the application for the Carter-Dulac Memorial VFW Post #4298, 20 Cedar Street for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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**SHARON GRANT**

Second: **Fred Sherburne**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

*6. Proposed Ordinance – Spending of unbudgeted money for the purchase of a new truck*

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to put on next month's agenda

Second: **Fred Sherburne**

Trampas King explained that we had sold two trucks which brought in \$28,500 and the truck that we want to purchase is \$33,000. He is hoping that at the end of the year there will be enough money left over in some of the budget lines so that we don't have to transfer any money.

Vote: Unanimous

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*8. Discussion on the TIF program*

**Trampas King** talked about the TIF program. He explained that he had been educating himself on the program for the last week or so and he wanted to update everyone in case it is something the Council chooses to establish. **Mr. King** provided a handout which explained the program. TIF is Tax Increment Financing and the revenue can fund infrastructure enhancements related to or required for project development and or project costs. The program is locally driven and the municipality defines the district and chooses how much of the new taxes will go to what projects over what period of time. The benefits of the program include achieving economic development goals set by the comprehensive plan or other planning, attracting new investments, improving local economy, and tax shifts. **Mr. King** stated that by creating a TIF district it would seal that area at the current tax rate and it will help to attract new business. It would shift the taxes so that the Town gets the money instead of the State. **Mr. King** went on to say that a TIF district property is shielded from the Town's valuation, which is used to calculate how much money comes in from the State for the school system and municipal revenue sharing as well as the share of the County tax. **Mr. King** stated that .45 cents of every new tax dollar is lost revenue for a community, with the funds going to the State and Penobscot County. The Town would only receive .55 cents so that is why Towns do it. He mentioned that Dover-Foxcroft set up a TIF district at the former Moosehead Manufacturing Mill and he believed that Newport did it with the current Vic Firth building. **Mr. King** stated that it is a thing we can take advantage of and use ourselves instead of giving the money back to the State and it will help us get businesses here. **Frank Spizuoco**, a business owner in Dexter, thought that instead of the Town keeping the money the businesses should get a tax break. For instance possibly a %75 reduction for the first 3 years and then %25 for the next two years. The Town could put what they want for stipulations such as having to employ a certain number of people. **Mr. Spizuoco** stated that the first five years are the hardest for a new business and thinks that the TIF program is a great idea that wouldn't cost the Town anything. He suggested possibly setting a district from the Line Road up to the old Fay Scott building. **Chuck Ellms** felt that the Line Road to Dam Street would be better. **Mr. King** said that he thinks it needs to be a smaller area. **Fred Sherburne** asked if **Mr. King** could get somebody to come in and do a presentation on the program. **Mr. King** said that he would get something set up.

*9. Sign/Approve Quit Claim Deed for Barry Clukey and Bonnie Morrison*

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to sign/approve

Second: **Chuck Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Trampas King** stated that Dawn Tritch, owner of Gatherings and the McCormick building, is in the process of buying the old Dexter Café building. She plans on opening it up so the two buildings are hooked. She would like to use it as a quiet space for people that might like to stop in and read. **Mr. King** also thanked everyone for going to vote and congratulated the new Council members.

**Mr. King** stated that he had also met with **Chris Cabral** of Delta Solutions Inc. about the possibility of starting a new business in Town. **Mr. Cabral**, who currently lives in Exeter but is moving to Ripley, would like to open a facility to manufacture and process hemp and medicinal

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cannabis. Mr. King stated that the Council needs to address this in a timely manner if possible and he said the Planning Board would be addressing it at their next meeting and he would like to discuss it at the next Council meeting.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NONE

Motion to Adjourn: **Marcia Delaware** made a motion at 7:50

Second: **Fred Sherburne**

Vote: Unanimous, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Page  
Town Clerk