

COUNCIL MINUTES OF
July 9, 2026

COUNCIL PRESENT: Marcia Delaware, Charles Ellms, Adam Briggs, Andrew Mitchell, Danny Hutchins, Nancy Clifford

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Elijah Ames

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution B2026-2027-1 Municipal Budget

NO COMMENTS

2. Order A2026-31 New Victualers License for Sharalyn & Jake McFarlin dba The Spud Bus

NO COMMENTS

I-A PUBLIC HEARING

1. Order A2026-32 Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

NO COMMENTS

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of June 11, 2026

Motion to approve: **Adam Briggs**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: 5-1 (Clifford abstains) in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

NONE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Trampas King thanked several groups and individuals. He thanked the Lakes Association, they are a good group of people, and they do a great job. He thanked the Council for all of their hard work on the budget. He thanked **Frank Spizuoco** for everything he has done for the beach and stated that there will be swimming lessons and summer camp again this year.

Trampas informed everyone of upcoming events. Age Friendly is hosting another meal and afternoon of games at the VFW on Thursday and they will be hosting a Contra Dance in the parking lot on Friday at 6:00. The Kiwanis will be having their Cruise In @ Ridgeview on August 1st and the Red Hotdog Festival will be on August 8th.

2. Departmental Reports

Marcia Delaware asked what the blue lines in the budget meant and **Trampas King** stated that it meant we collected more money than we budgeted.

3. Resolution B2026-2027-1 Municipal Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS the sum of \$5,586,792 which sum constitutes the estimated requirements of the Town of Dexter for the year 2026-2027 based upon the budget submitted by the Town Manager as provided by the Town Charter, be raised by assessments upon the estates of the

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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:

CLASSIFICATION	APPROPRIATION	REVENUES
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 45,500	
General Government	\$1,269,686	
Public Works	\$ 995,966	
Airport	\$ 26,050	
Public Safety	\$ 872,400	
Health & Welfare	\$ 83,020	
Solid Waste Mgt/Lakes & Dam	\$ 368,750	
Culture & Recreation	\$ 260,554	
Facilities & Parks	\$ 505,849	
Cemetery	\$ 184,030	
Economic Development	\$ 16,000	
Debt Service	\$ 302,043	
Contributions to Reserve Accts	\$ 144,500	
County Tax	\$ 537,698	
Education	\$2,151,196	
Subtotal	\$7,763,242	

Increase from 2025-2026 ----- \$246,017

General Government Revenue	\$ 65,100
Cemetery Revenue	\$ 10,000
Culture & Recreation Revenue	\$ 14,325
Excise Tax Revenue	\$ 650,000
Facilities & Parks Revenue	\$ 7,925
Health & Welfare Revenue	\$ 27,500
Public Safety Revenue	\$ 70,000
Public Works Revenue	\$ 79,000
MMSWA Revenue	\$ 2,000
Airport Revenue	\$ 5,100
Economic Development	\$ -0-
Undesignated Revenue	\$ 1,200,000
General Fund Transfers	\$ -0-
Capital Projects Revenue	\$ -0-
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 45,500
Subtotal	\$ 2,176,450

Decrease from 2025-2026 ----- (\$124,038)

NET BUDGET ----- \$5,586,792

NET INCREASE FROM 2025-2026 ----- \$370,055

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CHARLES ELLMS

Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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4. Order A2026-31 New Victualers License for The Spud Bus

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the new Victualer's License for Jake & Sharalyn McFarlin dba The Spud Bus.

Filed July 9, 2026

ANDREW MITCHELL

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Order A2026-32 Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

WHEREAS, the Town of Dexter has been awarded funding through the State of Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the Heart of Maine Resource Center project located at 6 Main Street, Dexter, Maine; and

WHEREAS, the project supports the expansion of a client-choice food center serving low- and moderate-income residents of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Dexter, Maine, that: The Town of Dexter hereby accepts the awarded CDBG funds for the Heart of Maine Resource Center expansion project.

The Town Manager is authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, assurances, and related documents required by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for acceptance and administration of the grant.

The Town Manager, or their designee, is authorized to act as the official representative of the Town for all matters related to administration, compliance, and reporting of the CDBG award.

The Town of Dexter agrees to comply with all applicable CDBG program requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related federal and state regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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ADAM BRIGGS

Second: **Andrew Mitchell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution B2026-2027-2 Tax Due Date and Interest Rate

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2026-2027 property taxes shall be due and payable on or before October 23, 2026; and furthermore that the interest rate for the outstanding balance paid after that date shall be at the rate of 7% per annum.

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DANNY HUTCHINS

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Resolution B2026-2027-3 Mil Rate

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS; the sum of \$5,586,792 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, 2026, to June 30, 2027, that a mil rate not to exceed 19.9 mils be hereby adopted for the 2026-2027 tax year.

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Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Resolution B2026-2027-4 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 2026-2027 fiscal year.

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NANCY CLIFFORD

Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Order A2026-33 Approve Liquor License Renewal for Dexter Municipal Golf Course

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

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CHARLES ELLMS

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Order A2026-34 Approve License for Dexter Municipal Golf Course for Red Hot Dog Festival

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the off-premise catering permit for Ryan Wilks doing business as Dexter Municipal Golf Course for the Maine Red Hot Dog Festival on August 8, 2026.

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ANDREW MITCHELL

Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

6. Order A2026-35 Transfer Funds for Cemetery Truck

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Finance Officer to transfer \$10,000 from the 2025/2026 budget from Cemetery Trust Account #E135-01-512-05 to Cemetery Equipment Reserve Account #R130-10-402-06.

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ADAM BRIGGS

Second: **Andrew Mitchell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

7. Order A2026-36 Transfer Funds for Paving

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Finance Officer to transfer \$210,000 from the 2025/2026 budget from Streets, Roads, and Bridges Paving Account #E105-03-507-60 to Paving Account #G10-37-200-15.

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DANNY HUTCHINS

Second: **Andrew Mitchell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

8. Order A2026-37 Sign Contract with Haley Ward for Landfill Monitoring

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign a three-year contract with Hailey Ward for landfill monitoring and testing.

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ADAM BRIGGS

Second: **Andrew Mitchell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

9. Order A2026-38 Sign Contract with Stantec Consulting

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes Trampas King to sign a five-year contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for airport planning and engineering services as recommended by the Airport Committee.

Filed July 9, 2026
NANCY CLIFFORD

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

10. Order A2026-39 Sign Contract with RHR Smith Company

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign a contract with RHR Smith & Company for auditing services for the fiscal year ending 2026.

Filed July 9, 2026
CHARLES ELLMS

Second: **Andrew Mitchell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

11. Proposed Ordinance – Recreational Vehicle Occupancy

See Ordinance from Agenda

Trampas King stated that the Ordinance went back to the Planning Board and they approved it but it was updated to include a composting toilet. It was asked if people would be “grandfathered” and the answer was no.

Adam Briggs made a motion to add to next month’s agenda for Public Hearing

Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

12. Sign/Approve Cemetery Deed for Hope Glidden

Adam Briggs made a motion to sign/approve

Second: **Andrew Mitchell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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13. Sign/Approve Quit Claim Deed

Adam Briggs made a motion to sign/approve

Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Theresa McManus asked what was happening on Spring Street where they are digging. She was told that the property is owned by Ace Hardware. **Ms. McManus** asked if anyone knew when the fireworks would be that a camp owner on the lake does. During the Town's fireworks she had a horse break through her fence. **Dan Hutchins** and **Adam Briggs** stated that they didn't think he does them anymore, but if they heard anything about it they would let her know.

Nancy Hoskins, the Public Health Officer, informed the Council that the Public Health Association has applied for a grant through the Steven & Tabitha King Foundation. Part of the grant will allow them to get AEDs. She has asked for one for them, one for the Town Office, and one for each of the Police vehicles. Each one is around \$1200. She also stated that the CDC wanted her to inform the public that there are three active cases of TB in Southern Maine and that the Lonestar tick is now in Maine. They have been found in southern and coastal areas. The tick can be identified by the bright white star that is on its back. If bitten by this tick, it can cause severe allergic reactions to red meat. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will identify and test a tick for diseases at no charge, but they do ask for a donation. In closing she told everyone to stay hydrated.

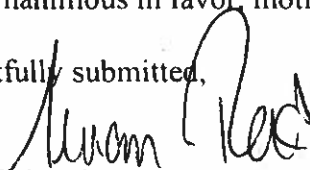
Frank Spizuoco gave an update on the happenings at the Beach. There will be a lifeguard again for the month of July with 52 swimmers signed up for lessons. There are 21 kids signed up for the Summer Camp. Electric will be installed in the Parola Pavilion. He stated that they are looking for a volunteer to be a property manager to help pick up the trash and keep the bath house clean. This would be from Memorial to Labor Day. Frank went on to say that they are starting the drilling for the new lights at the high school football field and there are more bricks to be purchased for the pavilion. The Council thanked him for all of his work on the restoration of the beach. **Marcia Delaware** commented that it is cool to look at all the bricks and remember former residents of the Town.

Adam Briggs made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 P.M.

Second: **Andrew Mitchell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,


Susan E. Reed