

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
July 10, 2025**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Marcia Delaware, Elijah Ames, Danny Hutchins, Charles Ellms, Adam Briggs  
Andrew Bermudez, Heidi Kinney

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Resolution B2025-2026-1 Municipal Budget*

No Comments

*2. Ordinance C2025-5 Change to Town Code Chapter 3.6 Cemeteries: Article III. Administration and Maintenance Sec. 3.6-30 Lot Size Established*

No Comments

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of June 12, 2025*

Motion to approve: **Elijah Ames**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

**Marcia Delaware** noted that the date needed to be changed.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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

*1. Approve/Sign Election Warrant for August 5, 2025 Special Election*

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

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** stated that it will be a busy month coming up and that everyone had a good time at the Age Friendly Picnic today. Some Real People were the entertainment and there was a great turnout. Next month they will have a cookout with Some Real People as the entertainment again. Tuesday night is Music at the Park and that will go through August. Swimming lessons have begun at the beach Tuesday through Friday for the month of July. There were over sixty kids that showed up the first day. **Mr. King** thanked the DDA and PAC. The Kiwanis has their annual Cruise In on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-2 and the Red Hotdog Festival is on the 9<sup>th</sup>. There are also lots of golf scrambles coming up for those that like to golf. **Mr. King** thanked the Dexter Fish & Game Association and Steve Lawson for the new boat launch on the little lake. It looks great and there is an awesome new sign there as well. **Mr. King** thanked Frank Spizuoco for being the driving force behind the DDA. The Dexter Lakes Association had their annual meeting and had a great turnout. They have over 100 members and do great work keeping the Lake in pristine condition. **Mr. King** reported that the curbing has started to go down on the roads that were paved. When that is done the pavers will come back and put on the topcoat and then the curbs can be backfilled, the excess dirt hauled away, and the lawns repaired. The Highway crew is also grading roads and putting down calcium. **Mr. King** thanked all the Town employees and the Town Council. **Marcia Delaware** asked about the concert at the Universalist Church. **Mr. King** stated that it is Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. It is by donation and is a fundraiser for the church.

*2. Departmental Reports* **Marcia Delaware** thanked Juli Kimball for putting the new bills that were passed in the last Legislative session that affect General Assistance. It made it easy to understand. **Mr.**

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**King** stated that with the new requirements for people getting SNAP Juli is trying to set up a volunteer program with the help of PRFC. **Marcia Delaware** asked if it is her responsibility. **Mr. King** stated that it isn't but she knows a lot of people will be looking for opportunities to volunteer.

*3. Resolution B2025-2026-1 Municipal Budget*

**BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS** the sum of \$5,216,737, which sum constitutes the estimated requirements of the Town of Dexter for the year 2025-2026 based upon the budget submitted by the Town Manager as provided by the Town Charter, be raised by assessments upon the estates of the 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	\$1,174,949	
Public Works	\$1,131,725	
Airport	\$ 24,450	
Public Safety	\$ 836,679	
Health & Welfare	\$ 78,790	
Solid Waste Mgt/Lakes & Dam	\$ 348,250	
Culture & Recreation	\$ 243,026	
Facilities & Parks	\$ 484,084	
Cemetery	\$ 173,060	
Economic Development	\$ 15,000	
Debt Service	\$ 299,944	
Contributions to Reserve Accts	\$ 119,500	
County Tax	\$ 456,169	
Education	\$2,086,099	
Subtotal	\$7,517,225	

Increase from 2024-2025 ----- \$520,478

General Government Revenue	\$ 64,100
Cemetery Revenue	\$ 10,000
Culture & Recreation Revenue	\$ 12,625
Excise Tax Revenue	\$ 650,000
Facilities & Parks Revenue	\$ 8,225
Health & Welfare Revenue	\$ 24,000
Public Safety Revenue	\$ 70,000
Public Works Revenue	\$ 74,000
MMSWA Revenue	\$ 2,000
Airport Revenue	\$ 4,500
Economic Development	\$ -0-

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Undesignated Revenue		\$ 1,204,500
General Fund Transfers		\$ 131,038
Capital Projects Revenue		\$ -0-
Special Revenue Funds		\$ 45,500
Subtotal		\$ 2,300,488

Increase from 2024-2025 ----- \$220,478

NET BUDGET ----- \$5,216,737

NET INCREASE FROM 2024-2025 ----- \$300,000

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**ELIJAH AMES**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Ordinance C2025-5 Change to Town Code Chapter 3.6 Cemeteries: Article III. Administration and Maintenance Sec. 3.6-30 Lot Size Established.*

**BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends Chapter 3.6 Cemeteries, Article III Administration and Maintenance: Sec. 3.6-30; Lot size established; (c) by changing the following:

(c) Single grave lots shall be limited to one (1) casket or ~~two (2)~~ *three (3)* urns with one (1) headstone.

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**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Resolution B2025-2026-2 Tax Due Date and Interest Rate*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2025-2026 property taxes shall be due and payable on or before October 15, 2025; and furthermore that the interest rate for the outstanding balance paid after that date shall be at the rate of 7.5% per annum.

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Resolution B2025-2026-2 Mil Rate*

**BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS**; the sum of \$4,916,737 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, 2025, to June 30, 2026, that a mil rate not to exceed 19.9 mils be hereby adopted for the 2025-2026 tax year.

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**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*3. Resolution B2025-2026-4 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 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Resolution B2025-5 Community Resilience Partnership*

**COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dexter has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held a community workshop(s) on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 which prioritized the following action areas: Modernize Town Buildings to be more energy efficient, Reduce Emissions through Clean Energy Innovation, Protect the Environment & Promote Natural Climate Solutions, Build Healthy & Resilient Community and Invest in Climate-Ready Infrastructure.

**WHEREAS**, planning for community and infrastructure resilience will protect people, preserve businesses and the local economy, and reduce the impact and costs of natural disasters;

**WHEREAS**, investing in energy efficiency and weatherization improvements is proven to lower municipal electricity expenses and make buildings more comfortable for employees and visitors;

**WHEREAS**, the Community Resilience Partnership provides grants to municipalities and Tribal Governments for activities that lower energy expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience in alignment with the state's climate action plan and goals;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Dexter commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town of Dexter designates the Dexter resilience Committee to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership;

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**DANNY HUTCHINS**

**Trampas King** explained that this was to help the Town get grants and save a little money. It is run by Eastern Maine Development Association and stated that there is no guarantee that we will get money but there are different grants that we can apply for. It isn't a very restrictive program. **Elijah Ames** asked if this was part of the Comprehensive Plan and **Mr. King** stated that it wasn't. It will still be another six

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months or so before that is done. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that the buildings are pretty old, so energy efficiency is very important. **Mr. Ames** asked what we would do instead of just energy efficiency for buildings. **Mr. King** stated now that we have done this he will get a list of what is available for grants to apply for. **Mr. Bermudez** asked if other organizations are able to apply as well. **Mr. King** stated that he will find out.

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: 6-1 (Ames), motion passes

*5. Order A2025-41 Approve Liquor License 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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**ELIJAH AMES**

Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Order A2025-42 Approver License for Dexter Municipal Golf Course for Red Hotdog 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 9, 2025.

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**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*7. Order A2025-43 Transfer Funds for Paving*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Finance Officer to transfer \$200,000 from Paving Reserve Account #E130-05-511-19 to Streets, Roads, and Bridges Paving Account #E105-03-507-60.

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** stated that we had taken the \$300,000 from the general fund earlier. This is to finish up the jobs. He waited to take it now so it would be during the new fiscal year.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*8. Order A2025-44 Resolution of Tax Acquired Property*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council authorizes the Finance Director to continue to accept payments from Amy Heywood Smith for the taxes due on 76 Goff Road as this account will now be taxed with the land. Once the 2023 and 2024 taxes are paid in full, a quit claim deed will be issued.

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**HEIDI KINNEY**

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Second: **Elijah Ames**

**Trampas King** explained that the trailer had been tax acquired but the land that it was on has been paid. The owner has been making payments on it. The trailer has now been combined with the land for future billing. He explained that the trailer isn't worth taking and we would have to move it from the premises.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*9. Approve/Sign Cemetery Deed for Robert Braithwaite & Glen Duplisea*

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

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

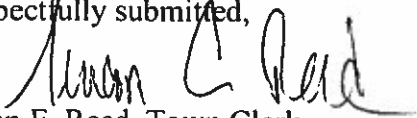
**Trampas King** stated that he had been approached by a company that has an alert system that attaches to people's phone numbers. There is concern after what has happened in Mexico and Texas, but he hopes we aren't ever in that kind of situation. He feels that if too many things were sent out it would be a "cry wolf" situation for something important. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that we should probably look into some kind of alert system. The price for this one was about \$5,000 for the set up and then \$300-\$400 a month.

**Adam Briggs** made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk