

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
December 19, 2024**

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

**Susan Reed** opened the meeting and swore in new Councilors **Adam Briggs** and **Charles Ellms**

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**Marcia Delaware** nominated **Andrew Bermudez**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

No other nominations

Vote: 6 -1, motion passes (Bermudez Abstained)

**ELECTION OF VICECHAIRMAN**

**Charles Ellms** nominated **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

No other nominations

Vote: 6-1, motion passes (Delaware Abstained)

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Ordinance C2024-6 Maine Paid Family Medical Leave*

**Heidi Kinney** stated that there has been emergency legislation put in to repeal this. **Adam Briggs** asked if it passes does it make it null. The answer was yes. There was discussion if the Ordinance should be tabled but the answer was no because it will still go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> as it may take awhile if it is repealed.

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of November 14, 2024*

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: 6 – 1 ( Ellms), motion passes

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

*1. Order A2024-67 Appointment to Boards & Committees*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby approve the appointment of the following Board/Committee members:

<b>Board/Committee</b>	<b>Openings</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
Airport Committee	3 - 3 year	*Keith Garrison
		*Keith Wiers
		*Jay Payne
Board of Appeals	3 - 3 year	*David Pearson
	1 – 2 year	*Susan Abel
	1 – 1 year	
Cemetery Advisory	1 – 3 year	*Roger Salley

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Human Resources Committee	2 - 3 year	*Jamie Murray
Library Trustee	2 - 3 year	*Lisa Perez-McKusick
		Rosemarie O'Toole Whitesel
Planning Board	2 - 3 year	*Kevin Keene
		*Jeremy Trowbridge
Recreation	2 - 3 year	
Wakefield Committee	1 - 3 year	*Rebecca Mitchell

\*Currently serving

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**ELIJAH AMES**

There were four applications for the Planning Board. **Theresa McManus** was present and addressed the Council. Each Councilor – minus the chair – voted for two which resulted in a tie for one seat. The chair cast a vote to break the tie.

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Order A2024-68 Appointment to the School Board*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that due to a failure to elect, the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Trina Neptune to the MSAD 46 School Board for a term to expire November 4, 2025.

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**HEIDI KINNEY**

There were three applications for the position. **Trina Neptune** and **Dale Jackson** were in attendance and they both addressed the Council and answered some questions from Heidi Kinney.

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*3. Order A2024-69 Appointment of Treasurer*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Trampas King as Treasurer for the Town of Dexter for the year ending December 31, 2025.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2024-70 Appointment of Registrar of Voters*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Susan Reed as Registrar of Voters for the Town of Dexter for a term ending December 31, 2026.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** thanked everyone for coming and welcomed **Adam** and **Chuck** back to the Council. **Mr. King** thanked all of the Board and Committee members for their service. **Mr. King** thanked everyone that was involved with the Christmas Tree Lighting and the Light Parade. It was fun and the kids had a good time. Winter has arrived and we have already had a couple of heavy wet storms. The Fish & Game Ice Fishing Derby is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. **Mr. King** reported that the derby will start transitioning this year to be run by the Dexter Firefighters Association. He thanked the Fish & Game for all of the work they have done over the years. The DDA has a couple of new fundraisers they will be doing. One is selling bricks to make a walkway at the Beach. They are also planning a swimming fundraiser to help with the cost of swimming lessons. **Mr. King** wished everyone Happy Holidays.

*2. Departmental Reports*

No Comments

*3. Ordinance C2024-6 Maine Paid Family Medical Leave*

**BE IT ORDAINED** that pursuant to the Maine Paid Family Medical Leave program starting January 1, 2025, the Town of Dexter shall pay .5% of the required 1% of annual wages, with the employee being responsible for the other .5%.

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**DANNY HUTCHINS**

Marcia Delaware stated that she is opposed to this because it is State mandated, and it is being put on the employees and they have no say. It shouldn't be forced on them.

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: 6 – 1 (Delaware) in favor, motion passes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2024-71 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, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Order A2024-72 Accept Money for Christmas for Kids*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donations in the amount of \$2,440.00 for the Christmas for Kids Program.

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**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*3. Order A2024-73 Accept Money from Dexter Fish & Game*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donation in the amount of \$8,100.00 from the Dexter Fish & Game Association for the ramp at Lake Wassookeag.

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**ELIJAH AMES**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

**Trampas King** stated that this was a great opportunity for us to change this out without using taxpayer dollars. There are ARPA funds designated to the beach front that will be used to pay for installation.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2024-74 Amendment to Order A2024-49*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends Order A2024-49 – expenditure of ARPA funds for paving of the entire beach parking lot – by adding the price of \$45,912.16.

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**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** stated that he needed final numbers for the ARPA funds by the end of the year. This is the amount that we had left. DDA has money to pay the remainder of the paving costs.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Judy Saunders** wanted **Trampas King** to pass on to the Highway Department that they did a great job during the storms. **Ryan Wilks**, lessee of the Dexter Municipal Golf Course, asked the Council for money from the reserve account so he could buy 2 used John Deere triplexes. He is trying to replace two old ones that he currently has. The cost for both of them would be \$11,000. **Mr. Wilks** told the Council that in the last three years, he has redone the kitchen and pro shop and also had the roof and siding replaced. He is now migrating towards the course.

**Adam Briggs** made a motion to add to next month's agenda.

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

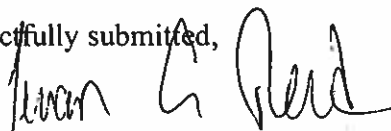
None

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to adjourn at 7:24pm

Second: **Chuck Ellms**

Vote: unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk