

## COUNCIL MINUTES OF December 11, 2025

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

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Nancy Clifford

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:**

Charles Ellms nominated Marcia Delaware  
Second: Adam Briggs  
Vote: 5-1 (Delaware abstains), motion passes

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:**

Charles Ellms nominated Adam Briggs  
Second: Andrew Mitchell  
Vote: 5-1 (Briggs abstains), motion passes

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

**II. MINUTES**

1. *Approve/Amend Council Minutes of November 13, 2025*

Motion to approve: Elijah Ames  
Second: Charles Ellms  
Vote: 5-1 (Mitchell abstains), motion passes

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

1. *Order A2025-59 Appointment to Boards & Committees*

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

Board/Committee	Openings	Applicant
Airport Committee	1 - 3 year	*Mike Jones
Board of Appeals	3 - 3 year	*Fred Sherburne
	1 - 1 year	
Cemetery Advisory	2 - 3 year	*Donald Clukey
		*Charles Ellms
Dexter Utility District	1 - 1 year	*Jeffery Crowell
Library Trustee	2 - 3 year	*Eileen Nokes
		Tina Santos
Planning Board	2 - 3 year	*Ron Apel
	1 - 1 year	*Richard Fanjoy

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Wakefield Committee	2 - 3 year	

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Order A2025-60 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, 2026.

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**ELIJAH AMES**

Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

Trampas King thanked everyone that helped with the Christmas Light Parade. It went well and there were a lot of floats. He thanked the Public Works department as they are still short a person and have two new hires but are doing a great job. The machine that cleans off the sidewalks has been broken so hopefully that will get fixed and the sidewalks will get done the first of the week. Mr. King thanked Juli Kimball for all of her hard work with the Christmas for Kids program. She has done a great job with organizing, getting sponsors, and packing bags. Mr. King stated that the next big event for the Town is the fishing derby that is now being run by the Fire Department. They did a great job last year. Mr. King wished everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season.

*2. Departmental Reports*

Marcia Delaware complimented Juli Kimball for being able to do the Christmas program along with everything else that she did for the month.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2025-61 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, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

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**MARCIAS DELAWARE**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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### 2. Order A2025-62 Holiday Hours for Town Office

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the closure of the Municipal Offices on Friday, December 26, 2025, in lieu of closing at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2025. Employees will not be financially compensated for any hours not worked beyond their eligible holiday pay unless they use vacation or earned time off.

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**ANDREW MITCHELL**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

### 3. Order A2025-63 Accept Donations for Christmas for Kids

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donations in the amount of \$2,200.00 for the Christmas for Kids Program.

Filed December 11, 2025  
**DANNY HUTCHINS**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

### 4. Order A2025-64 Accept Highway Safety Grant for Police Department

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the grant in the amount of \$12,901.00 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety. The monies are to be used for dedicated patrols for speed enforcement and radar purchases.

Filed December 11, 2025  
**ELIJAH AMES**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

**Ken Schuurman** addressed the Council and stated they would be purchasing two new radar units and will also help with additional hours for enforcement of speeding and wearing seatbelts.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

### 5. Order A2025-65 Accept Safety Grant for Police Department

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety. The monies are to be used for dedicated patrols for occupant protection.

Filed December 11, 2025  
**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

**Ken Schuurman** stated that he had given this information with the first grant. It is part of the Click It or Ticket program. He also stated that if the timelines are met for the grant, they can apply for additional funding. **Marcia Delaware** thanked him for taking the time and applying for the grants.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

### 6. Order A2025-66 Appointment of Health Officer

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby appoints Nancy Hoskins as Health Officer for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2028, in compliance with Title 22 MRSA § 451.

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

**Second: Elijah Ames**

**Trampas King** explained that Nancy and Denise Webb are both part of the Public Health Association and they both do great work.

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*7. Proposed Ordinance – Sex Offender Residency Rules*

**BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends Chapter 8: Miscellaneous Offenses by adding Section 8-7. Sex Offender Residency

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

To prohibit certain acts within the Town of Dexter in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community by using the government's recognized and traditional enforcement power to protect societal order, morality, and physical and emotional health in public places without infringing on protected First Amendment rights.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to municipal home rule authority, Title 30-A M.R.S.A. 3014.

**SECTION 2. RESTRICTION ON RESIDENCE OF CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS**

Convicted sex offender. A person convicted of any current or former Maine crime listed in former title 17, §§ 2922—2924 or title 17-A, chapter 11 or 12; a conviction for an attempt or solicitation of those listed crimes; or any conviction for any former or current crime

in any other jurisdiction in which the person engaged in substantially similar conduct to that of the earlier specified current or former Maine crimes.

Prohibition. A convicted sex offender whose crime involved a victim who had not attained the age of 14 years at the time of the offense may not establish a residence within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of the real property line of a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school or within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of the real property line of municipally owned property where children are the primary users, including, without limitation, playgrounds and athletic fields. The prohibition of this section shall not apply to persons who, on the date of adoption of this section, resided within the seven hundred fifty (750) foot restricted areas.

Penalties. Any person who, after written notice from the Town, fails or refuses to comply with its requirements of this section shall be subject to a minimum penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day payable to the Town. In addition to monetary penalties, the Town may seek injunctive relief from the courts. If the Town prevails in an action for violation of this section, it shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

**SECTION 3. PENALTIES**

The violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a first offense, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a second offense, and two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for a third or subsequent offense, regardless of the time between offenses. Each act of violation and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to such penalties, the town may enjoin or abate any violation of this ordinance by appropriate action, and, if the court finds for the Town, the Town shall recover its costs of suit, including reasonable experts' fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, and reasonable investigative costs.

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**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of any other section, phrase, sentence, or portion thereof.

This was submitted by the Police Department as we have never had an Ordinance in place. **Ken Schuurman** explained that it would only affect certain offenders of crimes for children under the age of fourteen and wouldn't allow them to live within seven hundred and fifty feet of a school or certain other places. **Elijah Ames** asked if we were having problems. **Mr. Schuurman** stated that it is more of a preventative measure. **Trampas King** asked who would enforce it. **Mr. Schuurman** stated that there is a training that can be done and it can be judicated at a Town level.

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

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Theresa McManus** addressed the Council demanding answers to the questions that she asked at Novembers' meeting.

**Adam Briggs** made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Reed



