

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
April 13, 2023**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Andrew Bermudez, Charles Ellms, Peter Haskell, Marcia Delaware, Heidi Kinney
Levi Ladd via Zoom

EXCUSED ABSCENSE: Adam Briggs

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Curtis

PUBLIC PRESENT: Steve Foster, Denise Dinsmore, Alice Haggert, Anita Libby Kain, Ryan Davis, Gregory Mitchell, John Greaves, Gail Littlefield, Kirby Littlefield, Jill & Will Jones, Scott Wilson, Kasee Wilson, Kyle Wilson, Becky Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell, Penny Wilkins, Julie Wilcott, David Bell, Alexis Avery, Ryan Wilks, Theresa McManus. Chris Cabral, Tim Cabral, Carl Snow, Rhonda Snow, Morris White, and Tom K. from Channel 5.

PRESENTATION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVE FOSTER

Trampas King called **Andrew Mitchell** to the front and stated that he has been a huge contributor to the Town with both the Boy Scouts and the snowmobile club. **Mr. King** thanked him for his service. **Steve Foster** thanked Andy's wife Becky for the information. He stated that volunteers are usually often unnoticed especially after several years of service. **Mr. Mitchell** began scouting in Fairfield under Hal Hanson. He has assisted 12 Scouts to Eagle rank. He is an active member of the VFW Auxillary and is the only male member. He is an active member of the Wassookeag Snowmobile Club and has been the President for the last four years. He takes great pride in making sure the trails are in great shape. **Mr. Foster** stated that it gives him great pleasure to recognize **Mr. Mitchell** after 21 years of service as a Scout Master.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Order A2023-13 Approve Victualers License for Robert Brenckman dba Rt. 7 BBQ

Peter Haskell asked if this was a new business. The answer was yes.

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of March 9, 2023

The minutes from the Executive Session taken by **Trampas King** weren't attached. **Mr. King** stated he would get them to the Councilors'.

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes.

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

NONE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

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Trampas King stated that the weather is getting better and said that the dirt roads have held up well. He thanked the Public Works Department as they have done some raking and grading already. **Mr. King** reminded the Council that the budget is next month, and he has been sitting down with the Department heads and getting some numbers. He asked the Councilors if they had any date preference as to when the budget meetings would be. He stated they would start the first week of May. **Levi Ladd** asked if they would be at 6:00. **Mr. King** stated they would be. He asked if everybody was good with 6:00. **Marcia Delaware** suggested going to 7:00 for the budget meetings and to also change the Council meetings back to 7:00 because it is getting to be the time of year when people might have to work a little later. The Council agreed. **Mr. King** thanked the high school kids that came and did cleaning projects around Town. They planted some bulbs, cleaned some parks, organized the food pantry and painted some rocks at the beach. He also congratulated **Laura Maul** for getting her tax collector certification.

2. Departmental Reports

Heidi Kinney asked again about Professional Technical Services. **Mr. King** stated that it is from the audits as all five of them are on there. We will bring the money over once they are done. **Ms. Kinney** also asked if the Workman's Comp Insurance went up. **Mr. King** stated that it did because we had an incident with one of the Police Officers and an employee that works for us and another Town. **Mr. King** stated that they will also see a huge increase in the payroll for the Police Department because of an officer leaving and under public works there is \$9,000 that needs to come out of the reserve for the skid steer.

3. Order A2023-13 Approve Victualer's License for Robert Brenckman dba Rt. 7 BBQ

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the new Victualer's License for Robert Brenckman doing business as RT. 7 BBQ, 809 Dover Road subject to the final inspection and approval from the State and local authorities.

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MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Heidi Kinney

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2023-14 Accept Donation from Heart of Maine United Way

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Heart of Maine United Way for fuel assistance.

Filed April 13, 2023
PETER HASKELL

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Trampas King stated that the money has to be spent by the end of June.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Order A2023-15 Accept Bid for Roadside Mowing

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid submitted by Scott

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Hill in the amount of \$3,500.00 for roadside mowing.

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LEVI LADD

CHARLES ELLMS

Trampas King stated that **Vance Lambert** did it last year and he did a good job. He likes to cover himself by adding in a fuel surcharge and also will charge \$75 an hour if he has to do additional roads. **Heidi Kinney** pointed out that **Scott Hill** had a price for additional labor but asked if he had a fuel surcharge. **Mr. King** stated that he didn't. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that **Mr. Hill** does good work.

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: 4 to 2 (Haskell, Ladd) in favor, motion passes

3. Order A2023-16 Accept Bid for Mowing

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid submitted by JDK Property Management in the amount of \$18,000.00 for weekly mowing, bi-weekly weed whacking, and spring and fall clean up at Crosby Park, Ellms Field, and Wassookeag beach.

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CHARLES ELLMS

Trampas King stated that JDK is the company that did it last year and he did a good job and we had no issues. **Mr. King** stated that he didn't want to go with a long-term contract because he didn't know what we were getting in to. He will approach whomever we give the bid to and see if they want to do a longer contract. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that he was happy with the fields last year. **Marcia Delaware** asked about the \$40 an hour per person for clean up and asked if we had to use it. **Mr. King** stated that he had the cemetery crew do it last year at close of season and they did a good job. He intends to have them do it this year but wanted it in the bids in case it was needed.

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Order A2023-17 Transfer Money to Police Department Reserve

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts funds from the Town of Cape Elizabeth in the amount of \$45,833.34 for the buyout of Officer Eric Hathaway. The funds are to be deposited in account #R130-10-40220 Police Equipment Reserve.

Filed April 13, 2023

HEIDI KINNEY

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Order A2023-18 Closing of Grove Street for Cruise Ins'

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the closure of Grove Street from the ATV trail to the Police Station from 5:00 pm until dusk for Cruise-Ins' on the following dates: May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, and September 2nd.

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**LEVI LADD
PETER HASKELL**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Marcia Delaware stated she was surprised there were so many dates. **Peter Haskell** asked if the road would be left open if the event was cancelled.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

6. Order A2023-19 Transfer Money from Paving Reserve

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$80,000.00 from Paving Reserve Account #E130-05-511-19 to Streets, Roads, and Bridges Paving Account #E105-03-507-60.

Filed April 13, 2023
ADAM BRIGGS

Heidi Kinney asked for an explanation from **Trampas King**. He explained that the contractor gave an explanation that we might want to rethink the Goff Road project as the road is in rough shape and we still have work to do before they grind. **Charles Ellms** stated that it doesn't really cost much more to grind rather than shim. **Mr. King** estimated that it would be \$60,000 to grind and put on a topcoat. **Ms. Kinney** asked if this was the last road that was in this budget. **Marcia Delaware** stated that she is struggling with putting \$100,000 into a road that is on the outskirts of Town. **Mr. Ellms** defended saying that spending \$55,000 will get you three years and \$115,000 will get you fifteen years. **Levi Ladd** asked if we have a road grading assessment system. **Trampas** said that we assess as we go. **Mr. Ellms** stated that it is hard to set up a definite plan when the roads change from year to year. **Peter Haskell** asked if the other Towns working on the road will be doing the same to the road. **Mr. King** replied that he assumes they will just coat it. **Mr. Ellms** stated that we had already started grinding last year. It was asked by an attendee if we keep track of what we spend on each road. **Mr. King** stated that we don't get that detailed. **Mr. Ellms** stated that if we only do the \$55,000 we might as well throw the money away. **Ms. Kinney** suggested that we do a traffic count on the Goff Road. **Levi Ladd** stated he has some concerns and he is opposed to the larger amount. **Andrew Bermudez** is supportive of the philosophy of doing things right, but that isn't the worst road in Town. **Mr. King** stated that he needs the money transferred regardless of whether or not we do the Goff Road correctly. **Mr. Ladd** suggested a more predictable plan for addressing roads. **Mr. Ellms** reiterated again that spending \$55,000 is spending foolishly. **Ms. Delaware** questioned why mud season impacts tarred roads. **Mr. Ellms** explained that tarred roads are only as good as their base and we are using so much more salt now which allows water to seep into the cracks in the road. **Ms. Kinney** asked if the road floods. **Mr. King** said yes and explained that we are trying to determine what is causing the issue. If it is beavers or something else as the culvert is getting plugged.

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous if favor (of transferring the money), motion passes.

7. Order A2023-20 Appointment of Sub-registrar for Disposition Permits

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to appoint

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Alyssa Brugger as Sub-registrar in the issuance of Disposition Permits.

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CHARLES ELLMS

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Trampas King explained that Crosby & Neal had sold and we needed to appoint the new person.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

8. *Order A2023-21 Accept Donation for Age Friendly Committee*

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donation of \$3,400 from the Maine Community Foundation for the Age Friendly Community Committee. Funds are to be used for raised garden beds.

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HEIDI KINNEY

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

9. *Proposed Ordinance Change to Town Code Chapter 7; Section 7-57 Marijuana Licensing; Section 4. Licensing Required for Marijuana Businesses*

Marcia Delaware made a motion to move to Public Hearing next month.

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

10. *Approve/Sign Quit Claim Deed for Devisees of Patricia Hysom*

Peter Haskell made a motion to sign/approve.

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Theresa McManus stated that she has officially lived here for 5 days and thanked the Council. She stated it is the best Council meeting she has been to in 20 years, and she is honored to be a resident of Dexter.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

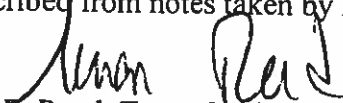
NONE

Marcia Delaware made a motion to adjourn at

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: unanimous in favor, motion passes

Transcribed from notes taken by **Marilyn Curtis** and the recording of the meeting,


Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk