

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
MAY 8, 2025**

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

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. *Order A2025-25 Airport Lease Renewal for Richard Dubois*  
NO COMMENT
2. *Order A2025-26 Airport Lease Renewal for James Crane*  
NO COMMENT
3. *Order A2025-27 Airport Lease Renewal for William Hunt*  
NO COMMENT
4. *Order A2025-28 Airport Lease Renewal for Jay Payne*  
NO COMMENT
5. *Order A2025-29 Airport Lease Renewal for Ron Apel*  
NO COMMENT
6. *Order A2025-30 Airport Lease Renewal for Dexter Firefighters Association*  
NO COMMENT
7. *Order A2025-31 Application for Innkeeper's License for MariLou Conner dba Taylor Edes Inn, 20 High Street.*  
NO COMMENT

**II. MINUTES**

1. *Approve/Amend Council Minutes of May 8, 2025*

Motion to approve: **Elijah Ames**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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

1. *Order A2025-32 Election Results from June 10, 2025 Town Referendum and MSAD #46 Budget Referendum*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the results of the MSAD #46 District Budget Validation & Municipal Recall Referendum of June 10, 2025 as follows:

**MSAD #46**

**ARTICLE 1: DISTRICT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM**

<b>Yes</b>	357
<b>No</b>	154
<b>Blanks</b>	6

**TOTAL LOCAL VOTES CAST - 517**

**ARTICLE 2: DISTRICT BUDGET VALIDATION PROCESS**

<b>Yes</b>	375
<b>No</b>	128
<b>Blanks</b>	14

**TOTAL LOCAL VOTES CAST - 517**

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**TOWN OF DEXTER**

***QUESTION 1: RECALL OF ALISHA AMES***

<b>Yes</b>	387
<b>No</b>	131
<b>Blanks</b>	2

**TOTAL LOCAL VOTES CAST - 520**

***ARTICLE 2: RECALL OF JUDY SAUNDERS***

<b>Yes</b>	382
<b>No</b>	136
<b>Blanks</b>	2

**TOTAL LOCAL VOTES CAST - 520**

Filed June 13, 2024  
**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Vote 6-1(Ames abstained), motion passes

***2. Order A2025-33 Appointment of Cemetery Sexton***

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby confirms the appointment of Loney Parrilla as Sexton for the Town of Dexter.

Filed June 12, 2025  
**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***1. Manager's Report***

Trampas King thanked **Susan Reed** and the poll workers for conducting the election on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. King stated there would be activities at the American Legion Hall on Saturday for Flag Day. They will have a ceremony, and they will be having a free lunch. Kiwanis will be there with dough boys as well. There will be a color run as well behind Bangor Savings Bank which is a fundraiser for the Heart of Maine Resource Center. There will be fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and a parade at 10:00 on the 4<sup>th</sup> followed by the boat parade at 12:00. Music in the Park will be starting on Tuesday with Psalm 150. **Mr. King** thanked **Marilyn Curtis** for all of her hard work preparing the budget and he thanked the Council as well.

***2. Departmental Reports***

NO COMMENTS

***3. Order A2025-25 Airport Lease Renewal for Richard Dubois***

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement for the lease of Town property located on Map 401, Lot 128-H-22 at the Dexter

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Regional Airport, hereby approves the lease renewal of said property to Richard Dubois for a term of five (5) years.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2025-26 Airport Lease Renewal for James Crane*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement for the lease of Town property located on Map 401, Lot 128-H-18 at the Dexter Regional Airport, hereby approves the lease renewal of said property to James Crane for a term of five (5) years.

Filed June 12, 2025  
**DANNY HUTCHINS**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*5. Order A2025-27 Airport Lease Renewal for William Hunt*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement for the lease of Town property located on Map 401, Lot 128-H-16 at the Dexter Regional Airport, hereby approves the lease renewal of said property to William & Barbara Hunt for a term of five (5) years.

Filed June 12, 2025  
**ELIJAH AMES**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Order A2025-28 Airport Lease Renewal for Jay Payne*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement for the lease of Town property located on Map 401, Lot 128-H-9 at the Dexter Regional Airport, hereby approves the lease renewal of said property to Jay Payne for a term of five (5) years.

Filed June 12, 2025  
**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Danny Hutchins**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*7. Order A2025-29 Airport Lease Renewal for Ron Apel*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement for the lease of Town property located on Map 401, Lot 128-H-5 at the Dexter Regional Airport, hereby approves the lease renewal of said property to Ron Apel for a term of five (5) years.

Filed June 12, 2025  
**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*8. Order A2025-30 Airport Lease Renewal for Dexter Firefighters Association*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement for the lease of Town property located on Map 401, Lot 128-H-35 at the Dexter Regional Airport, hereby approves the lease renewal of said property to the Dexter Firefighters Association for a term of five (5) years.

Filed June 12, 2025

**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*9. Order A2025-31 Application for Innkeeper's License for MariLou Conner dba Taylor Edes Inn, 20 High Street.*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the new Innkeeper's License for MariLou Conner dba Taylor Edes Inn, 20 High Street.

Filed May 8, 2025

**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2025- 34 Transfer of Non-Primary Entitlement Funds for Dexter Regional Airport*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby supports and authorizes the transfer of \$150,000.00 of non-primary entitlement funds from the Dexter Regional Airport (1B0) to the Princeton Municipal Airport (PNN), as set forth in that certain FAA Approval of Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements dated May 9, 2025 (the "Transfer Agreement"), and authorizes Trampas King, in his capacity as Town Manager, to execute the Transfer Agreement on behalf of the Town of Dexter.

Filed June 12, 2025

**DANNY HUTCHINS**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

**Trampas King** explained that when we built the terminal building we had "borrowed" grant money from Princeton airport and this was transferring grant money back to them.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Order A2025-35 Accept Funds from District Attorney for Police Department*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Finance Officer to transfer \$6,872.22 received from the Penobscot County District Attorney as forfeiture of assets from Police Drug Money Account #G10-37200-23 to Police Reserve Equipment Account #E130-10-521-20.

Filed June 12, 2025

**ELIJAH AMES**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*3. Order A2025-36 Transfer of Funds from Highway Reserve for Catch Basins*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Finance Officer to transfer \$18,305.12 from Capital Reserve Funds Catch Basin & Drainage Reserve account #E130-05-511-30 to Highway Department Manholes & Basins Expense Account #E105-01-503-32.

Filed June 12, 2025

**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** explained that we had issues on Free and Spring street where the water was coming into the road and that needed a new manhole and basin and also the paving on Winter Street needed two new basins

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2025-37 Victualers License for Shelley Rumsey dba The Cluckin Moo*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Victualer's License renewal for Shelley Rumsey dba The Cluckin Moo, 23 Spring Street.

Filed June 12, 2025

**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*5. Order A2025-38 Transfer of Funds form Sale of Municipal Assets*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Finance Officer to transfer \$4,650.00 from Sale of Municipal Assets Account #R104-01-404-30 to Police Reserve Equipment Account #E130-10-521-20.

Filed June 12, 2025

**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

**Trampas King** stated that this was from the last vehicle that had been sold.

Vote: Unanimous if favor, motion passes

**Adam Briggs** made a motion to add Order A2025-39

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Order A2025-39 Approve Off-Premise License for Anthony Lee's Winery*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the off-premise catering permit for Mark Libby doing business as Anthony Lee's Winery for the Maine Red Hot Dog Festival on August 9, 2025.

Filed June 12, 2025

**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**Elijah Ames** made a motion to add Order A2024-40

Second: **Adam Briggs**

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Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*7. Order A2025-40 Sale of Tax Acquired Property*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council authorizes the Finance Director to accept the funds, in the amount of \$4,994.63, from the heirs of Robert Lindsay for the overdue taxes due on 426 Charleston Road. A quit claim deed will be issued to Robert Lindsay.

Filed June 12, 2025

**DANNY HUTCHINS**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

**Trampas King** explained that when we acquired the property in February, we had tried to get ahold of the children of **Mr. Lindsay** but had no luck. The family has since been in contact with a lawyer to settle the estate and have offered to pay the back taxes.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*8. Proposed Ordinance Change – Cemeteries: Article III. Administration and Maintenance Sec. 3.6. 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.

**Trampas King** explained that this would allow for three cremations in one lot and there would still be room for a headstone. This had been discussed at a cemetery committee meeting, and they thought it would be a good idea.

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to move to next month for public hearing.

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*9. Discussion on 2025-2026 Proposed Budget*

**Trampas King** stated that Marilyn had given them all a new budget packet that showed the changes that they had made during the budget meetings. It put us at \$300,000 over last year.

*10. Approve/Sign Cemetery Deed for Keith Garrison and Quit Claim Deed Robert Lindsay*

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

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Andrew Bermudez** stated that the Town had just come through a tumultuous time and that the system worked as it went the way the citizens wanted. He feels like he doesn't want to go through this again and it shouldn't be taken lightly. It is a small Town and things like this are never good. With that being said, he would like to begin a discussion to close some loopholes in terminology. Being able to run and being eligible to run are two different things. He feels that our Charter should match the school's policies, such as, you aren't eligible to run if you don't meet the qualifications. **Mr. Bermudez** stated that he isn't against homeschooling but would also like to see something stating that if you are the facilitator of a home school co-op that you can't be on the School Board. He sees it as a conflict of interest as it would be the same as having a principal of a private school sitting on the board of a public school. He is okay with getting shut down but would like to have a civil discussion on the matter as it isn't fine for anyone

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to not be able to share their opinion. He would also like to look through the charter for other loopholes that can cause a disturbance.

**Frank Spizuoco** thanked the council for putting money into paving at the beach. He is very pleased with the results and the water drainage issues seem to have been fixed. He stated that summer camp will be happening again along with swimming lessons. The Council needs to think about how the beach will be maintained and sustained in the future, as all the improvements and programs have been achieved through fundraising.

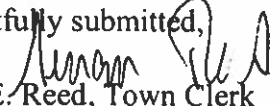
**Adam Briggs** commented on all of the trees that have been planted.

**Elijah Ames** made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk

