

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
November 14, 2024**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Marcia Delaware, Elijah Ames, Adam Briggs, Heidi Kinney, Danny Hutchins, Levi Ladd, Andrew Bermudez

PRESENTATION: Trampas King presented Levi Ladd with a cribbage board in the shape of the State of Maine and thanked him for his service on the Council for the last three years.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of October 10, 2024

Motion to approve: **Andrew Bermudez**

Second: **Levi Ladd**

Marcia Delaware noted that it was herself that mentioned the Meet the Candidates Night hosted by the Library Trustees and not **Trampas King**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. Order A2024-62 Election Results of November 5, 2024

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the results of the State of Maine Referendum Election and Local Municipal Election of November 5, 2024 election as follows:

STATE OF MAINE REFERENDUM RESULTS

QUESTION 1

Yes	1391
No	547
Blanks	73

QUESTION 2

Yes	998
No	927
Blanks	86

QUESTION 3

Yes	1003
No	919
Blanks	89

QUESTION 4

Yes	1025
No	885
Blanks	101

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Cushing, Andre E., III	1590
Blanks	425

TOWN OF DEXTER LOCAL ELECTION

TOWN COUNCIL -3 YEAR

Briggs, Adam	1154*
Ellms, Charles	1007*
Jackson, Dale	578
Saunders, Randolph	430
Blanks	855

DEXTER UTILITY DISTRICT TRUSTEE - THREE YEAR

Kimball, Jr., Albert	1633*
Blanks	379

SAD #46 DIRECTOR - THREE YEAR

Barrera, Jennifer	365
Bowley, Heidi	419
Grover, Tiffany	443
McManus, Theresa	407
Miller, Heather	715*
Nokes, Theodore	885*
Pellerin, Shelby	372
Race, Glen	436
Saunders, Judy	506*
Blanks	1488

***ELECTED**

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LEVI LADD

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Trampas King stated that the Halloween Carnival went really well. There were around 400 kids and most people ran out of candy in forty five minutes. It was windy but everyone had fun. He thanked the Police Department for putting it on and hopes it continues. He thanked the Library Trustees for putting together the Meet the Candidates Night. He reported that there were about seventy people in attendance. **Mr. King** thanked everyone that was involved with the election from set up to the end. He also thanked the public for their patience and was very impressed with the voter turnout. **Mr. King** welcomed **Charles Ellms** back to the Council and thanked the others for running. It is a great way to get your

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Trampas King stated that this is a program that the Town runs and we ask for contributions. This is money that was donated by the Dexter Rail Riders and the Plummer Foundation. There are currently around 60 children and **Juli Kimball** does a great job with the program and makes sure that each child gets a coat, boots, ski-pants, a hat, and mittens. She works in conjunction with the School and the Sunshine Club as they provide for children as well.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Levi Ladd made a motion to add Order A2024-66

Second: **Andrew Bermudez**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Order A2024-66 Change Date of December Council Meeting

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby changes the December Council Meeting from Thursday, December 12th at 6:30PM to Thursday December 19th at 6:30PM due to a staffing conflict.

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ANDREW BERMUDEZ

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Proposed Ordinance – Maine Paid Family Medical Leave

Marcia Delaware stated that we had discussed this last month, and we needed to discuss it further. The Ordinance is currently written that the Town contributes half of the required amount, and the employee contributes the other half. **Ms. Delaware** asked the Councilors individually how they wanted it presented. The vote was 5-2 (Delaware, Bermudez) in favor of moving the Ordinance to Public Hearing as written.

6. Approve/Sign Cemetery Deed & Quit Claim Deed

Andrew Bermudez made a motion to approve/sign

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Marcia Delaware referred to an email that **Trampas King** had passed out to the Council. It was from Better Homes and Garden real estate and they were informing Towns that they along with other agencies, are strongly suggesting that their agents do not list any tax foreclosure properties. They stated that the reason is simple, there is a strong chance that in a few years the ‘buyer’ could possibly get the property assuming the tax non-payer does not return. No bank will mortgage such a property, and the ‘buyer’ can’t sell it yet with a clear title. **Mr. King** stated that most of our tax acquired properties are run down and not worth the time of a realtor anyway. The State is putting in legislation that is hard on the Towns. This year we had two properties and neither owner responded to us so we were able to put them out to bid as we normally do. He stated that we got a FOA request in the mail today from a lawyer asking for all the information on our tax-acquired properties from 2018 to 2024. They are looking to see if the Town made a profit on any of them. Most of the ones we have acquired have been in really bad shape and we didn’t get much more than what we were asking to cover the taxes.

Alisha Ames addressed the Council regarding the attendance of four council members at the November School Board meeting. There was much discussion between the public and the Council.