

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
October 9, 2025**

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance C2025-06 General Assistance Guidelines

Chuck Ellms asked if we had a choice. **Trampas King** stated that you can set higher limits but can't go any lower.

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of September 11, 2025

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: 5-2 (Kinney, Hutchins abstain), motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. Approve/Sign Election Warrant

Marcia Delaware made a motion to approve/sign

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Trampas King thanked everyone for coming and thanked the candidates that attended the "Meet the Candidates Night" and thanked the Library Trustees for hosting. **Mr. King** stated that the docks would be taken out in the next couple of weeks. Mr. King informed everyone of upcoming events. The "Friends of the Meeting House" will be hosting a concert with Some Real People on October 24th at the Universalist Church. Dexter Age Friendly will be hosting a "Meet Your Neighbors" luncheon at the VFW hall on November 20th. It will be catered by Pearly's catering, and seventy people will be able to attend. Call the Library if you would like to attend. On October 25th, the Police Department will be holding their Trunk of Treat event. There will be games as well and the Kiwanis will be there with free doughboys. On December 5th & 6th we will have our annual visit from Santa Claus and the Holiday Parade. The rec department fall sports are wrapping up. The High School is in the running for a million-dollar field and weight room upgrade through T-Mobile. They are one of 25 schools in the running and the only school in Maine. Everyone needs to show their support and vote daily.

2. Departmental Reports

No Comments

3. Ordinance C2025-06 General Assistance Guidelines

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town council hereby approves the State recommended general assistance guidelines as follows:

2025-2026 GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES

(October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026)

**APPENDIX A – OVERALL MAXIMUMS
BASED ON PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD**

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OLD AMOUNTS

NEW AMOUNTS

1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6
874	884	1,169	1,464	1,603	1,678		923	968	1,271	1,601	1,895	1,970

NOTE: For each additional person add \$75 per month

APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

# IN HOUSEHOLD	<u>OLD AMOUNTS</u>		<u>NEW AMOUNTS</u>	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	67.91	292.00	69.30	298.00
2	124.65	536.00	126.98	546.00
3	178.60	768.00	182.56	785.00
4	226.74	975.00	231.16	994.00
5	269.30	1,158.00	275.12	1,183.00
6	323.26	1,390.00	330.47	1,421.00
7	357.21	1,536.00	265.35	1,517.00
8	408.37	1,756.00	416.05	1,789.00

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

# OF BEDROOMS	<u>OLD AMOUNTS</u>				<u>NEW AMOUNTS</u>			
	UNHEATED		HEATED		UNHEATED		HEATED	
	WK	MO	WK	MO	WK	MO	WK	MO
0	173.00	742.00	199.00	587.00	181.00	779.00	210.00	902.00
1	173.00	742.00	201.00	865.00	183.00	786.00	220.00	945.00
2	221.00	949.00	266.00	1,146.00	242.00	1,040.00	289.00	1,244.00
3	278.00	1,197.00	334.00	1,437.00	308.00	1,323.00	365.00	1,570.00
4	297.00	1,278.00	365.00	1,571.00	363.00	1,560.00	432.00	1,859.00

**APPENDIX D – UTILITIES – ELECTRIC
BASED ON PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD**

1. Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water

# IN HOUSEHOLD	<u>OLD AMOUNTS</u>		<u>NEW AMOUNTS</u>	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	19.95	85.50	19.95	85.50
2	22.52	96.50	22.52	96.50
3	24.97	107.00	24.97	107.00
4	27.53	118.00	27.53	118.00
5	29.88	128.50	29.88	128.50
6	32.55	139.50	32.55	139.50

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# IN HOUSEHOLD	<u>OLD AMOUNTS</u>		<u>NEW AMOUNTS</u>	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	29.63	127.00	29.63	127.00

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2	34.07	146.00	34.07	146.00
3	39.67	170.00	39.67	170.00
4	46.32	198.50	46.32	198.50
5	55.65	238.50	55.65	238.50
6	58.60	251.50	58.68	251.50

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HEIDI KINNEY

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

Order A2025-54 Appointment of Public Works Director

Elijah Ames made a motion to add Order A2025-54

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby confirms the appointment of Gordon Smith as Public Works Director and Road Commissioner for the Town of Dexter.

Filed October 9, 2025
HEIDI KINNEY

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Trampas King introduced **Gordon Smith** and he stated that he had been with the Town for ten years.

Mr. King stated that the Town is fortunate to have him, and he has all the confidence in him. He will have his work cut out for him this winter as we are still looking for employees.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Nancy Clifford stated that there was a question asked at the candidate's night, and she was intrigued by it. The question was about what could be done to get kids and their parents together doing things. She has been thinking about it and would like to ask kids in school for some ideas on what they would like to do. She plans on including organizations that are already in operation. She says to stay tuned!

Adam Briggs made a motion to adjourn at 6:42pm

Second: **Elijah Ames**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
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