

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
September 21, 2023**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Charles Ellms, Marcia Delaware, Adam Briggs, Heidi Kinney, Andrew Bermudez, Peter Haskell, and Levi Ladd

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Ordinance C2023-05 General Assistance Guidelines*

*No Comments*

*2. Order A2023-43 New Victualer's License for Shelley Rumsey – Little Shop of Candy LLC.*

*No Comments*

*3. Order A2023-44 New Victualer's License for Shelley Rumsey – The Cluckin' Moo*

*No Comments*

*4. Order A2023-45 Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit Renewals*

*No Comments*

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of August 10, 2023*

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: 6-1 (Haskell Abstained), motion passes

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

*1. Order A2023-42 Appointment to Library Board of Trustees*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Eileen Nokes to the Library Trustees Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Filed September 21, 2023

**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** thanked everyone for coming and started by thanking the volunteers that were involved with the Red Hotdog Festival as it was a huge success. He thanked the Public Works department as they have had a lot of work to do preparing for the paving and they have been down two men. He also thanked the Police Department as they have also been working short staffed.

*2. Departmental Reports*

No Comments

*3. Ordinance C2023-05 General Assistance Guidelines*

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

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**2023-2024 GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES  
(October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024)**

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

**OLD AMOUNTS**

**NEW AMOUNTS**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
789	792	1,043	1,302	1,420	1,495		846	853	1,126	1,408	1,537	1,612

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

**APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS**

# IN HOUSEHOLD	OLD AMOUNTS		NEW AMOUNTS	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	65.35	281.00	67.67	291.00
2	120.00	516.00	124.42	535.00
3	172.09	740.00	178.14	766.00
4	218.37	939.00	226.28	973.00
5	259.53	1,116.00	268.60	1155.00
6	311.40	1,339.00	322.33	1,386.00
7	344.19	1,480.00	356.28	1,532.00
8	393.26	1,691.00	407.21	1,751.00

**APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS**

# OF BEDROOMS	OLD AMOUNTS				NEW AMOUNTS			
	UNHEATED		HEATED		UNHEATED		HEATED	
	WK	MO	WK	MO	WK	MO	WK	MO
0	152.00	654.00	180.00	775.00	163.00	702.00	193.00	831.00
1	152.00	654.00	180.00	775.00	163.00	702.00	194.00	836.00
2	190.00	846.00	238.00	1,022.00	206.00	884.00	257.00	1,105.00
3	238.00	1,025.00	297.00	1,278.00	259.00	1,114.00	322.00	1,383.00
4	251.00	1,078.00	323.00	1,391.00	273.00	1,175.00	351.00	1,507.00

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

**1. Electricity Maximums for Households *Without Electric Hot Water***

# IN HOUSEHOLD	OLD AMOUNTS		NEW AMOUNTS	
	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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**I. Electricity Maximums for Households *With Electric Hot Water***

# IN HOUSEHOLD	OLD AMOUNTS		NEW AMOUNTS	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	29.63	127.00	29.63	127.00
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	58.60	251.50

Filed September 21, 2023

**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Heidi Kinney** commented that she was shocked that the electricity amounts didn't go up.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2023-43 New Victualer's License for Shelley Rumsey – Little Shop of Candy LLC.*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the new Victualer's License for Shelley Rumsey/ Little Shoppe of Candy LLC, 23 Spring Street subject to the final inspection and approval from the State and local authorities.

Filed September 21, 2023

**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*5. Order A2023-44 New Victualer's License for Shelley Rumsey – The Cluckin' Moo*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the new Victualer's License for Shelley Rumsey dba The Cluckin' Moo, 23 Spring Street subject to the final inspection and approval from the State and local authorities.

Filed September 21, 2023

**PETER HASKELL**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Order A2023-45 Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit Renewals*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard renewals for the following:

- Dave Berry dba Dave Berry's, 51 Winter Street
- Kevin Davis dba B & K Auto, Kaeton Pond Road
- Mark Nelson dba R & M Graveyard, 49 Nelson Road
- Gloria Poulin dba Poulin Salvage, 501 Charleston Road
- Leslie Woodard dba Woodard's Garage, 55 Winter Street
- Everett Wooster dba Edge of Town, 135 Line Road

Filed September 21, 2023

**LEVI LADD**

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2023-46 Abate Property Taxes for 14 Denny Drive*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby abates the uncollectible real estate tax amount of \$1133.45 on Account #88, Map 05, Lot 050-D14, 14 Denny Drive.

Filed September 21, 2023

**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** explained that the trailer will be tax acquired in the Spring and the Town doesn't want to be responsible for tearing it down. The owner will sign it over to the trailer park owner and they will take care of it.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Order A2023-47 Sign Contract with Spectrum for New Telephone System*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes Trampas King to sign a contract with Spectrum Enterprise for a new phone system.

Filed September 21, 2023

**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Levi Ladd**

**Trampas King** stated that we haven't had new phones in about 25 years. The new contract will be \$22 a line plus \$7 a line for 3 years for the new phones. We currently have 18 lines and are paying \$44 a line.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*3. Order A2023-48 Accept Donation for Dexter Municipal Golf Course*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donation in the amount of \$6,500.00 from Ted Bryant for the Dexter Municipal Golf Course.

Filed September 21, 2023

**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** stated that they have wanted a new practice green for about ten years and Ted Bryant wanted to see it done. **Marcia Delaware** asked if the amount would cover all of it and the answer was no.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2023-49 Liquor License Renewal for Lakeshore Restaurant*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the renewal of the Vinous and Malt Liquor License for John R. McAllister, III doing business as Lakeshore Restaurant, 17 Crockett Road.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*5. Order A2023-50 Authorize Town Manager to Sign MOU*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

Filed September 21, 2023  
**PETER HASKELL**

Second: **Levi Ladd**

**Trampas King** stated that we had signed an MOU last year while we were pursuing the grant for the broadband. We didn't get the grant but are going for another one and it will be put through the whole Town not just the underserved areas. The whole project will be \$6.2 million, and they are looking for \$150,000 "in good faith". **Mr. King** stated that we still have the money from the ARPA funds from two years ago and he recommends that we use that.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Order A2023-51 Accept Bid for 1997 Freightliner FL70 E-One Fire Engine*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid submitted by Deborah Palman/Aurora Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$26,519.00 for the 1997 Freightliner FL70 E-One Fire Engine

Filed September 21, 2023  
**LEVI LADD**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** stated that we set a minimum of \$25,000 for the bid. There was a small neighboring Town that was interested but they didn't want to bid that much. Aurora was the only one that placed a bid. It is a small volunteer fire department that covers a large area, and they are a 501C3. They are very excited and plan on picking it up tomorrow.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes.

*7. Order A2023-52 Transfer Money from General Fund for Fire Department*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund Account #G103-73-0000 to Fire Department Building Improvement Account #R104-03-50520.

Filed September 21, 2023  
**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

**Trampas King** stated that the money is to fix the door at the station to fit the new truck. This is money that was left from last year that went back into the general fund. There was \$19,000 left in the account for gear. The gear always comes into the next fiscal year, so the money wasn't used.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*8. Proposed Ordinance Change – Personnel Policy: Section 9.8-5. Compensation and Reimbursements: F.*

**Trampas King** stated that we would be changing the wording so that instead of reviewing annually we would go by the I.R.S. standards.

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to move to next month for Public Hearing

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Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

9. *Approve/Sign Cemetery Deed for Lyndsay Gilbert*

**Peter Haskell** made a motion to sign/approve.

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Rick Ames**, owner of Ames Chiropractic, informed the Council that he would be open on Monday and will be holding an Open House on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30. **Amanda Marshalek** who lives at 380 #10 Road asked the Council if they could put up a sign where Pleasant Ridge Road and #10 Road meet. She stated that it is a dangerous intersection and there has almost been several accidents there. She stated that there are also a lot of trees where the roads meet so a mirror would be helpful there as well. **Ms. Marshalek** also asked if we had done anything about the Ordinance against solar panels as had been requested at the last meeting. **Mr. King** stated that we have only had one company that had committed to a solar farm and that one will be on Garland Road. The need for three phase power limits where they can be located. There have been a couple more discussed but nothing definitive. **Mr. King** stated we could do a moratorium if needed. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that we have both sides though, those that want them and those that don't. **Theresa McMannus** informed the Council again that she could provide articles on the hazards of solar panels as they are harmful to both crops and people. **Ms. McManus** went on to say that she has been talking to several small businesses and they want to make up baskets for people to buy with products from Dexter. The goal would be to eventually get a store front. She also stated that she had gotten her culvert from Dexter Lumber and wanted to know what the next step was. She also stated that she went to the School Board meeting and was shocked that there was no roll call or Pledge of Allegiance. She asked and was told that none of the schools' do it at their meetings. **Ms. McManus** asked about their budget and stated that she was told to ask the Council why none of them go to the meetings. She stated that she will provide the Council with monthly reports about the school board meetings. **Marcia Delaware** asked about the mural at the Police Station and stated what a nice job. **Mr. King** stated that a young man approached him and showed him a couple other ones he had done. He told him to come up with some ideas and asked him to incorporate Nancy the clock. **Mr. King** said that you really need to look at it up close to see the details. He was very impressed and thought he did a great job.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

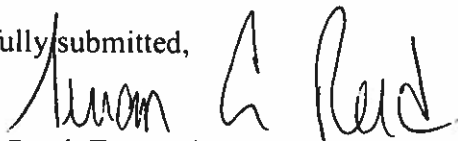
NONE

**Peter Haskell** made a motion to adjourn at 7:43

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk

STATE OF MAINE, COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, to wit:

TO: SUSAN E. REED, Town Clerk of Dexter, County of Penobscot, State of Maine: In the Name of the State of Maine and Town of Dexter, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Dexter, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, 10 Hall Street on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 8:00AM to vote on the following matters:

TO CHOOSE BY BALLOT THE FOLLOWING:

Two (2) Councilors for three-year term

AMES, Elijah

HUTCHINS, Daniel

MAIN, Aaron

One (1) Dexter Utility District Trustee for one-year term

NONE

Two (2) Dexter Utility District Trustee for three-year term

BENNETT, Anne

TIBBETTS, Deborah

Two (2) SAD #46 Director for three-year term

AMES, Alisha

BURTON, Michael

The polls shall be opened at 8:00AM and closed at 8:00PM. Registrations shall be accepted in person only on the last twenty-one (21) regular days prior to the election, and on Election Day. A person reaching the age of eighteen years on Election Day may register to vote on Election Day. A person who is not registered to vote may not vote in any election.

Dated at Dexter, Maine, this 12th day of October 2023.

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Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk