

**Town Council Meeting**  
**March 2, 2010**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Oscar Emerson, Fred Gifford, Lillian Coulter, Nicholas Wood, Audrey Wilcox excused. Town Office staff present, Town Manager Melissa Doane

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Councilor Coulter made a motion to accept the February 16, 2010 minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Gifford, no discussion vote 4/0.

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

Gerald Roy was present to update the Town Council on his property clean up. He stated that he has taken down one building down and is now working on a trailer on the Channel Roy property.

Melissa Evers from Maine Department of Environmental Protection did a presentation regarding the bacteria problems in Otter Stream and Boynton Brook. The assessments were done as part of the 1972 Water Protection Act in which freshwater samples are taken of bodies of water to determine bacteria levels. Both of these water bodies have were identified as having problems. The source of the problem is not known and the Department would like to have the support of the community to help identify and hopefully correct the issue. Manager Doane and the Town Council were in full support of this, however did not there were no municipal fund available.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Manager Doane reported that there was a building committee meeting on March 1, 2010. The timeline for the project is to place advertisements in the papers for March 8 through the 15<sup>th</sup> for the bids documents to be ready for March 22 and a pre-bid meeting at the municipal building on March 24. The bids will be due in three weeks which is April 14<sup>th</sup>. The committee is in hopes to award a contract on or around May 10. There was a recommendation from Mr. Fenney that the Town place a 50 to 75 mile radius requirement on all contractors, therefore limiting out of State contractors and hopefully focusing on local employment. Councilor Chair stated that he felt that the Portland area should be a consideration to make the bids more competitive. After further discussion the Town Council stated that if there was a limitation that it should be directed for the State of Maine. Manager Doane stated that there will be another building committee meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. There was also some discussion with the committee regarding the compressor that is at the fire station. It apparently dates back more than 40 years old and is in need of repair, it is presently leaking oil. Manager Doane directed Chief Gifford to research the cost of a new compressor and possibly ask Town Council to release funds from the Fire Department Capital Improvement account which presently has a balance of \$32719. Not only is the compressor past it lifetime, the size and mobility is outdated. Chief Gifford stated that he has done some research and he has found that the compressor would likely cost around \$3,000. Town Council was in consensus that the funds could be used from the Fire Department Capital Improvement account.

Manager Doane also stated that she has spoken with Thomas Macho the gentleman that was contracted for land clearing; because of the bid timeline she has given him until the end of this week to complete the project. If it isn't done during that timeline the clearing will have to be part of the bid package.

Animal control officer reported that Mr. Phinney has surrendered two dogs to the Bangor Human Society in hopes to resolve the barking dog issue. Mr. Phinney is scheduled for an arrangement for March 4; Mr. Murphy seems to think he will be pleading guilty. If that is the case the judge will establish a fine, payable to the Town.

Code Enforcement Officer Charles Norburg reported to Manager Doane on Monday March 1, 2010 that there was a planning board scheduled for March 3, 2010. Manager Doane does not feel it is necessary for Town Council members or her to go to the Planning Board meeting as they will be discussing some revisions that Charles to the Land Use Ordinance. She will be recommending a joint Planning Board and Town Council meeting once the ordinance is completely revised. It was her understanding when the board submitted the ordinance to Town Council in September of 2009 that it was finalized and ready for Town Council consideration and adoption.

Manager Doane stated that she will be at the Manager's Interchange in Orono all day on Friday, March 5.

The Spring Clean up has been set for May 21 and May 22, she further reported that after speaking with Neil a Household Hazardous Waste may not be able to be done in 2010. This is due to the changes in the law. The Town did not budget to participate with the Bangor clean up which is held the first Saturday in October, a consideration maybe that we only participate every two years. The cost to participate with Bangor ranges from \$2500 to \$3500. Neil was going to do some further investigation on taking computer monitors and TVs, however the other items such as florescent light bulbs and paint is not an option.

Manager Doane informed the Town Council that nomination papers will be available March 25, 2010 for one Town Council seat (Emerson).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion made by Councilor Gifford to accept municipal quitclaim deed regarding Map 21 Lot 24, 257 Main Street for Muriel Besse, seconded by Councilor Emerson, no discussion vote 4/0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilor Coulter stated that she has been moved on 37 Highland Avenue.

Manager Doane asked if Councilor Wood had had any success in contacting Senator Rosen regarding the tracks at the Route 2 and Route 178 intersection. He stated that he would continue to work with him, there was some cold patch placed on the rails.

Town Council and Manager Doane reviewed the revenue portion of the municipal budget. Manager Doane stated that the actual projection for municipal revenue sharing is now at 47,387.55, the original projection was 76,000. These projections are due to the anticipated decrease in State funding because of State budget shortfalls. Additional decrease in revenue include returns on investment, which are lower due to current market rates, loss from Tree Growth Reimbursement, another decrease due to State reductions in funding.

**MUNICIPAL WARRANTS:** Councilor Coulter made a motion to accept warrant 67 in the amount of \$4003.64, warrant #68 in the amount of \$2473.05 and warrant #69 \$7300.92, seconded by Councilor Gifford, no discussion, vote 4/0.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is set for March 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made Councilor Coulter to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Gifford, no discussion, Vote 4/0.