

**Town Council Meeting**  
**April 27, 2010**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Audrey Wilcox, Fred Gifford, Lillian Coulter. Councilor's Oscar Emerson, Nicholas Wood was excused. Town Office staff present, Town Manager Melissa Doane, Code Enforcement Officer Charles Norburg.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Councilor Wilcox made a motion to accept the April 14, 2010 minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Coulter, no discussion vote 3/0.

**CITIZENS REQUEST:** Ed Buck was present to discuss his property clean up. CEO, Charles Norburg presented pictures to the Town Council that was taken on 4/14/10, he stated that more of the fence had been put up however it was not complete. Mr. Buck stated that he can do more on the North side of his property towards the new trailer (Pat Bingham new home), as that has dried up. He plans on completing that work next week. He further explained that the property in the back is very wet and once it is dry he plans on renting a post hole digger and completing the fence. Manager Doane asked what he thought an appropriate timeline would be he responded the end of December. Manger Doane made a recommendation to the Town Council that a September 1 deadline be given, Town Council agreed. Mr. Norburg explained to Mr. Buck that it will be necessary to come to the Town Council and provide them with an update before September 1. Mr. Buck stated he had some concerns regarding placing the fence over the septic system and water line. Manager Doane stated that if he could not put up a fence in that area that it would be necessary to remove the items in view. Mr. Buck stated that the items were the materials he plans on using for his roof. Manager Doane again stated that if he can't put up a fence in that area he should remove the items, Mr. Buck stated he wanted to put a fence up to shield himself for the neighbors. Mr. Buck further stated he did not think it was fair that the Town was making him do this. Manager Doane asked him if he agreed that his property is not as clean as the neighbors, he stated he did agree however none of the items were junk. Manager Doane stated that wasn't the point, the point is that his property decreases the value of the neighboring properties. Mr. Buck asked about the "hot house" on the Bingham Property. Manager Doane agreed that if his property was immaculate that "hot house" would de-value his property, that however isn't the case. Manager Doane and Mr. Norburg again stated that it is very important that he keep in communication with the Town Council so that he doesn't get summons to court again. Mr. Buck stated he had done that before, Manager Doane disagreed he had not come in to the Town Council until after he had to appear in court. Mr. Buck stated that the Town could see he was putting up a fence because the materials were on his property and the posts in the ground. Manager Doane agreed, however the fence was not up by the deadline of November 1, 2009 which he created, he did not come to the Town Council and explain why they had not choose but to proceed with the court summons.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Manager Doane reported that construction has started on Penney Lane, the pavement has been removed and the gravel graded.

Manager Doane spoke with the Department of Labor today; they were in receipt of her letter requesting that the penalties be abated. Mike LaPlante stated that they are required to wait the correction deadline which is July 15, 2010 to review the abatement. At that time he will meet with the manager and review any penalized violations. Manager Doane sent the Department of Labor records indicating that the violation has been corrected or non-appropriate, Mr. LaPlante stated he felt the penalties could be abated.

A Cemetery Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 12, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Manager Doane stated that a motion is needed to accept the quitclaim deed for Therese Woods of 10 Moores Drive, Map 19 Lot 11-002 due to payment in full of the 2007 real estate tax lien, motion made by Councilor Gifford, seconded by Councilor Wilcox, no discussion vote 3/0.

Regional School Unit #34 has a meeting scheduled for April 28, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Viola Rand School, Manager Doane supplied Town Council with the agenda.

Clean up flyers have been mailed to all the residents, Manager Doane will be sending a letter to Muriel Besse, Ed Buck, Robert Wing & Michael Hayden, Earl Violette (Hugh Williams), Judith Tinkham, and Gerald Roy reminding of them of pending land use violations and encouraging them to take advantage of the clean up with special notation that this will most likely be the last free clean up.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilor Wilcox asked what the status was of the Pine Street property. Mr. Norburg explained that he had sent a letter to inform them that a cleanup of the items that were located on the stream needed to be done and the barn needed to be attended to, he added that the items on the stream had been cleaned up. Councilor Wilcox asked if he had followed up and if Ms. Brooks had offered a solution regarding the barn, Mr. Norburg stated no. Manager Doane stated that a letter needs to be sent to Ms. Brooks giving her a deadline to have the barn removed. Mr. Norburg agreed, further stating he has called the home during the day and has not received a phone call back. Councilor Wilcox stated she can be reached at Canoe City. Councilor Gifford stated he had spoken to Rose Brooks about the barn, she stated they have been cutting pieces and taking it to the banks and burning it. Chief Gifford stated they had been issued burn permits.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Councilor Gifford to reduce the undersigned fund withdrawal request from on the June 8, 2010 ballot from \$140,000 to \$120,000, seconded by Councilor Coulter, during discussion, Manager Doane stated because the fire station project bids came in lower than anticipated the bond payment has gone from \$58,000 to \$48,000, the Town also received a refund for overpayment on Workers' Compensation Insurance, the West Street road project was lesser so those funds can be used towards next year's budgets as carry forwards. In addition there is \$4000 saved by changing audit firms. Councilor Wilcox asked if the Manager had received any information regarding the school budget, she stated she had not. Councilor Wilcox asked about the schools surplus, Manger Doane stated that the balance is 400,000+ she is still clearing bills that were paid in July for the previous year, that amount can

be used to lessen the tax burden. Councilor Wilcox stated that if the school didn't have a surplus she may be a little leery of changing the amount from undersigned surplus. Manager Doane stated that the school surplus is separate from the Towns; she would not recommend using those funds to lessen the school appropriation, though it could be done if needed, vote 3/0.

**MUNICIPAL WARRANTS:** Councilor Coulter made a motion to accept warrant #82 in the amount of \$119382.99 and warrant #83 in the amount of \$4700.96 and warrant #84 \$9640.00, seconded by Councilor Gifford, no discussion, vote 3/0.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is set for May 11, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made Councilor Wilcox to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Gifford, no discussion, Vote 3/0.