

Town Council Meeting
9/17/19

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor chair Mark Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; Councilor Wade was excused.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes of 9/3/19, seconded by Councilor Richard, Councilor Clemons noted that there were two votes that stated 5/0, however he was not at the meeting; minutes will be changed, vote (3/0).

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa stated that she had provided to the Town Council a draft banking RFP for the Town of Bradley. If Town Council is ok with moving forward with this, she will advertise for 9/26, 10/3 with the Penobscot Times and 10/5 with Bangor Daily News. She proposes the due date to be on October 10 with a Town Council review on October 15 or October 29. Peoples United Milford branch will be closing on October 18 so she will be driving to Orono for a short time. She attended a Bar Harbor Trust gathering on September 5, there was no discussion regarding a carrier for Town of Bradley use. Town Council approved moving forward with a banking RFP.

She has received a request from a High Point Place resident located at 132 to consider placing a streetlight in that area. Melissa reviewed the area and there is quite a long section of road that is does not receiving any lighting. She contacted Emera and their engineer recommended at least two lights in the section between 88 High Point and 132 High Point Place. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to approve the streetlighting on High Point Place, seconded by Councilor Richard. Councilor Lugdon asked if Melissa had reviewed the area at night, she stated she had not. Councilor Ketch asked how much the increase cost was, Melissa reported that the average cost per streetlight is \$13 to \$20 per month. Vote 3/0.

The fall clean up flyer was distributed last week and there has been no response or concern expressed regarding the new charge thus far. Councilor Ketch asked if the electronics clean up would be at the municipal building, Melissa stated it would be.

Melissa will be at the Cross-Center October 2 and October 3 for the Maine Municipal Convention. It is necessary for the Town Council to authorize Melissa to be a voting delegate at the annual business meeting. Councilor Richard made a motion to authorize Melissa as the voting delegate, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 3/0. Melissa also mentioned if a Town Councilor member is interested in attending, she can get them registered.

Melissa placed in Town Council boxes information on the new General Assistance Appendices for 2019-2020 and the notice of winter parking regulations. It will be necessary to have a public hearing regarding these two items at the October 1 meeting.

In December the assessing agent Mark Gibson asked the Town Council to file a supplement tax bill for Michael and Heidi Allain due to their failure to update the Tree Grow Plan. That supplement remains unpaid, it was therefore necessary to lien the property. This is on a separate schedule than the other 2018 taxes as the date of commitment was December 11.

The 2018-2019 audit field work was completed today without issue.

Bud Walkup would like Melissa to write a letter of commitment in support of the AARP Age-Friendly Community effort. It appears that a letter is needed from the Town Council and the Town Manager. If the Town Council is in support of the moving forward with the Age Friendly effort, Melissa will work on those letters and present at the next meeting. Councilor Lugdon asked if the committee would be looking for funds, Melissa stated that at this time they are looking for support for continuing with the effort. Town Council was in favor of providing a letter of support.

New Business: Councilor Lugdon stated that he has a concern regarding a potential marijuana growth on Main Street in Bradley. Melissa stated she was not aware of any growth area and reminded Council that each resident can have 6 plants per adult growing on their property. Melissa added that she will speak with Dean Bennett and possible law enforcement to receive clarification.

Councilor Clemons stated that he had seen numerous electric signs in surrounding towns such as Clifton and Eddington. Melissa stated that Councilor Ward had previously asked to look into the cost of a sign and has donated to a sign fund, however the cost was upwards of \$16,000 to \$20,000. She also added that she had spoken to Clifton and they have monies reserved from tax increment financing through the windmill project that they spent to erect their sign.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Ketch asked for an update regarding the fence at Evergreen Cemetery. Melissa stated that Bradley resident Willy Lucas has the gate and is going to provide us a cost on the repair.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant #18 in the amount of \$1539.75, warrant #19 in the amount of \$7079.10 and warrant #20 in the amount of \$48,047.39, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 3/0.

Next Meeting: Next meeting set for October 1 with the public hearing regarding general assistance and winter parking regulations.

Adjourn: Councilor Ketch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 3/0.