

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
September 9, 2021**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Marcia Delaware, Charles Ellms, Andrew Bermudez, David Palmer, Steve Gudroe, Heidi Kinney

**EXCUSED ABSCENSE:** Peter Haskell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marilyn Curtis

The Invocation was led by **Andrew Bermudez** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Order A2021-53 Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit Renewals*

*No Comments*

*2. Ordinance C2021-08 General Assitance Guidelines*

*No Comments*

*3. Ordinance C2021-09 Lease Agreement with George Peterson*

*No Comments*

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of August 12, 2021*

Motion to Approve: **David Palmer**

Second: **Chuck Ellms**

Vote: 4 – 2, (Gudroe, Kinney abstain) motion passes

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

NONE

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** thanked everyone for coming and stated it had been a very busy month with live music events, a cruise in, and the fly in. **Mr. King** stated that we have an outbreak of Covid and it is the worse we have seen since the outbreak at the nursing home. The National Guard visit for next week was cancelled as well because of the high numbers. **Mr. King** stated that we had changed contractors for the Town paving with hopes they could start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month. **Mr. King** reported that he had been having good luck with the beacon and the pyrotechnic gun with deterring the geese at the beach. The docks will be taken out of the lake the first week of October. **Mr. King** stated that the Town Hall is open during the day for walking and the Rec department is hoping that they can do something for Halloween for the kids. **Mr. King** thanked the residents that had taken out nomination papers for Council and School Board. **Steve Gudroe** asked who cancelled the National Guard visit, as he hoped it wasn't us. **Mr. King** stated that it was the school and there are about 7 area schools that attend as well and with all the outbreaks they didn't feel it was safe. **Marcia Delaware** asked about the inspection at the dam. **Mr. King** stated that the gentleman that has been doing it for about 30 years came and showed him what to look for for problems. He also looked at the dam behind the mill and stated that it looks really good. We will also be getting bigger maps for the emergency plan.

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*2. Departmental Reports*

**Marcia Delaware** asked if the Highway Department had gotten the winter sand done. **Mr. King** stated that they had just finished today with the help of Corinna and that we would be helping them next week.

*3. Order A2021-53 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
- John & 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

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Steve Gudroe**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Ordinance C2021-08 General Assitance Guidelines*

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

**2021-2022 GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES**

(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)

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

**OLD AMOUNTS**

**NEW AMOUNTS**

1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5	6
741	742	981	1,229	1341	1,416			748	750	992	1,243	1,357	1,432

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

**APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS**

# IN HOUSEHOLD	OLD AMOUNTS		NEW AMOUNTS	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	47.44	204.00	58.14	250.00
2	86.98	374.00	106.74	459.00
3	124.42	535.00	153.02	658.00
4	158.14	680.00	194.19	835.00
5	187.67	807.00	230.70	992.00
6	225.35	969.00	276.74	1,190.00
7	249.07	1071.00	306.05	1,316.00

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8	284.65	1224.00	349.77	1,504.00
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**APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS**

# OF BEDROOMS	OLD AMOUNTS				NEW AMOUNTS			
	UNHEATED		HEATED		UNHEATED		HEATED	
	WK	MO	WK	MO	WK	MO	WK	MO
0	137.00	587.00	160.00	688.00	241.00	1,037	264.00	1,137.00
1	137.00	587.00	160.00	688.00	256.00	1,102.00	287.00	1,235.00
2	171.00	735.00	211.00	909.00	335.00	1,440.00	375.00	1,614.00
3	217.00	932.00	266.00	1,145.00	444.00	1,908.00	493.00	2,121.00
4	227.00	975.00	288.00	1,238.00	539.00	2,318.00	600.00	2,582.00

**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	14.00	60.00	14.00	60.00
2	15.70	67.50	15.70	67.50
3	17.45	75.00	17.45	75.00
4	19.90	86.00	19.90	86.00
5	23.10	99.00	23.10	99.00
6	25.00	107.00	25.00	107.00

1. Electricity Maximums for Households *With Electric Hot Water*

# IN HOUSEHOLD	OLD AMOUNTS		NEW AMOUNTS	
	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	20.65	89.00	20.65	89.00
2	23.75	102.00	23.75	102.00
3	27.70	119.00	27.70	119.00
4	32.25	139.00	32.25	139.00
5	38.75	167.00	38.75	167.00
6	41.00	176.00	41.00	176.00

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**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Steve Gudroe**  
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*5. Ordinance C2021-09 Lease Agreement with George Peterson*

**BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign the lease agreement with George Peterson for disc golf at the Municipal Golf Course for a period of ten (10) years.

Filed September 9, 2021  
**ANDREW BERMUDEZ**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

**Trampas King** asked **George Peterson** how it was going. **Mr. Peterson** stated that he had to go back to his regular job so it has been a little slow. There have been about fifty people that have played so far and there have been good reviews on Facebook and on the app for disc golf. People are enjoying it and understand that it is still under construction. **Mr. Peterson** stated that he is still letting people play for free as he didn't expect to make much this year and he isn't as far as he would like to be with the clearing. **Marcia Delaware** stated that he is doing a great job. **David Palmer** stated that he was glad to hear that he is taking advantage of the app and asked if he is able to set it up so people will be able to pay through the app. **Mr. Peterson** said that he could.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2021-54 Accept Funds from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts funds from the Local Fiscal Recovery Program (ARPA).

Filed September 9, 2021  
**DAVID PALMER**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

**Trampas King** stated that this is stimulus money from the federal government and there are different areas that the money can be spent on. **Mr. King** would like to set up a committee to decide where to allocate the funds. We will be getting between \$369,000 to \$391,000 and we have two years to spend it. We already decided to spend some on getting Spectrum on Zions Hill.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Order A2021-55 Accept Bid for Paving*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby rejects the bid submitted by Roundy Paving in the amount of \$186,238 for the paving of Charleston Road, Park Street, Prospect Street, Oak Street, and Lakeview Avenue and accepts the bid from B & B Paving in the amount \$187,204.50.

Filed September 9, 2021  
**STEVE GUDROE**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*3. Order A2021-56 Accept Bid for Paving*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby rejects the bid submitted by Roundy Paving in the amount of \$102,860 for the paving of McFarland Street, Skimmer Lane, Liberty Street, St. Francis Street, McClellan Street, Cedar Street, and a portion of Water Street and accepts the bid from B & B paving in the amount of \$107,610.75.

Filed September 9, 2021  
**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Steve Gudroe**

**Trampas King** stated that their bid was only a few thousand more than Roundy's but it could be a little more or a little less. **Steve Gudroe** asked if there is a limit as to how much over it can be. **Mr. King** stated that we have more in the paving account but it shouldn't be more than \$10,000 combined. **David Palmer** asked if their scope of work included fixing driveways from the last paving companies screw ups. **Mr. King** stated that he has a smaller company coming in to look at some odds and ends that need to be done. All the culverts have been replaced so they will pave into the driveways where they were torn up. They will also do ones that weren't repaired properly the first time.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2021-57 Appointment of Alternate Plumbing and Code Enforcement*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approve the appointment of Travis Gould as Alternate Plumbing Inspector and Alternate Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Dexter.

Filed September 9, 2021  
**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **David Palmer**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*5. Order A2021-58 Closing of Municipal Parking Lot for H.H. Crosby Band Camp*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves a memorial bench at Ronco Park in memory of Corrine Fellows.

Filed September 9, 2021  
**DAVID PALMER**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Order A2021-59 Approval of Memorial Bench at Ronco Park*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves a memorial bench at Ronco Park in memory of Corrine Fellows.

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**DAVID PALMER**

Second: **Steve Gudroe**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*7. Order A2021-60 Accept Bid for Truck for Public Works*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid submitted by Darling's Ford in the amount of \$61,826.68 for a 1 Ton pickup truck w/ aluminum body and fisher plow.

Filed September 9, 2021  
**STEVE GUDROE**

Second: **Andrew Bermudez**

**Trampas King** explained that Ford currently has it now. The body and plow are same prices but we have to order the plow early as they will be going up 13%. **Mr. King** stated that he would like to stick with the Ford as some of the parts are the same. **Steve Gudroe** asked if we would be replacing the pick-up. **Mr. King** stated that it wasn't in good shape but we would be selling it.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*8. Order A2021-61 Public Hearing for Demolition of 85 High Street*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby schedules a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2021 pursuant to 17 M.R.S. §§ 2851-2859 to determine whether the structure located at 85 High Street in Dexter, Maine and owned by Katrina Mitchell is dangerous within the meaning of 17 M.R.S. §§ 2851-2859.

Filed September 9, 2021  
**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **David Palmer**

**Marcia Delaware** asked who decides if the structure is dangerous. **Trampas King** stated that the Code Enforcement Officer has pictures and has looked at the structure. There has already been a bid notice put out for demolition. **Mr. King** stated that the owner was served a notice of the public hearing via the Sherriff's office. **Chuck Ellms** stated that we need to make sure that whomever does the demolition has demolition insurance as the general liability insurance doesn't cover it.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*9. Discussion of Sale of 51 High Street*

**Trampas King** stated that he had a conversation with **Frank Spizuoco** about leasing space for long term and it is hard to do when the client doesn't know the fate of the building. **Mr. Spizuoco** asked about the building being put out to bid now rather than later. **Mr. King** stated that **Dr. Reddy** hadn't given any time frame as to how long the Town had to keep the building. **Mr. Spizuoco** has redone the roof, redone flooring, painted, and did new exterior lighting. He stated that he isn't in a good position for a long term lease with someone if he doesn't have full control. If it is put out to bid it would have to be made known that he currently holds a lease. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that **Mr. Spizuoco** has gotten tenants into the building so that adds value to whomever gets the building. The Council was in favor of putting the building out to bid.

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*10. Discussion on a Committee for ARPA Funds*

**Trampas King** stated that he would like to have three councilors on the committee and he can also put it out to the public to see if anybody is interested. **Mr. King** stated that we will have to look at the rules to see what the money can be spent on as it is a short list. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that the school created a survey on Facebook to ask for public input on how to spend monies that they had received and we could use the same form for ours.

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**David Palmer** stated that to carry over from the last meeting, he has had several people bring up the issue of grass being mowed into the streets and not being cleaned up. **Mr. Palmer** wondered if we could work on an Ordinance prohibiting it as there isn't anything in place on the State level. **Andrew Bermudez** questioned who would enforce the Ordinance? We already have issues with Ordinances not being enforced such as the one for ATV's. He stated that we should do something but we need to be diligent on enforcing it. **Mr. Palmer** agreed that we shouldn't not move forward with new Ordinances because others aren't being enforced. **Mr. Bermudez** stated that his neighbor mowed his lawn for the first time in 9 years because an Ordinance being enforced although it did cause issues with grass being left in the road. **Charles Ellms** asked if the CEO enforces it and writes fines will the court uphold it.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

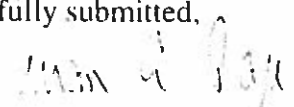
NONE

**Andrew Bermudez** made a motion to adjourn at 7:46

Second: **David Palmer**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan E. Page, Town Clerk