

Town of Bethel
Town Council Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by V. Proctor. Present were V. Proctor; M. Shaver; K. Layfield; P. Kough; K. Phillips; and Bethel Town Clerk, M. Hawkins.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by V. Proctor.

3. Secretary's Report: P. Kough presented the August 1, 2023 Town Council Meeting Minutes. K. Layfield made a motion to accept the August 1, 2023 minutes as presented. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Town Clerk's Report: Town Clerk, M. Hawkins, presented the Town Clerk's report. M. Shaver made a motion to approve the Town Clerk's report. K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. K. Layfield made a motion to renew the Norton anti-virus software for the office computer and authorize the Town Clerk to get the best deal that she can. K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Bills to be Paid: K. Layfield presented the bills to be paid. P. Kough made a motion to pay the bills as presented. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report: K. Layfield presented the July Treasurer's Report. P. Kough made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report as submitted. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Building Permits: No permits were issued in August. An application was presented this evening for a ranch style house by K & S Construction, a private contractor. The plans will meet our standards after the roof pitch is increased to 8/12. M. Shaver made a motion that we approve the application for a house on 213 School Road. K. Layfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Chipman Property Status: Settlement is waiting on paperwork showing that judgments by one of the Sellers have been satisfied. The new proposed settlement date is September 16, 2023.

8. Complaints – West Street, Hopkins House: Mary McCoy sent a letter updating her progress in remediating the complaint. A copy is attached hereto. V. Proctor is going to call Tom McCoy for an update on the vines and on Mary's property. Hopkins House – Mrs. Bracken hasn't done anything. The building hazard inspection committee will inspect the building and make a report.

V. Proctor will draft a letter to the parties of the Lecates complaints saying there isn't enough here to warrant any action by the Town.

9. Ordinance Committee: Chapter 4, Motor Vehicles, has been redone to note that the speed limit on all streets within the Town limits shall be 15 miles per hour, unless otherwise noted. Monday, September 18, 2023 will be the date of the public reading of this ordinance at 7:00 p.m. The weight of vehicles ordinance and the vegetation ordinance were discussed at the ordinance meeting. A fines provision for the vegetation ordinance is being considered.

10. TV, computer hookup for Community House: The TV, computer hookup is scheduled for September 21, 2023.

11. Old/New Business:

Watershed Alliance: Weeding and replanting has recently been done. Mark is going to contact Bess's Buds to see what they would charge to weed and trim the rose bushes.

Feral Cats: Two traps were put out on August 27th. No cats were trapped. They will be put in a different location next time.

Bethel Activities Group: P. Kough has set up an email group for the BAG. A knitting class is set up for Saturday, September 16. A potluck dinner is tentatively set for Friday, October 20. Please let me know if any of you have not received an email from BAG. I will add you to the group.

Mark is scheduling flu shots on Saturday, September 30th from 9 to 2. This Thursday, September 7th the ballroom dance instruction is starting.

Mark brought up having a fall yard sale.

Mark is going to look into getting signs for Vincent Farms Packing Shed.

We need someone to take minutes in October. This will be discussed offline.

12. Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36.