



**City of Old Town  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
November 07, 2022**

Council convened November 07, 2022, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: President Tim Folster, David Wight, Carol May, Mike May, Chris Pushor, Stan Peterson, and Linda McLeod

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Danielle Berube, Scott Wilcox, Laura Engstrom, David Smith, Travis Roy, Cassandra Pool and Irene Pehrson.

Others present: Tim Pease (City Attorney) and three residents of Old Town.

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Council President Folster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves as presented the October 17, 2022, Administrative Services, Financial Services and Special Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

**Approved, 7- 0 (Motion passed)**

**Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests**

**Reports**

A. Council President

**(No Report)**

B. Standing Committees

Administrative Services, Economic Development, Finance Services, and Public Services

**(No Report)**

C. City Councilor

- Councilor Wight asked Bill Mayo, City Manager about the progress of the dog park in the City of Old Town. Bill explained that the resident, Gary Greenleaf, is still raising funds to accomplish this.
- Councilor Wight also asked Bill Mayo about when the contract with Casella was up for the transfer station. Bill was not sure off the top of his head, but the curbside trash pickup contract ends this next summer 2023.

D. City Attorney  
**(No Report)**

E. Special Committees  
**(No Report)**

F. City Manager

City Clerk, Laura Engstrom, addressed the City Council and updated them on the General and Local Election that will be tomorrow November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Elk's Lodge, 37 Fourth Street in Old Town. She asked for a Quorum of City Councilors to be available to accept the Return of the Votes on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

City Manager, Bill Mayo, updated the City Council on the following items:

- Next steps on the pool in talking with Weston Sampson is that they have asked Bill to see if the City Council would consider approving a feasibility study, it would roughly cost about \$24,000. This study would be looking at the architecture, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and financial operations of building a new pool. Two company's that Weston Sampson have been looking at to do this study are Ballard & King and Synergy. He explained to the City Council that a feasibility study would also help in the possibility of getting grants to alleviate the costs. Bill will get the information about these two companies out to the City Council in preparation of putting a motion on the next City Council meeting for discussion and a vote.
- Meetings with the University of Maine are being held weekly. They have rolled out at this point a request for qualifications from developers, that they hope to have back in January for future projects on the 30 acres on Stillwater Avenue that they own.
- Forest Hill is scheduled on December 9<sup>th</sup>, to have some dead trees removed for the cemetery.
- Bird Scooters are put up for the winter. They will be back in the spring.
- In the middle of the downtown initiative and the downtown committee meetings discussing some of the potential grant opportunities with MDOT. LLC meeting November 8<sup>th</sup> where EJ Roach, Economic Development Director, is going to update the LLC on these grant opportunities. EJ will also be addressing the City Council

updating them on the direction that these committees are looking at for Downtown projects.

**Consent agenda  
(No items)**

**Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances  
(None)**

**Old Business  
(No items)**

**New Business**

1. Resolved, The Old Town City Council approves the abatement \$566.37 of taxes for the FY 2022, for Borg Holdings, LLC. & Xuefei Jun located at 85 Bosworth Street. (See attachment #1 for details on abatement)

Motion made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

**Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)**

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council tables this motion of forming a committee for Perkins Avenue Park until the next regular Council meeting in December.
  - Council President Folster stated that there was an email sent to the Councilors from an RSU 34 middle school teacher with concerns of misconduct at the Perkins Street Park.

Motion to table this item until the 1<sup>st</sup> regular Council meeting in December made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

**Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion tabled)**

3. Councilor Mike May updated the City Council on information he has gathered from the Old -Town Orono YMCA and two other towns in Maine regarding recreation opportunities for school age (K – 12) children in Old Town.
  - The City Councilors discussed providing free yearly memberships to all of Old Town students to the Old Town – Orono YMCA and possible coverage of costs to some of the programs provided through the YMCA.
  - The application process would still have to be done.
  - The memberships would start in January and run annually.
  - The City Council agreed to continue discussions on these opportunities and bring a motion to a future Council meeting for a vote.

Motion made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

**Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed), Councilor Wight and Councilor Peterson abstained discussion and vote as they are affiliated with the YMCA.**

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

**Approved, all in favor, 7 - 0, (Motion passed)**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Engstrom  
City Clerk -Old Town**