



**City of Old Town
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 03, 2025**

Council convened March 03, 2025, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: Christian Pushor, David Wight, Linda McLeod, and Zachary Wyles.

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Travis Roy, David White, Kyle Milan, EJ Roach, Cassandra Pool, Irene Pherson, April Buchanan, and David Smith

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), Matt Cyr (Superintendent of RSU 34), Jon Doty (Asst. Superintendent), Regina Creeley (Hudson me resident), and 4 residents of Old Town.

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the following minutes as presented:

February 03, 2025, Regular Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved all in favor, 4 – 0.

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

- Regina Creeley, resident of Hudson, addressed the Council about the negative side effects of fluoride being in the drinking water supply of cities/towns, through the research she had done. She handed out a pamphlet with the web address of FlourideAlert.org on it for the council to refer too. She further asked the City Council to consider putting an item on the Municipal Election this year for a vote from the residents to remove fluoride from the water. The Council said they would look at the information and get back to her later with what they have decided to do with her request.

A. Council President

B. Standing Committees

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

- Matt Cyr and Jon Doty updated the Finance Committee and Council on the FY 2025 – 2026 RSU 34 Budget progress.
(Presentation recorded on the City of Old Town’s website, under Agendas/Meetings.)

C. City Councilor

D. City Attorney

E. Special Committees

F. City Manager

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

- Discussions are happening right now on having one drop off area for Spring cleanup this year. Next Council meeting will be the results and motion to vote on this item.
- FY 2026 budget presentations from department heads to the Council will be half Monday, March 17th @ 6:00 pm and the other half Wednesday, March 19th @ 4:00 pm.
- Met with MRV and the appraisal will be done by March 17th. The appraisal has to sent to the State before April 1st.
- Llewellyn Estes Bridge lights will be from the manufacture Sternberg lights. It is a commercial business with standardized lights.

Consent Agenda

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

Old Business

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council allocates an additional \$11,562.50, as requested from the City’s Assessing Department, to cover the costs of further appraisal services needed for the appraisal of the mill. These additional funds are necessary to obtain replacement cost information for the personal property at ND OTM (the mill) and to

gather market data on the pulp industry. This information is needed for accurate valuation and informed decision-making. Funds to come from Fund Balance acct. # 01-120-65-7210.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor McLeod.
(Approved, all in favor 4-0)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts the bid from Thornton's Construction, Inc. of \$113,000 with an alternate bid of \$2250 per foot for any additional linear pipe as needed, for the Storm Water Project on Middle Street, Phase 1. Payment for the bid to be made from American Recovery Act dollars of \$70,000 and no more the \$50,000 from Fund Balance acct. # 01-120-65-7120.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wight.
(Approved, all in favor 4-0)

New Business

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts the renewal application for an On-Premises Beer, Wine & Spirits Liquor License for the VFW, Gauvin Fowler Tupper Stairs Post 3381, located at 173 Main Street in Old Town. All City inspections are complete.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Wyles.
(Approved, all in favor 4-0)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to Title, I MRSA Section 405, § (6) (C) for the purpose of discussing an Economic Development matter.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles to go into Executive Session at 7:05 pm, seconded by Councilor Wight.
(Approved all in favor, 4 – 0)

Motion made by Councilor McLeod to come out of Executive Session at 7:27 pm, seconded by Councilor Wyles.
(Approved all in favor, 4– 0)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor May.
Approved, all in favor, 4 - 0

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk -Old Town