

November 17, 2025

**Special Council Meeting
City of Old Town
City Council Chambers,
2nd Floor 265 Main Street
Agenda**

Call to Order - I call the November 17, 2025, Special Council Meeting to order.

(Council President Pushor)

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes

Sept. 15 Special Council and Oct. 20, 2025, Public Services meeting minutes

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests

Reports

1. **Council President**
2. **Standing Committees**
Administrative, Economic, Finance and Public Services
3. **City Councilors**
4. **City Attorney**
5. **Special Committee**

6. City Manager

Consent Agenda

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinance

1. The Old Town City Council will conduct a public hearing for the first reading of the November 12, 2025, recommendation of the Planning Board as follows:
 - A. **§ 113 Keeping of Chickens**, shall be enacted as an amendment to the City of Old Town Zoning Ordinance.
 - B. **§ 111.1(b)(6) Low-Density Residence R-1 Zone, Permitted Uses**, shall be amended to read:

“(6) Agriculture but not including the raising of livestock or poultry.
(a) The keeping of Chickens for personal use, subject to the provisions of Section 113, shall be permitted.”
 - C. **§ 111.3(b) Seasonal Residences R-4 Zone, Permitted Uses**, shall be amended to add:

“(4) The keeping of Chickens for personal use, subject to the provisions of Section 113.”
 - D. **§ 111.5(b) Low Density Multi-Family Zone R-5, Permitted Uses**, shall be amended to add:

“(3) The keeping of Chickens for personal use, subject to the provisions of Section 113.”

(Councilor Pushor)

Open public meeting _____

Close public meeting _____

2. The Old Town City Council will consider a motion scheduling a Second Reading and vote on passage of an amendment to the City of Old Town Zoning Ordinance entitled “§113 Keeping of Chickens”, as recommended by the Planning Board on November 12, 2025.

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling, on December 1, 2025, a Second Reading and vote on passage of an amendment to the City of Old Town Zoning Ordinance entitled “§113 Keeping of Chickens”, along with the amendment of § 111.1(b)(6) Low- Density Residence R-1 Zone, Permitted Uses, and addition of §111.3(b) Seasonal Residences R-4 Zone, Permitted Uses and § 111.5(b) Low Density Multi-Family Zone R-5, Permitted Uses, in accordance with the November 12, 2025, recommendation of the Planning Board.

(Councilor Wyles)

Old Business

New Business

1. The City Council will consider accepting the renewal application of a State of Maine On-Premises Beer and Wine License for Angelo's Family Restaurant, Inc., located at 484 Stillwater Ave.

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves the renewal application for a State of Maine On-Premises Beer and Wine License for Angelo's Family Restaurant, Inc., located at 484 Stillwater Ave. City inspections are complete.

(Councilor Wight)

2. The City Council will consider accepting a Late Redemption on property located at 198 Fourth Street, in the amount of \$10,000, for 2023 – 2025 property taxes and 2025 Sewer fees.

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts a Late Redemption on property owned by the Chester Davis Irrevocable Trust, located at 198 Fourth Street, in the amount of \$10,000, for 2023 – 2025 property taxes and 2025 Sewer fees. The total amount collected includes lien costs and interest. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Quit – Claim Deed.

(Councilor Virgilio)

3. The City Council will consider approving the abatement of taxes for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 in the amount of \$423.03 and \$426.57 consecutively, for Lorrie & Brent Springer, located at 317 Woodland Avenue.

Reason for Abatements: Error in assessment due to incorrect garage and dwelling size entered. (Full abatement information attached)

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves the abatement of taxes for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 in the amount of \$423.03 and \$426.57 consecutively, for Lorrie & Brent Springer, located at 317 Woodland Avenue.

Reason for Abatements: Error in assessment due to incorrect garage and dwelling size entered. (Full abatement information attached)

(Councilor Wynn)

4. The City Council will consider approving the abatement of taxes for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 in the amount of \$2,729.34 and \$2,729.34 consecutively, for Maine State Housing Authority, for property located at Map 27 Lot 136.

Reason for Abatements: Assessed to incorrect owner. Supplementals issued to correct owner. (Full abatement information attached)

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves approving the abatement of taxes for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 in the amount of \$2,729.34 and \$2,729.34 consecutively, for Maine State Housing Authority, for property located at Map 27 Lot 136. Reason for Abatements: Assessed to incorrect owner. Supplementals issued to correct owner. (Full abatement information attached)

(Councilor McLeod)

Adjournment: Do I have a motion to adjourn.



**City of Old Town
Special Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025**

Council convened September 15, 2025, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 265 Main Street

Council present: Council President Chris Pushor, Councilors: Katrina Wynn, Linda McLeod, Zack Wyles, Charlene Virgilio, Carol May, and David Wight.

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Irene Pehrson, Danielle Berube, David Smith, David White, Dave Russell, Danielle Berube, Cassandra Pool, Kyle Milan, and E.J. Roach.

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), Joseph (UMO student government rep.) and 4 Old Town residents.

Council President Pushor called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

August 18, 2025, Special Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve as written by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Wyles.
(Approved all in favor, 7 – 0)

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

- John Dieffenbacher – Krall addressed the Council and thanked Councilor Virgilio for the communications he had with her. John stated he works for the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission which is a product of the Maine Indian Land Claim Settlement Act, and specifically the Maine implanting act. That body is going to be doing an event that he would like Old Town to support. The event is the audiobook release of a report called Sea Run, which was originally a book released in December 2022, and was revised in April 2023. The audiobook is about the Penobscot River, fishing importance to the Wabanaki tribe, and much more. He has asked that the City of Old Town put the event on the digital sign boards and invited the Council to attend. The event is on Indigenous People Day Oct. 13 at the Veazie Salmon Club, starting @ 10 am.

A. Council President

B. Standing Committees - Administrative Services, Economic Development, Finance Services, and Public Services.



**City of Old Town
Public Services Committee Minutes
October 20, 2025**

Public Service Committee members convened October 20, 2025, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street

Committee members present: Councilors, Katrina Wynn, Zachary Wyles, and Council President Chris Pushor (ex-officio), Councilor Wight (Chair) absent.

Other Councilors Present: Linda McLeod, Charlene Virgilio and Carol May.

Administration Present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Irene Pehrson, David Smith, David White, Cassandra Pool, Kyle Milan, and E.J. Roach.

Others Present: – Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), Connor Archer (Courageous Steps Director) and 4 Old Town residents.

Council President Pushor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Discussion by Chief White on accepting a grant to acquire and train a canine for the Police Department. (Grant conditions and what is covered attached)

- Chief White told the committee that a Police canine would be beneficial to the Old Town Police Dept. in many ways. It could go into areas police could not safely, sniff out drugs, and possibly find missing items/people.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wynn to move the motion to the next full Council meeting for a motion and vote.

(Approved, all in favor, 3-0)

Adjournment

Motion made by Council Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wynn, moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm

(Approved, all-in favor, 3-0)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk

City of Old Town Planning Board

265 Main Street
Old Town, Maine 04468

207-827-3965

On November 12, 2025, the City of Old Town's Planning Board voted to approve and recommend to the City Council the following language for

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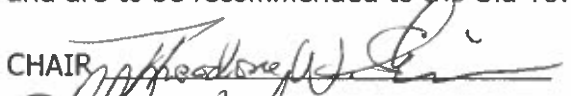
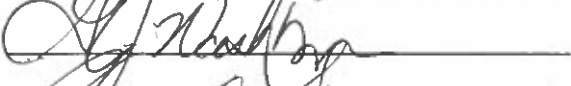
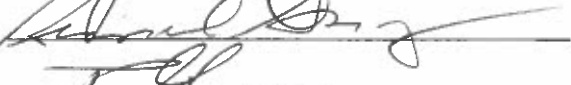


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4. **§ 111.5(b) Low Density Multi-Family Zone R-5, Permitted Uses**, shall be amended to add:

(3) The keeping of Chickens for personal use, subject to the provisions of Section 113.

These changes to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Old Town were approved and are to be recommended to the Old Town City Council for adoption.

CHAIR

DATE: November 12, 2025

COUNCIL TO ABATE
Abatement 19-A26

October 23, 2025

Real Estate: Springer, Lorrie M. & Brent M. Account #758
317 Woodland Avenue Map/Lot 033-031
Old Town, ME 04468

<u>FY2024</u>	Assessment Date	4-1-2023
	Taxable Amount On Bill	\$427,400
	S/H/B	\$390,100
	Taxable Amount To Abate:	<u>\$ 37,300</u>
	Tax Rate of \$17.70 per \$1,000 =	\$ 660.21 (Total Abatement)
	Amount Abated on 1/18/2025	<u>\$ 237.18</u> (Previously Applied to Account)
	Remainder To Be Abated	\$ 423.03

Total Amount to Abate For Just This Abatement \$423.03

Reason For Abatement: An error was made in an addition that should have been part of the garage and not a 1.75 Story Addition. Also, discrepancy in main dwelling size from 1085 to 1050.

Reason Council to approve Abatement: Maine Tax Law gives the Assessor one year from date of commitment to issue an abatement for an error in an assessment. This is beyond that window of time.

Maine Tax Law Section 841 allows the City Council up to 3 years to issues an abatement to correct an error in an assessment.

COUNCIL TO ABATE
Abatement 18-A26

October 23, 2025

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317 Woodland Avenue Map/Lot 033-031
Old Town, ME 04468

<u>FY2025</u>	Assessment Date	4-1-2024
	Taxable Amount	\$414,000
	S/H/B	\$389,900
	Taxable Amount To Abate:	<u>\$ 24,100</u>
	Tax Rate of \$17.70 per \$1,000=	\$ 426.57 (Abatement)

Total Amount to Abate \$426.57

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COUNCIL TO ABATE
Abatement 3-A26

September 4, 2025

Real Estate: Maine Housing Authority Account # 94
343 Water Street Map/Lot 027-136
Augusta, ME 04330-4665

FY2024 Assessment Date 4-1-2023
Taxable Value \$154,200
S/H/B \$ -0-
Taxable Amount To Abate: \$154,200
Tax Rate of \$17.70 per \$1,000= \$2,729.34 (Abatement)

Total Amount to Abate \$2,729.34

Reason For Abatement: Billed to incorrect owner. Should have been billed to Jerry D. White Jr. & Candice L. White (See Supplemental 2-S26)

Reason Council to approve Abatement: Maine Tax Law gives the Assessor one year from date of commitment to issue an abatement for an illegal assessment. This is beyond that window of time.

Maine Tax Law Section 841 allows the City Council up to 3 years to issues an abatement to correct an illegal assessment.

COUNCIL TO ABATE
Abatement 2-A26

September 4, 2025

Real Estate: Maine State Housing Authority Account #94
 343 Water Street Map/Lot 027-136
 Augusta, ME 04330-4665

<u>FY2025</u>	Assessment Date	4-1-2024
	Taxable Amount	\$154,200
	S/H/B	\$ -0-
	Taxable Amount To Abate:	<u>\$154,200</u>
	Tax Rate of \$17.70 per \$1,000=	\$2,729.34 (Abatement)

Total Amount to Abate \$2,729.34

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