



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

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

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

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Danielle Berube, Laura Engstrom, David White, EJ Roach, Irene Pherson, Miles Francis, April Buchanan, Travis Roy, Steve Rideout, and Cassandra Pool.

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), Matt Cyr (Superintendent RSU 34), and 3 Residents of Old Town.

Council Vice - President McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

October 06, 2025, Regular Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, to accept with one correction, seconded by Councilor Wynn.
(Approved all in favor, 6-0)

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests Reports:

- Toby Dutton, 2436 Bennoch Road addressed the Council and asked for a citizen's request on the piece of property that is for sale and abuts his property (2444 Bennoch Road). Whomever in the City is in communications with the realtor that is in charge of listing the property to take the pictures of his front lawn off the listing and to put the correct picture of the actual property for sale. Also, to fully correct the listing that posts it as having public sewer and water because it does not, it has a well and septic system that may or may not be functioning. Toby asked how the lot could be a conforming lot given set back requirements for a leech field and well. Travis Roy, Code Enforcement will check it out and get back to Toby on this.

- John Dieffenbacher -Krall at 719 Bennoch Road thanked the Council for following through with the request from him in promoting an Event for the release of the audiobook Sea Run on Indigenous People Day and also, for Councilor Wynn and Councilor Virgilio on attending.
- Councilor McLeod reminded the Council and Old Town residents of the State of Maine Referendum and Municipal Election taking place on November 4th at the Elk's Lodge.

A. Council President

B. Standing Committees

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

C. City Councilor

- Councilor Wynn addressed the Council with her hopes to start talking about what part the City Councilors would have with the host agreement (expansion) re- negotiation with Juniper Ridge Landfill.

D. City Attorney

E. Special Committees

F. City Manager

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

- Bill introduced Matt Cyr, superintendent of RSU 34 schools. Matt passed out a copy of the strategic plan and informational sheet on starting the budget development process and dates for meetings for the FY 2026 – 2027 school budget. Those plans also went out to Old Town residents that had children in the school system to get early resident turnout to the budget meetings and any input. A scan code was sent to the Council with a short survey for them to fill out regarding the school budget.
- The pool asbestos remediation is finished, and Thornton's Construction is starting the demolition process.
- Request for information was sent to the Courageous Steps Project and the YMCA regarding their interest in leasing the Herbert Sargent Building and what steps/finances they would have to fulfill the project improvements to successfully maintain what programs they wanted to implement at the building.

- Bill also asked the Council if they wanted to send out an RFP (request for proposals) seeking proposals for the purchase or long-term lease of the Herbert Sargent Community Center, located at 342 Bennoch Road. The Council decided, after some discussion, that most of the Councilors thought it would be a good idea to send the RFP out. Councilor Virgilio made the motion that the City submit an RFP proposal for the Herbert Sargent facility, seconded by Councilor Wynn. **(Approved with a 3 – 2 vote, Councilor Wight abstained from voting as he is affiliated with the YMCA)**
- County budget will be increasing significantly as their budget expectations were based off what they thought legislation was going to pass and has not. The County will have to borrow \$5 million in a tax anticipation note to bring their budget into compliance. This will make the amount of money asked for from the County to the City in this coming year’s budget to increase over last year’s budget request at least \$160,000 more.
- Old Town Public Works has gone out and evaluated all the City’s playground and a meeting is set up with Game Time to get some prices on updating some of the equipment. Some money has been set aside in the revenue account for this, but it will depend on what the prices come back like if this can be afforded.
- Llewelyn Estes Bridge will be closing 8 pm to 5 am from 11/08 – 11/13 for construction projects.

Consent Agenda

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

Old Business

New Business

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts the Late Redemption payment of 2022 – 2025 property taxes located at 777 Stillwater Ave. Lot 35. The total amount is \$2992.59, this includes interest, lien costs, and a late redemption fee.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Virgilio.
(Approved all in favor, 6-0)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts a Grant of \$32,000 for a K-9 unit for the Old Town Police Department. (Description attached of the services the Grant covers)

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor May.

(Approved all in favor, 6-0)

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council the asbestos remediation in the amount of \$4940 and sprinkler system removal in the amount of \$2500 in the pool demolition process. Funds for the above expenses to come from the Pool repair account # 09-517-30-5640

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wynn.

(Approved all in favor, 5-1, Councilor May abstained from voting on this motion)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wight.

(Approved, all in favor, 6- 0)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk -Old Town