



**City of Old Town
Financial Services Committee Minutes
December 15, 2025**

Finance Committee members convened December 15, 2025, in the Old Town City Hall Council Chambers, 265 Main Street

Committee Members Present: Councilors, David Wight, Charlene Virgilio, Zack Wyles and Council President Pushor (ex-officio), Councilor McLeod (Chair) - absent

Other Councilors Present: Michael May and Katrina Wynn

Administration Present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Irene Pehrson, Danielle Berube, David Smith, Cassandra Pool Travis Roy, Steve Rideout, Miles Francis, Kyle Milan and April Buchanan

Others Present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), Riley (UMO student Government rep.) and 3 Old Town residents.

Councilor McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the September 15, 2025, Finance Committee meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Virgilio to accept as written, seconded by Councilor Wight.
(Approved all in favor, 5-0)

2. Finance Director, Danielle Berube updated the Committee on the November 2025 financials.
3. Department Heads from the Library, Police, Fire Dept. Public Works, Wastewater Treatment plant, and the airport addressed the City Council with the capital overviews for their departments in the upcoming FY 2026 – 2027 budget.

Adjourn: Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Wyles at 6:05 p.m.
(Approved all in favor, 4-0)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk



**City of Old Town
Administrative Services Committee Minutes
December 15, 2025**

Administrative Services Committee members convened December 15, 2025, in the Old Town City Hall Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

Committee Members Present: Councilors, Zachary Wyles (Chair), Katrina Wynn, Michael May, and President Chris Pushor (ex-officio)

Other Councilors – Charlene Virgilio, David Wight, Linda McLeod - absent

Administration Present - Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Irene Pehrson, Danielle Berube, David Smith, Cassandra Pool Travis Roy, Steve Rideout, Miles Francis, Kyle Milan and April Buchanan

Others Present – Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), 4 representatives of the group Don't Waste Me, and 1 Old Town resident.

Councilor McLeod called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Committee approved the November 17, 2025; Administrative minutes as written.

Motion made by Councilor Pushor, second by Councilor Wynn.
(Approved all in favor, 4 – 0)

2. Update/Discussion on the Juniper Ridge Host Community Agreement.

- Bill Mayo, City Manager stated he had a meeting with Jim Katsiaficas and Joe Siviski from Perkins Thompson law firm. Discussed with them about the legislation that was put in last year to try to go back and look at the host benefits agreement that the city has with the State. The Juniper Ridge Landfill was initially going to take just construction debris and that has changed drastically over the last 20 years with the landfill now taking 52% of municipal solid waste in the State of Maine. The new legislation would allow that contract to be opened up for discussion and possible negotiations to be made.
- Bill outlined some questions and concerns the City Council wanted him to ask and address at the host community benefit meeting.
 - Curb side pickup costs
 - Increasing the tipping fee amounts the City receives
 - Identifying other sites for a landfill, not in Old Town
 - Any indirect or direct costs associated that could be negotiated

- The Council raised some further concerns/questions about the landfill.
 - Impact on surrounding residents, noise, smell and light pollution
 - What is the timeline, and would there be an end date to the landfill if the expansion took place.
 - City being compensated furthermore from the State for the impact that Juniper Ridge is having to the community.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Wynn to adjourn, seconded by Councilor May, at 7:39 p.m.
(Approved all in favor, 4-0)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk



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

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

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

Administration present: - Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Irene Pehrson, Danielle Berube, David Smith, Cassandra Pool Travis Roy, Steve Rideout, Miles Francis, Kyle Milan and April Buchanan

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), 4 representatives of the group Don't Waste Me, and 1 Old Town resident.

Council President Pushor called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

November 17, 2025, Special Council meeting minutes:

Motion to approve as written by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wight.

(Approved all in favor, 6 – 0)

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests

- Ed Spencer, Kirkland Road resident spoke regarding the Juniper Ridge Landfill and how he had been involved with it since the very beginning. His concerns are the transparency and accounting aspects of Casella. How much out of state trash is being trucked, along with the amounts of municipal sludge, correct tipping fees, and curbside pickup price. The original contract has changed drastically since it was first enacted. His request to the City Manager was to have him request a Public Hearing on the expansion of the landfill and hold it as close to Old Town as they can.
- John Dieffenbacher – Krall addressed the Council and thanked Councilor Virgilio for being a driving force into the Juniper Ridge Landfill situation. He exclaimed that he understood the City is trying to achieve more funds for the landfill operations, but the goal should be to work on closing the facility. He is concerned on the environmental effects it is causing and if a leak occurs what will be contaminating the land.

Reports

A. Council President

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

C. City Councilor

D. City Attorney

E. Special Committees

F. City Manager

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

- EJ Roach, Economic Director applied for a Hud Grant that would fund an extension to the business park off the Penny Road.
- The airport applied for a Grant for the building of Taxi Way C to replace Taxi Way B.
- Sidewalk plow is broken so it is going to take a bit longer for the sidewalks to be cleared of snow.

Consent Agenda

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

Old Business

New Business

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts the following Highway Safety Grants awarded to the Old Town Police Department:
 - Speed Grant - \$6000
 - Distracted Driving - \$3300 (campaign requirements 4/9-4/13)
 - Seatbelt - \$3100 (campaign requirements 5/18-5/31)
 - Pedestrian - \$3100

Motion made by Councilor May and seconded by Councilor Wight.
(Approved all favor, 6 – 0.)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm made by Councilor Wyles and seconded by Councilor Virgilio.
(Approved all favor, 6 – 0.)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk