

Town Council Meeting
September 23, 2025

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Lugdon, acting as the Town Council chair, opened the Town Council meeting. Councilor Ketch was excused; all other members were present. Also present was Town Manager Melissa Doane. and Fire Chief Eric Gifford.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the September 9, 2025, Town Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 4/0.

Citizens' Request: Several residents spoke to the Town Council regarding their experiences with Robert Wing of 114 Cram Street. The Town Council and Town Manager Doane provided them with the history of the current lawsuit and situation. It was recommended that residents write to the District Court in Bangor and provide their stories to help promote action from the judges/justices who have been involved with the case.

Resident Ann Delaware asked the Town Council to consider accepting a donation of a case from the Old Town Museum.

Managers' Report: Melissa reported that the retreat Bradley hosted for the Maine Municipal Association was a success. She thanked the Councilors Wade, Clemons, and Ketch for attending the dinner on Thursday night. She also stated that all attendees were very impressed with the Bradley Municipal Complex and the town itself. She added that the Maine Forest and Logging Museum was, of course, a hit.

Melissa stated that the salt and sand for the 2025-2026 winter season have been delivered and are ready in the salt shed.

Melissa reported that Derek King has signed the purchase and sale agreement. Both she and Mr. King are hoping to have a closing by the end of this week. She also reported that the school was broken into late last week, and some paint was applied to the walls and floors. The RSU facilities manager, Brent Fornier, installed a latch-type lock on the door where the break-in appeared to have occurred. She was at the school yesterday, and no further activity seems to have happened.

Melissa stated that the field work for the 2025-2026 audit will take place tomorrow.

Melissa stated that there are two to three areas in Bradley that need the pavement removed and patched, as there are potholes that have increased in size. She has called several different pavement companies about getting the work done; however, due to the small size of the project, she has not been successful. She has spoken with the Town of Milford's public works director, and he believes that the contractor they are working with for similar projects may be able to assist. She is meeting with him on Thursday.

Melissa provided to the Town Council, a letter from the Penobscot County Commissioners regarding the jail funding. The letter reports that, due to a lack of jail funding from the State of Maine, it is expected that the county portion of the tax bill could increase by 12%, without regular price increases. Melissa has met with County Administrator Scott Atkins to gain a better understanding of the funding deficit. She has also scheduled a meeting with Penobscot County Managers to meet with the commissioners on Thursday, September 25.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the municipal warrants as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade vote 4/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for October 7, 2025, with a public hearing regarding the General Assistance Appendices.

Online Comment Review: The online comments were focused on the fact that the live stream was not working for the beginning of the meeting.

Resident Rick Trim from the audience asked what the stone was at 636 Main Street and if it could be used to repair Cross Road. Manager Doane stated that it was stone left over from the chip seal and was placed there for future road projects in Town. Regarding the use of Cross Road, she stated that it was a private road and public funds could not be used for any repairs. Councilor Lugdon stated that they could bring the road to engineered specs, and the town could possibly take ownership.

Adjourn: Councilor _____ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor _____ vote 4/0.