

Town Council Meeting
October 7, 2025

Open Town Public Hearing: Councilor Chair Ketch opened the public hearing.

Public Comment: None

Close Public Hearing: Councilor Chair Ketch closed the public hearing.

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council meeting, and all members were present. Also present were Town Manager Melissa Doane and Fire Chief Eric Gifford.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the 9/23/2025 Town Council Minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 4/0 (Councilor Ketch was excused 9/23/25).

Citizens' Request: Resident Ann Delaware inquired whether the Town Council had considered accepting the donation of the case from the Old Town Historical Society; she would like to use it to display historical Bradley items in the Council room. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the case, seconded by Councilor Clemons. It was discussed that Ann will arrange for the delivery and set up of the case, vote 5/0. Ms. Delaware also reported that the next senior luncheon will be held on October 15, 2025, at Saint Ann Church, and there will also be entertainment at the event.

Managers' Report: Melissa reported that she has once again applied to the Galen Cole Family Foundation for funding toward the purchase of 48 flags. If awarded, the foundation will cover 50% of the total cost, leaving the Town responsible for the remaining \$1,440.00.

Melissa reminded the Town Council that the office will be closed the morning of October 16, 2025, for the Trio web training.

Town Clerk April Dorr provided Melissa with the warrant to call for the November 4, 2025, municipal election that requires approval and signatures of the Town Council. Councilor Clemons made a motion to approve the election warrant, seconded by Councilor Ketch, vote 5/0.

Melissa reported that the sale closing regarding Viola Rand School was completed this morning. Councilor Ketch noted that the sale was for the entire parcel and the town no longer holds any liability regarding the building, land, or playground. Melissa stated that she contacted the municipal insurance, and the property has been removed from the Town's responsibility.

Looking ahead at the calendar, Melissa would like the Town Council to consider closing on Friday, December 26, 2025. It was reported to her this week that the State of Maine intends to close. Councilor Hatch made a motion to approve the closure, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 5/0.

Melissa stated that the Maine Municipal Convention is in Bangor this week, and therefore, she will be out of the office.

New Business: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to approve an abatement for Map 16 Lot 52, 51 Cram Street, for \$33,700 due to an assessing error, seconded by Councilor Wade. Manager Doane explained that this was an assessing error made when a family transfer occurred; the agent mistakenly transferred an entire lot when it was only a partial transfer, and he also removed the homestead and veteran exemptions. Vote 5/0.

Motion to approve the general assistance appendices A-H as presented in the public hearing made by Councilor Wade, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 5/0.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Ketch noted that there was an email provided to the Town Council regarding the increased prices in the clean-up and the inability to take electronic items. He stated that the cost of \$20.00 per load does not offset the cost, however provides some revenue and safeguards. He further explained that there are places to dispose of electronics. Melissa also added that when new tires are purchased, there is an option to dispose of the tires.

Councilor Lugdon asked if there had been any update regarding the grant for the ballfield. Melissa stated she had received confirmation that the grant had been received; however, no word on any award.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to approve the municipal warrants as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

Live Stream Comments: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for October 21, 2025.

Adjourn: Councilor Ketch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.0