

Town Council Meeting
June 2, 2026

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Lugdon acting as Town Council chair opened the Town Council meeting, all Town Council members were present except for Mark Ketch who was excused.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the minutes of May 19, 2026, seconded by Councilor Clemons vote 4/0.

Citizens Request: Resident Ann Delaware stated there will be a historical gathering at the municipal office on June 10th from 1 to 4. She also reported that there will be no senior luncheons until September.

Manager's Report: Melissa reported that she attended the court hearing on May 22, 2026, regarding the property at 114 Cram Street. According to Mr. Wing's guardian ad litem, Mr. Wing has been found incompetent to stand trial in connection with his criminal matter and was expected to be transported to Riverview Psychiatric Center in Augusta for further evaluation. During the hearing, the judge recognized the Town's concern about trash and other items on the property that could attract vermin. The judge directed the municipal attorney to draft an order authorizing the Town to remove those items. Melissa stated that she emailed the attorney's office that morning to request an update but had not yet received a response. The judge also acknowledged the letters submitted by area residents. She indicated that the judge wished to wait for the results of Mr. Wing's evaluation, expressing hope that the process would help facilitate a settlement agreement. If a settlement cannot be reached, the matter would proceed to trial. Melissa asked the municipal attorney to clarify several issues with the court regarding the cases currently pending and which court has jurisdiction over each matter. She noted that the judge appeared confused when the 2024 court order was discussed and when it was mentioned that Mr. Wing was in contempt of that order. Melissa also requested that the attorney review the statute authorizing wage garnishment pursuant to a court order.

Melissa received a cost estimate from John Milligan Jr for the walking path and parking lot that has been discussed at the ballfield site. The estimate is \$245,960, which with the Maine Trail Grant would require a 10% match. Melissa has completed the grant, however before submitting she would like Town Council thoughts on the match amount. She further added that if the voters approve paying of the fire station debt there will be 43,000 available for the savings on the loan payment; there are also reserves saved that Town Council has authority to expend. Councilor Hatch stated that the general public has been in favor of the walking path and with the possible resolution to the Wing issue there will be legal costs savings. Each Council member was in support of the grant submission.

Melissa would like to close the office on Tuesday June 30, 2026 at 2:30 to do the end of the year closing. The Town Council will be scheduled as normal and office will open as normal on July 1.

Melissa reported that the streets were finally swept today. BACTS reported that a consultant will be setting the flex Posts speed deterrents on Cram Street between July 8-10 depending on weather. They will also be installing speed counters to get the volume and speed conditions at the site. They are boxes that go on the pole. Melissa has been asked drive by frequently and to notify them of any issues.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Melissa reported that she spoke with the alewife harvester, Barrett, who has caught 214 crates of fish to date. The Town has received a payment of \$3,600 for the first week of harvesting, and Barrett will be submitting payments for the remaining weeks. Councilor Wade confirmed that the fishing season was originally scheduled to end on June 1. Melissa noted that the Maine Department of Marine Resources extended the season through the end of this week due to the late start.

Melissa wished to remind residents that the annual town referendum, municipal official election and the state and federal primaries are on June 9, 2026 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Bradley Fire Station.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for June 16, 2026

Online Comment: None

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