

**GLENBURN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING #23**

May 09, 2024 at 7 PM

At the Glenburn Municipal Building 144 Lakeview Road

PUBLIC HEARING To discuss and receive public comment on the proposed Municipal and School Budgets for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

a. ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Chris Grotton, John Caruso, Frank Roma, Maurice Day, and Chris Cookson.

b. CITIZEN INPUT - OPPORTUNITY FOR

No one in the audience chose to address the Council.

c. [24-23-01] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding final approval of the Municipal and School Budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Mr. McClung stated that the high figure for the school budget affects the town budget. The Council has a copy of the school budget. Tonight, he is asking for a motion to approve both budgets.

Chris Cookson motioned to approve the municipal budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Maurice Day. Resident and school board member Steve Rich stated that he supported both budgets. He complimented the school board and the council for the job that they have done to maintain reasonable prices and reasonable costs so not to increase the tax burden. He has a concern that there is not a lot of town participation. There is not a lot of interaction and discussion in working for common goals. With no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

d. [24-23-02] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding approval of warrant articles for the June 11th election and June 12th annual town meeting of 2024.

Town Clerk April Braley stated that this is a reflection of the budget that has been approved. The only changes could be to Article Six which sets the due date for taxes. The current date that taxes are due is the Friday of election week. That can be changed. Also, the Council sets the interest rate on outstanding taxes. When Covid hit, the rate was dropped to three percent to reduce the chance of additional burden on the townspeople during that extremely difficult time, and it remains at three percent now.

Mr. McClung recommended leaving the rate at three percent. Times are still hard and a lot of people are still struggling. Mr. Grotton agreed. The people in Glenburn generally pay their taxes, and there is not a lot of outstanding taxes.

Chris Cookson motioned to approve the warrant articles for the June 11th election and for the June 12th annual town meeting of 2024. The motion was seconded by Maurice Day and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- e. [24-23-03] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding removing portable building from the school for town use.

Mr. McClung stated that in doing an analysis of cost to move the building from the school to another town location, he found that the cost progressively got more and more expensive. The cost was nearing \$100,000.00 to move it from the school to the town office and putting it on a pad and getting it ready for use.

Mr. McClung stated that there currently is a portable building that came from the school parked here on the town office lot that can be used for the purpose intended for here. He stated that it would not be cost effective to transport and set up the other portable building from the school all the way down to Lakeside Landing. When the town is ready to move forth with having something at Lakeside Landing, they would be better off to build a new building and eliminate the expense and risk of transporting the other portable building from the school down to the lake.

Resident Steve Rich stated that he met with Superintendent Modery this afternoon, and they discussed either moving the building or demolishing it quickly. Mr. Rich stated that they are prepared to do that, and it can be done quickly by spending the money to have an excavator come in to tear it down and have it taken away. The other alternative is to have the town move it as a whole unit down the road approximately 300 yards to the rec fields for whatever use is needed at the fields. The value of the building without destruction is probably \$100,000.00.

The Council agreed that Mr. McClung can work with Mr. Modery and make a decision on what to do with the building. As Mr. Rich stated, a decision on what to do with the building needs to be made soon.

- f. [24-23-04] Treasurer's Warrant #23 – APPROVAL OF

John Caruso motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant #23. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- g. [24-23-05] Minutes of April 25, 2024, Regular Council Meeting APPROVAL OF,

Chris Cookson motioned to accept the April 25, 2024 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Maurice Day and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

Manager/Council Items/Other Business

The new Tahoe is here. It is over in Levant getting lights, and racks, etc. installed. It will be ready sooner than expected.

Mrs. Braley has been informed that the marathon that is passing through Glenburn on Broadway on June 23rd is under control with the organizers. There will be State police, County sheriffs, and City of Bangor law enforcement involved as well as other public services and volunteers on hand. It is called the Great Bangor Marathon, and she spoke to McIntyre Services who are in charge of the event. Mr. Roma requested

that Mr. McClung and Fire Chief Lavoie see a copy of their plan in terms of what they are planning to do as it runs through Glenburn and then turns around and comes back.

Mr. McClung stated that all councilors have been successful in submitting their ARPA reporting for the federal government. They reported the exact amount that was awarded.

July 5th is a Friday this year, and Mr. McClung is contemplating closing on that day making a long weekend for the July 4th holiday. Most of the employees in the office have requested that day off, and he has advised the staff that if the office is closed on that day, it will not be funded by the town as a paid day off. Everyone will have to take a vacation day. The council agreed to close the office on Friday, July 5th with employees taking vacation time as their source of compensation.

ADJOURNMENT

John Caruso motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote, and the May 9, 2024 Town Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

A true record, as approved by the Town Council: June 6, 2024

Daniel McClung, Secretary to the Council