

Glenburn Special Town Meeting

November 9, 2023 at 6:30

At the Glenburn Municipal Building 144 Lakeview Road

Special Town Meeting To discuss and hear public comment for consideration of reappropriation of funds from the Town of Glenburn Building Account to the Town Council Contingency Account. See Warrant for Articles for details.

**GLENBURN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING #10**

Public Hearing #1 To discuss and receive public comment on an Ordinance to Amend the Fire Department Ordinance of the Town of Glenburn.

Public Hearing #2 To discuss and receive public comment on adoption of the proposed Town of Glenburn Fire and Rescue Cost Recovery Ordinance.

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

a. ROLL CALL

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

b. CITIZEN INPUT - OPPORTUNITY FOR

No one in the audience chose to address the Council.

c. [10-23-01] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding accepting the amendments to the Fire Department Ordinance.

Chris Cookson motioned to accept the changes for the Fire Department Ordinance of the Town of Glenburn to streamline the hiring process for the fire chief. The motion was seconded by Maurice Day and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

d. [08-23-02] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding accepting the Fire and Rescue Cost Recovery Ordinance.

Chris Cookson motioned to accept the Town of Glenburn Fire and Rescue Cost Recovery Ordinance. The motion was seconded by John Caruso and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

e. [08-23-03] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding entering executive session to discuss an abatement request pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841(2).

John Caruso motioned to enter into executive session for the purpose of this discussion. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

John Caruso motioned to return from executive session. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- f. [08-23-04] To see what action the Town Council will take regarding an abatement request pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841(2).

Maurice Day motioned to deny the abatement request discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by John Caruso and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- g. [08-23-05] To see what action the Town Council will take regarding refunding of an excise tax transaction.

Tax Collector April Braley stated that normally excise tax is not refundable; however, this is an elderly gentleman that lived in town for a long time. He recently moved to Bangor and he registered his vehicle in Bangor and then he came to Glenburn and registered it here as well. He is an elderly gentleman who has some challenges. With the Council's permission, Mrs. Braley would like to refund his registration fees that he paid here in Glenburn because he should have registered it in Bangor as he did.

John Caruso motioned to refund registration fees paid by this gentleman who has moved to Bangor and paid registration fees there as he should have. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- h. [08-23-06] Treasurer's Warrant #9 – APPROVAL OF, Treasurer's Warrant #10 – APPROVAL OF,

John Caruso motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant #9. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

John Caruso motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant #10. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- i. [08-23-07] Minutes of October 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting APPROVAL OF

John Caruso motioned to table this item until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

Manager/Council Items/Other Business

Mr. McClung stated that the next scheduled meeting is Thanksgiving Day. He would like to cancel that meeting and meet on December 7th which is the next regular meeting date and that will keep the Council on track with the warrant. The next meeting will be roughly a month from this meeting, and Mr. McClung reserved the right to have an emergency meeting before then if need be.

Curbside trash pick up will follow the same schedule next week as it was this week and last week. For the short term, Mr. McClung is working with Casella to zone the town into three zones for trash collection so that the residents will know what day roadside trash will be picked up on their road and they can put it out accordingly instead of all households putting trash out on Wednesdays. For the long term, he is working on a contract with Casella. A letter has been sent to Sullivan's from Attorney Huber stating the town's intentions to exercise the contract to the fullest extent.

Mr. McClung is meeting with Katahdin Trust next week regarding some rate issues.

Tax Collector April Braley stated that there are seven accounts that are up for tax foreclosure. The tax foreclosure date is November 18th. That date is a Saturday; therefore, the town will use Tuesday, November 21st as collection day for taxes on properties that are up for foreclosure on November 18th. There are two mobile homes on the foreclosure list this year. They are both located in trailer parks. People are residing in both. They are very well kept mobile homes. As Council, you have the right before any foreclosure to sign a Waiver of Foreclosure, meaning the town is not going to tax acquire the property this year, and it gets filed at the registry. For mobile homes that are in trailer parks, sometimes waivers of foreclosures are used because when the town takes ownership, the town is responsible for lot rent.

Referring to the list of foreclosures provided to the Council, the accounts that have been checked marked indicates that the tax collector has spoken to the owners of the properties; therefore, she feels that they are going to come in and pay before the deadline. She has had no contact with property owners of Account 1601. The property is maintained, and it looks like someone is living there; however, there has been no response from any of our notices. Account 512 has come to Council twice already as foreclosed property. In 2021, the Council agreed that if a taxpayer falls into foreclosure more than twice, the Council may start the bid process without giving that person the right to redeem their property. This will be the third strike for this one person. At the next Council meeting, Mrs. Braley will have a list of what actually foreclosed, and she will be looking for guidance on how the Council wants to move forward.

There are new laws in place this year for tax collecting. A minimum 90-day notice is required to be sent on any foreclosed property giving the owners the option to ask the town to list the property with a realtor. Any proceeds from the sale, other than the tax lien amount and any administrative fees or realtor fees, goes to the owner of the property.

Mr. McClung referred to Account 502. This will be the third time the property has been up for foreclosure, and Mr. McClung does not get any response from the property owner until the deadline. He asked the Council to review this account before the next Council meeting and guide the tax collector on any action they might want to take.

Frank Roma referred to subscribing to an alert system using cellphones or desktops to inform the community of what is happening and for emergency alerts. Mr. McClung stated that the town has recently purchased an app which basically does the same thing. The town is locked into that agreement until next June.

ADJOURNMENT

John Caruso motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote, and the November 9, 2023 Town Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

A true record, as approved by the Town Council: December 7, 2023

Daniel McClung, Secretary to the Council