



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 AT **5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 59 MAIN STREET, ORONO, MAINE

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AGENDA

REVISED AND REPOSTED 4/7/2023

Background material regarding agenda items will be posted [here](#) prior to the meeting.

1. Roll Call
2. Election of an Interim Council Chair
3. Agenda Review
4. Approval of Minutes of March 6, March 13, and March 20, 2023
5. Public Comments

Those who wish to speak are asked to come to the microphone (in-person) or raise their hand (Zoom), state their name and affiliation, and then briefly address the Town Council Chair on items not on the agenda. Comments should not be repetitive and the Council Chair reserves the right to limit speaker time.

6. Public Hearings
 - a. Consideration of a Victualer's License for The Donut Grove, LLC, 153 Park Street, Suite B. *[Tabled until further notice.]*
 - b. Consideration of a Class I – Malt Liquor, Wine & Spirits License, Special Amusement Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment and Victualer's License for Sodexo Company, The Bear's Den, Memorial Union, University of Maine. *[Postponed to May 9, 2023 Council Meeting.]*
 - c. Consideration of a Class I – Malt Liquor, Wine & Spirits License, Special Amusement Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment and Victualer's License for Sodexo Company, Wells Catering, University of Maine. *[Postponed to May 9, 2023 Council Meeting.]*
 - d. To determine whether, or not, it is in the best interest of the Town to dispose of Tax Acquired Property located at 3 Water Street, Map 27-12 Map 40, pursuant to the Town of Orono Ordinance, Section 2-150(c).

7. Acknowledgments by Council Members

8. Unfinished Business

9. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda is moved and voted on as a single action with no discussion by Town Councilors or members of the public. A member of the Town Council or the public can request that an order on the consent agenda be removed and added to new business to allow for explanation and discussion prior to the vote.

Order 23-45 Order, changing the time of the May 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting from 7PM to 5PM.

Order 23-46 Order, setting the date of May 8, 2023 at 5PM for a Public Hearing to consider the Repeal and Replacement of Chapter 18, Article VIII Floodplain Management of the Town of Orono Ordinances to conform to the State of Maine Model Floodplain Ordinance.

Order 23-47 Order, appointing/re-appointing the following Board/Committee Members:

- **Planning Board:**
John Beckett (5-year term, regular seat: expiring 2028)
- **Board of Appeals:**
Paula Moore (5-year term, regular seat: expiring 2028)
Roberta Munger (3-year term, unexpired associate seat: expiring 2025)
- **Board of Assessment Review:**
Brett Grandchamp (3-year term, regular seat: expiring 2026)
- **Personnel Board of Appeals:**
Fredrica Smith (3-year term, regular seat: expiring 2026)
- **Library Board of Trustees:**
Katherine Edes and Ashlyn Edes (3-year terms, regular seats expiring 2026)
- **Tree Board:**
David Thompson (3-year term, regular seat: expiring 2026)
Jayme Titus (3-year term, associate seat: expiring 2026)
- **OTO Fiber Corporation:**
Geoffrey Gordon (3-year term, regular seat: expiring 2026)

Order 23-48 Order, confirming the following 1-year appointments of the Town Manager:

Tree Warden	Robert Yerxa
Road Commissioner	Robert Yerxa
Code Enforcement Officer	Patrick Estey
Building Inspector	Patrick Estey
Electrical Inspector	Patrick Estey
Local Plumbing Inspector	Patrick Estey

Order 23-49 Order, appointing Shelly Crosby as Registrar of Voters for a two-year term, expiring December 31, 2024.

Order 23-50 Order, confirming the Town Manager's 1-year appointment of David Russell as Alternate Code Enforcement Officer, Alternate Building Inspector, Alternate Electrical Inspector, and Alternate Local Plumbing Inspector.

10. New Business

After orders under New Business are read by the Council Chair, other members of the Council will move and second that they be placed "on the floor" for discussion. The Chair will recognize staff to provide background and then "open the floor" for discussion. It is at this time that members of the public can be recognized to ask questions or provide comments. Those who wish to speak are asked to come to the microphone (in-person) or raise their hand (Zoom), state their name and affiliation, and then briefly address the Town Council Chair. Comments should not be repetitive and the Council Chair reserves the right to limit speaker time.

Order 23-51 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to pay Jackson Plumbing and Heating of Old Town \$7,130 for emergency repairs to Replace Two Propane Water Heaters in the Public Safety Building with funds drawn from the adopted FY23 Municipal and Public Safety Buildings Facilities Budget.

Order 23-52 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to write-off the following property taxes owed on accounts that have been deemed uncollectable:

Acct # 404	7 Schoppe Drive	(018-047-007)	\$649.81
Acct #1025	0 Lexington Road	(019-001-031)	\$616.89
Acct #2524	0 Essex Street	(006-004-059)	\$310.85

Order 23-53 Order, determining that it is in the best interest of the Town to dispose of Town owned property pursuant to the Town of Orono Ordinances, Section 2-150 (c), located at 3 Water Street (Tax Map 027-012 Lot 040), through sealed bid offered to general public.

Order 23-54 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to accept up to \$4,000 from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Funds offered through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for partial reimbursement of the cost of Police Officer Bulletproof Vests; and further, to authorize the Town Manager to expend said funds according to the grant requirements.

Order 23-55 Order, approving a second amendment to the \$1,000,000 General Obligation Note dated May 14, 2021, and awarded to Maine Municipal Bond Bank, Augusta, Maine, by changing the maturity date to May 10, 2024, and further to authorize the Treasurer and Interim Chair of the Town Council to execute said Allonge and all other documents necessary to complete said amendment. All other terms and conditions as stated in said General Obligation Note will remain the same.

- Order 23-56 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Sebago Technics of South Portland, Maine for a Public Safety Building Facility Assessment at a cost not to exceed \$58,300 with funds drawn from the remaining approved FY23 Capital Budget for this project and remainder from American Rescue Plan Act Grant Funds (ARPA).
- Order 23-57 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to renew a one-year agreement with Downeast Assessing and Real Estate Services of Lamoine, Maine for Assessing Services for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$82,000.
- Order 23-58 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a one-year contract extension with Lucas Striping, LLC of Readfield, Maine for Pavement Markings at a cost not to exceed \$34,259 with funds drawn from the approved FY23 Operating Budget.

11. Future Agenda Items/Items of Concern

12. Public Petitions

13. Public Comments

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13. Executive Sessions

Executive sessions allow the Town Council to engage in discussions on topics that are confidential by state law. Pursuant to statute, only discussion related to the noticed topic is allowed and the session will not be open for the public to attend. In order to enter an executive session, the vote must pass with three-fifths of the Councilors present and voting. No formal action may be taken in executive session.

a. Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(D) for Discussions Related to Collective Bargaining Negotiations with AFSCME Council 93

b. Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(C) for Discussions Related to a Land Acquisition

15. Adjournment

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