

**TOWN OF ORONO
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021 AT 4:30 PM**

**IN-PERSON
COUNCIL CHAMBER – MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 MAIN STREET, ORONO, ME 04473**

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present (in person): Council Chair Tom Perry, Meghan Gardner, Cheryl Robertson, Terry Greenier, Geoffrey Wingard, and Town Manager Sophie Wilson. Present (via Zoom): Laura Mitchell. Absent: Laurie Osher.

2. New Business

Order 21-150 Order, increasing the FY22 Municipal Revenue Budget and Parks & Recreation Expense Budget to add an Afterschool Program for the 2021-2022 School Year. (Video record time 0:33 - 026:50)

Moved by Meghan Gardner and seconded by Cheryl Robertson. All voted in favor, 6-0.

Ms. Wilson stated that Old Town Recreation would not be offering its afterschool program for 2021-2022 and confirmed with the RSU26 Superintendent that the Town could use space at Asa Adams School for the program (in either the gym or cafeteria). Ms. Wilson confirmed that Campus Recreation would partner with the Town to provide a collaborative after school program. She explained that Asa Adams parents were surveyed to ascertain interest in a program. She noted 105 people responded to the survey, 86 indicated they would sign up children for the program, and participation would serve approximately 118 children in grades K-5 attending between 1-5 days per week. She suggested a fee of \$15 per day.

Councilors asked questions and spoke in support of this program. Ms. Wilson noted staff would be working on a flexible and effective enrichment program with financial support from the Town (the program would not need to be fully self-funded). She noted parents would pick their children up at Asa Adams, but there would sometimes be a shuttle to and from the University. Ms. Wilson stated the staffing/children ratio would be 1:6 and the hours would be from 3-5pm or 5:30pm. Councilors commented it was a critical and wonderful service for the community.

Order 21-151 Order, revising Order 21-117 to extend the due date for the first payment of FY22 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes from September 23, 2021 to October 7, 2021 with the date for second payment remaining due on February 10, 2022, the rate of interest at 6% per annum, and for interest to begin accruing on said tax balances remaining as of October 8, 2021 and February 11, 2022. (Video record time 26:51 - 29:10)

Moved by Meghan Gardner and seconded by Cheryl Robertson. All voted in favor, 6-0.

Ms. Wilson spoke of the items on the upcoming August 30, 2021 Council Committee & Special Council Meeting Agenda.

3. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Cheryl Robertson and seconded by Geoff Wingard. All unanimously agreed. The Council Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes are not verbatim. A video-recorded version is available on the Town's website at www.orono.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy W. Ward
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