

**TOWN OF ORONO  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING &  
COUNCIL VIRTUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020 AT 4:00PM**

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**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Council Chair Cindy Mehnert, Tom Perry, Laurie Osher, Meghan Gardner, Sam Kunz, Cheryl Robertson, Terry Greenier and Town Manager Sophie Wilson.

**2. New Business**

**Order 20-73 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to transfer the Town's ownership interest in Tax Acquired Property currently described as Map 031-002 Lot 028, 69 Margin Street, back to the prior owner of record, Donald Kunkel, as fees have been paid in accordance with the Town's Redemption Policy.**

Moved by Cheryl Robertson and seconded by Sam Kunz. All voted in favor, 7-0.

Ms. Wilson stated the Town foreclosed on unpaid property taxes and since that time Mr. Kunkel has paid the taxes in full (\$7,700), including the sewer and redemption fee of 15%. With this action the property will be deeded back.

**Order 20-74 Order, pursuant to State of Maine Executive Order 53-A FY19/20 issued on May 26, 2020, declaring that the Town of Orono is accepting excise tax online, by mail, and in the office, and, further, establishing a deadline for all motor vehicles with registrations that have previously expired during the current public health emergency to be registered no later than June 30, 2020.**

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cheryl Robertson. All voted in favor, 7-0.

Ms. Wilson explained Executive Order 53-A (issued on May 26, 2020) that if towns are accepting excise tax and the municipal officers declare it, they can establish a deadline for residents to register their vehicles at a certain date in the future.

Tom Perry questioned how the Town would let people know of the change. Ms. Wilson stated people will be notified by social media, the website and the public sign board. She also will request that the Town Clerk send postcards to people affected by the change.

**Order 20-75 Order, certifying and countersigning the RSU#26 July 14, 2020 Budget Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election.**

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cheryl Robertson. All voted in favor, 7-0.

Ms. Wilson stated Councilors can remotely sign the election warrants as long as it is discussed publicly. She noted she does not have the warrants yet, but when the school sends them to the Town we can get remote original signatures from the Town Council.

Tom Perry asked about the RSU's procedures for their public meeting and vote on the budget. Ms. Wilson noted the RSU was considering having their public meeting in several rooms at the school with a town official in each room, but they are still considering their options.

**3. Adjournment**

At 4:18pm, Sam Kunz moved and Cheryl Robertson seconded to adjourn the Special Council Meeting. All voted in favor, 7-0.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA  
Immediately Following the Conclusion of the Special Council Meeting**

**1. FY21 Municipal Budget Discussion: Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF)**

Councilors discussed the FY21 proposed Water Pollution Control Facility budget with the Town Manager and staff.

**2. Brief Town Manager Report**

Ms. Wilson gave a brief Town Manager's report on the following items:

- City of Brewer is not opening their pool. Mitch Stone will be on the news.
- Review of the Covid-19 policy, including social distancing and face coverings.
- French vs. Orono, the Town prevailed on all counts.

**3. Adjourned at 5:31pm**

Minutes are not verbatim. A video-recorded version is available on the Town's website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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