

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017  
4:30 PM**

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1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes for the January 12, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting
5. Special Presentations: a) Matthew Delaney (Library)  
b) Steven Goileb (Agera Energy)
6. Town Manager’s Report
7. ORDER #8-2017 Execution of the Warrant for January 19, 2017
8. ORDER #9-2017 Execution of the Warrant for January 26, 2017
9. ORDER #10-2017 Providing for a lease holder improvement project
10. ORDER #11-2017 Approval of the Town of Millinocket Safety Policy Mission Statement
11. Reports and Communications:
  - a. Warrant Committee for the January 26, 2017 Council Meeting Councilor McEwen and Chair Madore
  - b. Chair’s Committees Reports
  - c. Two Minute Public Comment
12. Adjournment:



**Town Manager's Report:**

\*There were questions on whether the skating rink will be opening this year. The intent is to open the rink when public works has time.

\*The Manager gave the Councilors a copy of the state budget.

\*The Infrastructure Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 4 p.m. in the Tax Assessor's office.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Order #7-2017 was read at this point.**

ORDER #4-2017 PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for January 5, 2017

IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for January 5, 2017 in the amount of \$17,031.19 is hereby approved.

Motion – Clark                      Second – Stratton                      Vote 7-0

ORDER #5-2017 PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for January 12, 2017

IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for January 12, 2017 in the amount of \$154,174.27 is hereby approved.

Motion – Dumais                      Second – Clark                      Vote 7-0

ORDER #6-2017 PROVIDING FOR: Reappointment of the Registrar of Voters

IT IS ORDERED that Roxanne Johnson is hereby appointed as Registrar of Voters for the Town of Millinocket.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this appointment will be effective as of January 1, 2017 for a two-year period.

Motion – McEwen                      Second – Stratton                      Vote 7-0

ORDER #7-2017 PROVIDING FOR: WAIVER OF CERTAIN TAX LIENS (Read out of order)

WHEREAS, Our Katahdin is a Maine non profit corporation organized to foster economic development in the Katahdin region; and

WHEREAS, Our Katahdin has acquired ownership of GNP West, Inc., and GNP Holding II LLC; and

WHEREAS, GNP West, Inc., and GNP Holding II LLC own real estate and other assets in Millinocket; and

WHEREAS, GNP West, Inc., and GNP Holding II LLC owe taxes to the Town of Millinocket for fiscal year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 taxes owed to the Town are secured by tax liens filed in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 tax liens will mature by operation of law on or about January 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, if the 2015 tax liens mature, title to the real estate encumbered by the tax liens will transfer by operation of law to the Town; and

WHEREAS, if the 2015 tax liens mature Our Katahdin will lose control of the real estate subject to the liens and will lose the ability to use the real estate for economic development in the Town of Millinocket; and

WHEREAS, Our Katahdin has requested that the Town waive its tax liens for a six month time period pursuant to Title 36 MRS Section 944 so that Our Katahdin can raise funds to pay the taxes and negotiate with the Town to satisfy the tax obligations and promote economic development in the community; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the tax liens waives only automatic foreclosure of the liens and will provide the taxpayer with an additional six months to pay the tax obligations secured by the liens.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

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That the Town, pursuant to Title 36 Section 944 of the Maine Revised Statutes, hereby waives foreclosure of the tax liens filed against GNP West, Inc., and listed in Exhibit A attached hereto;

That the Town Treasurer is directed to execute a tax lien waiver of the GNP West, Inc., liens in the form of Exhibit B;

That the Town, pursuant to Title 36 Section 944 of the Maine Revised Statutes, hereby waives foreclosure of the tax liens filed against GNP Holding II LLC, and listed in Exhibit C attached hereto;

That the Town Treasurer is directed to execute a tax lien waiver of the GNP Holdings II LLC liens in the form of Exhibit D;

That the Town Treasurer is directed to record the executed tax lien waivers in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds on or before January 13, 2017; and

That the Town Manager and Chairman of the Town Council are authorized to negotiate with Our Katahdin concerning: Satisfaction of the tax obligations subject to the lien waivers approved by this Order; and



GNP Holding IIR05/003	13897/163
GNP Holding IIR06/001-OTH-TIF	13897/164
GNP Holding IIU06/018	13897/165
GNP Holding IIU06/108	13897/166
GNP Holding IIU07-002-A	13897/167
GNP Holding IIU07/003-A	13897/168
GNP Holding IIU07/012-A	13897/169
GNP Holding IIU08/095	13897/170
GNP Holding IIU10/108	13897/171
GNP Holding IIU17/081	13897/172
GNP Holding IIR06/001	13897/173
GNP Holding IIU07/007-A	13897/174
GNP Holding IIU07/137	13897/175

**EXHIBIT D  
WAIVER OF FORECLOSURE  
GNP HOLDING II LLC**

The foreclosure of the following tax lien mortgages for taxes assessed against GNP Holding II LLC, to the Town of Millinocket dated July 15, 2015, are hereby waived:

Tax Payer	Map/Lot	Book/Page
GNP Holding IIR05/003		13897/163
GNP Holding IIR06/001-OTH-TIF		13897/164
GNP Holding IIU06/018		13897/165
GNP Holding IIU06/108		13897/166
GNP Holding IIU07-002-A		13897/167
GNP Holding IIU07/003-A		13897/168
GNP Holding IIU07/012-A		13897/169
GNP Holding IIU08/095		13897/170
GNP Holding IIU10/108		13897/171
GNP Holding IIU17/081		13897/172
GNP Holding IIR06/001		13897/173
GNP Holding IIU07/007-A		13897/174
GNP Holding IIU07/137		13897/175

Dated at Millinocket, Maine, this \_\_\_ day of January, 2017.

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Mary Alice Cullen  
Treasurer, Town of Millinocket

State of Maine

Penobscot, ss.

January \_\_\_, 2017

Then personally appeared the above named Mary Alice Cullen, Treasurer, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be a free act and deed in the Treasurer's said capacity.

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_

Print name:

Notary Public/Attorney at Law

**Reports and Communications:**

- a. Warrant Committee for the January 26, 2017 Council Meeting is Chair Madore and Councilor McEwen  
Chair's Committees Reports: Councilor Clark stated that he attended a Board of Directors Meeting for the Chamber of Commerce as a liaison for the Town.  
Councilor Pray reported that the Economic Development Committee met last Wednesday in the tax assessor's office. Councilor Pray was elected Chair at the recommendation of Councilor Dumais and agreed to meet every odd Thursday, and meeting with organizations going forward. Also, Councilor Pray and Councilor McEwen went over and met with the National Monument people and let them know they were interested in meeting with them.
- b. Public Comments: Eric Buckingham Jr. would like to see the town collect money from people that plow the snow in the middle of the road for their customers, then the snow gets plowed into the neighbor's yards.

Susan D'Alessandro expressed her joy at the Our Katahdin purchase.

Brian St. John stated that questions should be answered concerning the proposed removal of the building on the corner of Central and Penobscot to have a green space that was discussed by Fred Michaud.

- c. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. – Stratton Second – Dumais    Vote 7-0

*Manager's Report January 26, 2017*

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**Council Meeting Schedule-Council Chambers**

<b><u>Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017</u></b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b><u>Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017</u></b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>

**Property on 95 Iron Bridge Road**

This property was originally given to Arnold Batchelor as an abutting neighbor to tear down and build a garage or to increase the size of his lot. Due to health issues, Mr. Batchelor is no longer interested in the property and would like to gift it to his neighbor, Jonathan Preo. Mr. Preo's intent is to demolish part of the building and convert the remainder of it into a garage. I have consulted the Town Attorney and this can be done with a Council order.

**State Budget Update**

Governor LePage submitted his final budget on January 6, 2017. Below I will touch on a few of his proposals.

1. **General Assistance:** The budget proposes an outright appeal of GA.
2. **Revenue Sharing:** In 2015 the legislature temporarily reduced from 5% to 2% the portion of state sales and income tax revenue to communities. This was intended to be restored to 5% in 2020. The Governor's budget proposes a permanent 2% level.
3. **Homestead Exemption:** The value of the exemption is to increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for FY17. The State will reimburse at 50% of the \$5,000 increase in last year's Homestead Exemption, and 62.5% of this FY17's \$5,000 increase. Under the Governor's

proposal, only people 65 years or older would qualify, and the reimbursement would be at 50%.

There are many more issues in the Governor's proposal that we will discuss in future meetings. I encourage you to follow the developments in the weekly Legislative Bulletin.

#### **Municipal/Wastewater Budget**

It is that time of year again. I will be asking the Department Heads to start preparing the draft budgets.

#### **Standing Committee Meetings**

I will check with the Court to see if these meetings can be held in Council Chambers. The meetings are drawing a big enough attendance that there is not ample room in the Tax Assessor's office to accommodate them.

#### **Meetings With Our Katahdin**

The Chairman and I will start meeting with Our Katahdin every two weeks to start putting the public/private partnership together. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. We will keep the Council updated on a regular basis.

#### **Municipal Review Committee Memo**

The MRC Board of Directors meeting was held on January 25, 2017 at the Town of Orono Municipal Building. The MRC is pleased to report that the first of two phases of the Fiberright facility access road and related utilities infrastructure is nearly complete. The project is on track, on time, and within budget.

#### **Second Half Taxes**

The second half taxes are due today, January 26, 2017.

#### **Liability for Volunteers**

I have spoken with Bob Speed of Millinocket Insurance Agency, that carries our liability insurance and a lady at the Maine Municipal Association, that carries our Workers Comp Insurance, and both informed me that there is no liability for the Town if there is an injury or if someone's personal equipment is damaged while doing volunteer work. I will speak with the Recreation Director to set up a policy to go by.

#### **Marijuana Moratorium**

We forgot to set a time and date for the workshop at the last meeting.

ORDER #8-2017

PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for January 19, 2017

IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for January 19, 2017 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby approved.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER #9-2017

PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for January 26, 2017

IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for January 26, 2017 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby approved.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVIDING FOR:** Providing for a lease holder improvement project.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Millinocket Town Council approve the terms and conditions of the lease improvement project with West Branch Aviation (Tony Cesare). A copy of the Lease-Hold Improvements policy is attached.

**PASSED BY THE COUNCIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVIDING FOR:** Approval of the Town of Millinocket Safety Policy Mission Statement.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Millinocket Town Council accepts and approves the Town of Millinocket Safety Policy Mission Statement, a copy of which is attached to this order.

**PASSED BY THE COUNCIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_