‘This is a fragrance free building. Please help us to accommodate our co-workers and clients who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and or similar products.’

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:
January 12, 2017

The Millinocket Town Council was brought to order in the Town Manager’s Office by Chair Madore at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call:
Town Council Members Present:
Clark Pelletier
Dumais - Excused Pray
Madore - Chair Stratton
McEwen

ORDER #2-2017 PROVIDING FOR: Executive Session to Discuss an Economic Development Matter (1M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C))
IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council meet in Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter. (1M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C))
Motion - Clark Second - Pelletier Vote 5-1-1 abstention (Pray)

The Town Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda: Remove Order #3-2017 and add Order #7-2017.

Approval of the minutes of the December 22, 2016 regular Town Council meeting, with the correction that the vote on Order #287-2016 be changed to read 6-0-1 abstention (Pray). Councilor Pelletier asked that there be something in the minutes under public comment.
Motion - Stratton Second - Pray Vote 7-0

Special Presentations:
a.) RESOLVE #1-2017 PROCLAMATION HONORING KATHY OUELLETTE FOR HER SERVICE AT THE MILLINOCKET TRANSFER SITE
WHEREAS, Kathy Ouellette has served as an employee at the Millinocket Transfer Site for 15 years; and,
WHEREAS, Kathy served the citizens of the Town of Millinocket with integrity and respect; and,
WHEREAS, Kathy always worked diligently to keep the Transfer Site operating smoothly in spite of employee layoffs and reduced hours; and,
WHEREAS, Kathy represented the Community in a professional manner during her time of employment at the Transfer Site; and
WHEREAS, Kathy resigned her position effective January 28th, 2017, at the Transfer Site to embark upon a new career at the Millinocket Nursing Home; and,
WHEREAS, The Millinocket Town Council wants to thank Kathy for her years of devoted service to the people of Millinocket and to wish her well in her new endeavor;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Millinocket Town Council, in Council assembled on January 12, 2017, does hereby recognize, honor, and congratulate Kathy Ouellette for her dedicated service to the people of Millinocket during her employment at the Millinocket Transfer Site.
Motion - Pray Second - Clark Vote 7-0
Councilors thanked Kathy for her years of dedicated service and wished her well on her future endeavors.

b.) designLab gave an update on the progress of the website that they have been working on for the Town. The owners of designLab explained how the new Town website is set up and how to navigate it.

c.) Marsha Donahue, Gary Allen and Suzanne Savage Brewer presentation of Ms. Brewer’s painting. Ms. Donahue introduced Ms. Brewer who painted the picture the day after the marathon. Ms. Brewer explained the reason she had for painting this picture and the importance that it had to her. Ms. Brewer presented the picture to Gary Allen and Mr. Allen presented the painting to the Town.
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 MRSA 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
Economic development proposals for the real estate subject to the lien waivers. The Town Manager and Council Chairman are directed to report back to the Council from time to time concerning the status of negotiations with Our Katahdin.

Motion – Dumais    Second- Stratton    Vote 7-0

EXHIBIT A – LIST OF GNP WEST, INC., TAX LIENS TO BE WAIVED
Taxes Committed Aug 18, 2014
Liens Recorded on July 15, 2015

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EXHIBIT B
WAIVER OF FORECLOSURE
GNP WEST, INC.

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

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Dated at Millinocket, Maine, this ___ day of January, 2017.

______________________________
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

EXHIBIT C – LIST OF GNP HOLDING II, LLC TAX LIENS TO BE WAIVED
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Dated at Millinocket, Maine, this ___ day of January, 2017.

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
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 25th. 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 Fiberight 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:__________________________
ORDER #10-2017

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: __________________________