

## TENTATIVE AGENDA REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING in COUNCIL CHAMBERS & via ZOOM THURSDAY, JULY 13th, 2023, at 5:30 PM

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- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Adjustments to the Agenda: Updated April 20, June 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes & Order#177-2023; Addition: #185-2023
- 4. Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2023, Regular meeting, April 20, 2023, Special Meeting –1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing FY24 Municipal & Wastewater Budgets, June 20, 2023 and June 21, 2023 Executive Sessions.
- 5. Special Presentation(s): n/a

### UNFINISHED BUSNESS: n/a

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 6. Town Manager's Report July 13, 2023
- 7. ORDER #177-2023 Approval of the Town Warrant for July 13, 2023
- 8. ORDER #178-2023 Approval of the Wastewater Warrant for July 13, 2023
- -Out of Rotation-
- 9. ORDER #183-2023 Approval of the Prior Year Town Warrant for July 13, 2023
- 10. ORDER #184-2023 Approval of the Prior Year Wastewater Warrant for July 13, 2023
- 11. ORDER #179-2023 Approval of an Application for a Victualers License Pamola Motor Lodge
- 12. ORDER #180-2023 Approval of an Application for a Victualers License McDonalds
- 13. ORDER #181-2023 Approval of Recreation Services Agreement
- 14. ORDER #182-2023 Approval of Aerial Lift Truck Bid
- 15. ORDER #185-2023 Approval of Grant Application Our Katahdin
- 16. Reports and Communications:
  - a. Warrant Committee for the July 27, 2023, Council Meeting will be Councilor Madore and Councilor McLaughlin.

- b. Chair's Committees Reports
- c. Two Minute Public Comment

## 17. Adjournment

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## Citizen Guide to Town Council Meetings

This is an overview of information related to Council Meetings. We hope it is helpful to understanding the process. Thank you for participating in our local government. The town meeting is a place where the public is encouraged to participate. Below are some of the terms:

- Order Item of business to be proposed (motioned) to council for discussion and vote.
- Motion A Councilor proposal to the whole Council for discussion and vote. This could include an Order, an Amendment, or other. Any councilor can make a motion at any point in time during a Town Council meeting, regardless of whether it is on the agenda or not.
- Second A "second" is used when a councilor supports an order to be discussed and voted upon. Without a "second" an order or motion does not get discussed or voted on.
- Amendment A change to an original order, which can be motioned by a councilor and approved or voted down by the whole council.
- **Minutes** Summary of past meetings, including votes and discussion, that needs Council approval for officially entering the record.
- Parliamentary Procedure-This is the protocol used and questions go to the Council Chair. The
  Council follows Robert's Rules of Order. The Council adopted additional procedures at the initial
  session of a new term.
- Warrant a list of articles for items the Council may act on, which usually comes in the form of approving expenditures.
- Mil Rate Tax rate. The tax rate determines what is paid in property taxes. It is stated in "so many dollars per thousand dollars of valuation." Residential property owners may want to seed homestead exemptions or Veteran's exemptions (for qualified veterans) to potentially lower their property tax rate, which may be done through the town's Tax Assessor.
- Two Minute Public Comment Typically the last agenda item provides any member of the public an opportunity to express general concerns, thoughts, or feedback publicly. The Council invites any and all people to speak. Each member of the public will be allowed to speak for a period of not more than two minutes and the Council shall not enter into a debate or a question-and-answer session unless the question can be answered in a brief statement without a debate. This will be at the discretion of the Council Chair.
- Executive Sessions These are private meetings held by the Council when certain matters must be kept confidential to protect other parties, as required by US and/or Maine law, Town Charter, or by contract. This could include personnel issues, legal issues, economic development issues or other. No Action by the Council can be taken in Executive Session—only in public Council meetings can any vote or decision be made by the Council.

To ask questions or offer feedback during Town meetings, the public may do so within the public
comment period of each order on the agenda. Any Councilor motion will be open to both the Council
and the Public for discussion.

The public is asked to be respectful and orderly. It is of the Council Chairman's discretion to determine whether a public comment is disrespectful or inappropriate in nature, at which point the Chairman may request the ceasing of comment of removal of the public member.

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**HOW CAN I GET MORE INVOLVED?** Come up and speak or submit a written statement to the Council Chairman and/or Town Manager. The Town Council is always seeking public input to ensure all perspectives, beliefs and desires of the public are considered.

Want to do more? Become an appointed member of a committee or board such as the Planning Board, Events Committee, or Board of Appeals. The Town publishes these openings on the website, Facebook, and local newspaper. You may also request to serve on an existing subcommittee by filling out a form on the town website at:

https://millinocket.org/government/committees-andboards/.

## April 20, 2023

The Special meeting of the Millinocket Town Council was brought to order in Council Chambers and via Zoom by Chair Dumais at 5:31 pm.

Roll Call: Town Council Members Present: Bragdon, Danforth, Dumais, Madore, Pelletier, Higgins.

Also present: Town Manager Peter Jamieson, Town Clerk Diana M. Lakeman, Treasurer Mary Alice Cullen,

Public Works Director Bryan Duprey, Fire Chief Malcolm and Assistant Fire Chief Cote, Librarian Diana

Furukawa; Presenters: Superintendent Shelley Lane and Amins-Tammy McLaughlin, and Kamma Michaud via

Zoom; Media Kat TV, and Brian Brown via Zoom, 10 in person public attendance and 6 in Zoom public.

Pledge of Allegiance; Adjustments to the Agenda – none.

Special Presentation(s): Shelley Lane, Superintendent of Schools - FY 24 School Budget: provides a handout and proposed budget for FY24, notes an equitable education giving an overview of the anticipated budget noting increase of 6%, informs started the budget process march 14th, noted that many meetings produced multiple amendments with increase and decreases to the final budget being approved 5-0 by the school board; high level overview of the notable revamping of department, offered services, additions, increases and decreases involve to education and departments pertaining to special education, teacher reimbursements and salary, notes ratio of Ed Techs to Spec Ed needs is 35 Ed tech pre k to 12, anticipate on staff language services and physical therapy services, position of nurse/med tech/Ed Tech making better use of services, paring down software technical services, notes K-5 Library grants/bookfairs keeping cost down, notes having an ed tech and no librarian grades 6-12, maintenance line includes custodians at both buildings, states career & technical obligations to maintain in curriculum; Chair Dumais inquires anticipation of increase noting operations of plant line is up 150%; Shelley clarifies moved lines to proper place in budget, noting increase of 4.06%, notes additional revenues; 3mil state subsidy, 3mil local rev, with a anticipated carry forward of \$515,900; difference from local appropriation, states actual carry forward is \$611,151 leaving for unanticipated carry forward; Chair Dumais inquires what would the carry forward be used for, noting Granite Street School and \$392,360 committed to FY23 budget, inquiries about the reserve amount to carryforward; Shelley informs she cannot answer but agrees large amount to reserve came from prior administration, informs using 1mil, \$500,000, for committed funds; concluded the high level budget overview providing details of anticipated department and curriculum changes and additions broadening available academics and resources for all grades and needs. Council Comment: Chair Dumais inquires if budget on track for FY23 or anticipate carryforward and encourages new administration this budget situation won't happen next year; Shelley acknowledge wanting to inform the Council in detail of the budget she has been delt with; Councilor Madore informs the council can suggest budget recommendations and acknowledges does not override the school board decisions; Council Chair Dumais asks for councilor recommendations at this time; Chair Dumais asks for 3% cut on total budget as presented by community request, acknowledges the increases and needs for the community; no other council recommendations expressed at this time; Councilor Madore inquires if the push from Augusta to raise teacher's salary directly effects budget for current staff; Shelley doesn't see this effecting staff noting concerns with shortage in teachers, expressed her support for current staff and budget monies for retention, notes last inflation addressed in 2008; Councilor Madore expressed his support for the mandate providing best education and affordability for a municipality; Councilor Bragdon inquires of staff shortage; Shelley informs staffed well only being short a few; Councilor Higgins inquiries how many teachers on staff, Shelley informs 40 in total with 9 Ed techs in total; Council discussion concludes with Chair Dumais expressing appreciation to the school administration for presentation.

Public Comment: n/a

Chair Dumais granted a 10-minute recess; back in session at 6:47pm.

ORDER #71-2023 PROVIDING FOR: Public Hearing – Time in: 6:48pm

IT IS ORDERED That the Millinocket Town Council enter into a public hearing for discussion on the FY2024 Municipal and Wastewater Budgets. First Reading: 4/20/2023

Motion- Madore Second- Bragdon Vote 6-0

Council Comment: Chair Dumais explained that Town Manager Jamieson will present the budget going by department starting with expense and if council discussion is needed or amendments they can be addressed at that time, starting with municipal, then into wastewater department, and opened the floor to TM Jamieson to present the budget; \*TM Jamieson gives a high level overview of the proposed budget with changes from the preciously proposed budget with an actual decrease of \$194,458; some changes consist of: adding grant funding, municipal building upgrades, elevator modernization, culvert replacement, and additional designated funds; code enforcement benefits, fringe benefits, PW Roads and paving increase of \$110,000-revised due to cost of cold patch, decrease in MML funding by council request, cemetery flag replacements, payroll recommendations, Events Committee increase of \$10,000, decrease in recreation -pool skylights -ARPA funds, Heat Pumps: providing an overall total increase of \$663,000; Councilor Bragdon at this time recommends rescinding the council's previous request and increasing the library budget back to \$125,000; the council unanimously supports the increase suggested; Chair Dumais at this time opens the floor for public comment on the Library increase; Public Comment: Sandy Sullivan, 104 Sunset Drive, states the town gave their word to continue increase noting the library is more than it used to be offering numerous programs to the public, supports increase; Chair Dumais clarifies the council can only support an action by an order, not on the word of previous council's intentions; Public Comment continues: Councilors read submitted emails provided to the town manager for public comment: Michael Crowley, 73 Water Street; Kevin Gregory, 33 Colony Place; Kyle Leathers, Library Board of Directors; Taylor Sulander, 87 Highland Avenue; Chelsea Ehret, 280 Morgan Lane; Anna Loome, 253 Maine Avenue; Michele McInnis, resident and Community Coordinator; copies were given to the clerk and submitted into the minutes; Council Comment Continues: Chair Dumais confirms majority of the council supports the increase of \$25,000 to the library budgeted item; Councilor Pelletier suggests increase in the donations line #38 PW Donation to assist with the requests of Michaud Trail maintenance and increase expenses; \*TM Jamieson informs Bobbie's Gardens has inquired about increased donation funding noting grant and other additional funding received, Councilor Danforth suggests no increase as available grant monies possibility for future expenses, Councilor Bragdon does not support increase to donations line noting available grant monies; Chair Dumais took straw poll for support to keep donations line the same, majority favors no change; straw poll in favor for reduction, majority does not support request for reduction; no other Public Comment: Seeing no other council comment; Chair Dumais states no other changes to report directing the Town Manager to continue with budget lines by page and department totals; Fund 1-Expense: Pg. 1, Dept. 101-General Government, \$373,617, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 2, Dept. 103-Elections, \$13,091., Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 104-Town Clerks Dept., \$275,168., Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 3 Dept. 107-Assessing, \$96,600., Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 4 Dept. 108-Municipal Building, \$100,730., Council comment- none, Public Commentnone; Dept. 109-Audit, \$20,000., Dept 111-Legal Expenses, \$75,000., Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 5 Dept. 112-Administratin, \$85,185, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 6 Dept. 114-Planning Code Dev., \$66,551, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 7 Dept. 115-Economic Development, \$82,480, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 118-CID, \$88,539, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 8 Dept. 119-ARPA, #7,288, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1115-Police, \$790,874, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 9 Dept 205-Fire & Ambulance, \$740,710, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 10 Dept. 203-Fire Department, \$69,117, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 11 Dept. 204-Ambulance, #214,271, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 12 Dept. 206-Community Services, \$563,000, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dep. 209-Insurances, \$110,145, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 213-Enforcement Officials, \$5,024\*\$7,083, Council comment- Councilor

Higgins suggests increase line 213-115-Health Officer by \$2,000 totaling \$5,000., Chair Dumais supports, all councilors favor \$2,000 increase to line #115 to \$5,000., \*TM Jamieson noted increase; Public Comment- none; Pg. 13 Dept. 214-Dog Constable, \$14,790, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 300-Firnge Benefits, \$35,355, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 14 Dept. 402 PW Administration, \$113,450, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 430-Garage Maintenance, \$34,000, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 15 Dept. 407-Roads and Construction, \$ 1,315,453., Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 16 Dept. 409-Transfersite, \$470,842., Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 17 Dept. 501-Library, \$125,000, (includes \$25,000 increase having council support from prior discussion at the beginning of the meeting); Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 17 Dept. 700-Debt & Interest, \$139,673, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 18 Dept. 815-General Assistance, \$17,150, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 816-Public Health & Welfare, \$8,415, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 19 Dept. 902 Cemetery, \$65,340, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 20 Dept. 1002-Recreation, \$203,255, Council commentnone, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1009-Snowsled/ATV Program, \$89,280, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 21 Dept. 1101-Airpot Operations, \$190,797, Council comment- none, Public Commentnone; Dept. 1102-Airport Business, \$80,400, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Pg. 22 Dept. 1106-Holiday & Events, \$17,000, Council comment- Councilor Danforth inquires if strictly Events Committee Budget, \*TM Jamieson informs line is for all town events and supports many events, Chair Dumais clarifies other committees pull out of the line for all town events, Council discussion inquires if enough in the line to cover all events of the town, , Councilor Madore motions to add \$3,000 to events committee line totaling \$13,000 for all events noting for all committees to use going forward, Public Comment- Events Committee Chair Tom Malcolm supports the increase stating the events line supports many local committee events anticipating more community involvement; Treasurer Mary Alice Cullen inquires clarification for direction for addition to current line item or creation of another events line; Councilor Bragdon suggests \$10,000 remain in Events Committee Budget and \$3,000 in additional line for Other Events; Treasurer Mary Alice Cullen inquiries who reconciles the accounts; Chair Dumais informs Committee Chair brings expenditures forward to the Town Manager for Council order, action, and reconciliation; clarification on expenditures for Fourth of July activities, Chair of Events Committee Tom Malcolm informs the committee approved fourth of July expenditures and are committed from the events line, Council discussion concludes with majority support with direction to create a separate budget line for Other Committee Events for \$3,000.; Dept. 1300- Capital Improvements \$597,479, Council Comment: none, Public Comment: none; Dept. 1301-Special Capital Improvements \$547,074, Council Comment: none, Public Comment: none; Dept. 1201 County Tax \$307,465, Council Comment: none, Public Comment: none; Fund 1-Revenue: Dept.101-General Government \$3,038,771, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 103-Election \$0, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 104-Town Clerks office \$947,350, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 107-Assessing \$756,464, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 108-Municipal Building \$62,740, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 114-Planning/ Code Development \$3,275, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 115-Economic Development \$120,815, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 201-Police Department \$0, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 203-Fire Department \$6,500, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 204-Ambulance \$358,500, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 209-Insurance \$0, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 300-Fringe Benefits \$0, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 402-PW Administration \$25,250, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 407-PW Roads & Construction \$45,000, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 40-9Transfersite \$131,900, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Sept 815-General Assistance \$12,005, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 816-Public Health & Welfare \$0, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept 902-Cemetery \$22,000, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1002 Recreation \$1,000, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1009-Snow/ATV Program \$76,980, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1101-Airport OperationsCares Grant \$0, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1102-Airport Business \$115,780, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1206-Holiday \$0, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1301-Special Capital Improvements \$0, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Dept. 1301-Special Capital Improvements \$125,000, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Total Revenue Tax Commitment \$5,849,330; Five year Cap Plan -Total Capital Budget \$587,479, Capital Reserve Budget \$10,000, Total Special Capital Improvements \$547,074, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Fund 3: Wastewater-Expense \$1,741,558, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none; Fund 3: Wastewater-Revenue \$1,839,000, Council comment- none, Public Comment- none.

Chair Dumais seeing public interest for discussion pertaining to Fund 1, invites allowing those to comment; Public Comment: Scott Leavitt Sr, 330 Congress St., inquires public emails read by council with concern why in person attendance necessary to comment; Town Clerk Diana Lakeman informs by showing him written verbiage on the Agenda that emails for public comment can be submitted to the town manager prior to the council meeting; Scott asks the council to cut the Town's budget by 3% with all the increases; Chair Dumais straw polls the council in favor of a 3% cut; no support shown for a 3% cut of the budget; \*TM Jamieson informs the budget as presented is down almost 2 mil from previous year.

Time out: 8:08 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. -Bragdon, Second -Pelletier Vote 6-0.

Michael R. Crowley 73 Water Street Millinocket ME 04462 mcrowley@mrhme.org Plase Read for the Rubic on library

April 19, 2023

Dear Millinocket Town Councilors and Town Manager:

I seldom address you as an elected body but today an issue is before you that strikes at the heart of our community – funding for the Millinocket Memorial Library.

For the past few years, I've worked to become involved in area organizations that bring value to the town and to the region. One such community asset is the library. As a library volunteer, donor and consistent user of the facility I see diversity of age, interest and purpose all functioning within the walls of MML. In my travels throughout the state the library is very often cited as one of Millinocket's success stories of late – and I cannot imagine this town without it.

My note today is in lieu of being able to attend in person and to advocate for the library mission as presented by MML Librarian Diana Furukawa. While you are sharpening your budget numbers, I know from conversations with almost the full council that you have a laser focus on economic development and the town's bottom like. MML is the hub of economic development in Millinocket and marginalizing tax dollar investment in this asset would seem to be counter intuitive to advance the mission of Millinocket and our quest for economic vitality especially as we redevelop the region.

As the president of Legacy Medical Foundation, I can attest to the strategic role MML has with our mission to sustain and grow financial support for our local hospital. During Covid MML remained an oasis to keep momentum on our nascent foundation operation. As the president of our all-volunteer Millinocket Alumni Association the library has made possible expansion of our services to students and Stearns specifically, which is against the trend of similar high school alumni organizations. The library has become synonymous with the effort to sustain alumni returning to town for relocation opportunities, visiting the changing landscape of outdoor recreation and to grow financial support for student scholarship and funding for all areas of the Millinocket School Department. MML does not operate in a silo – rather, MML impact crosses many sectors of the region and is one of few economic development initiatives regaled for success to reinvent itself in the image of a changing community. Funding the library is an investment.

Over the past year and a half, I've joined the ranks of the Friends of MML as an officer; I strongly believe in giving back whenever possible. I am more than comfortable with my tax dollars funding this exciting incubator of ideas and revisioning our community. To date, I've seen the same data and information shared with you as councilors — MML statistics, financials, and return on investment. Impressive is an understatement. While I'm a user of the library for volunteer and work purposes I've never identified myself as a library 'follower'. Clearly, I am at this library.

To recap my reason for sending this letter:

The library is essential: Much like police and fire the library is an essential social infrastructure that makes our community stronger and that it helps prevent crises by connecting people with resources and with stop-gap direct assistance with heating fuel and other essentials. In addition, the library is well positioned to be a responsive and flexible partner during crises like the cold snap this winter when they were open from 8am-9pm to keep community members safe.

The library is a force of economic & community development: As a former elected councilor in a neighboring community I know firsthand the need to fund economic development as it's being built versus waiting for outcomes. In a community with so many wants and needs MML is a testament to community action to fund its reimagination and to help sustain MML with a plethora of fundraising events. I cannot imagine this community without having had a resurgence of MML several years ago. The library is Millinocket's town square - helping to incubate ideas like the gear library, the farmers' market, even pickleball—things that make this a more livable place that people want to move to—and these investments are essential to the economic revitalization we all seek.

If you want first person testimonial to underscore my experiences and these highlights, I'm very willing to meet 1:1 or with you as a body if more helpful. Please consider the risk of underfunding the one successful economic engine you all currently claim credit for helping build during some of the darkest days of our community history. MML is a beacon that promises returning residents and new residents the priority of this council and this community. It's working!

Thank you for your consideration of funding for MML.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Crowley

From:

Kevin Gregory < KGregory@emdc.org >

Sent:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:57 PM

To:

Peter Jamieson

Subject:

Support for Funding for the Millinocket Memorial Library

Peter,

I want to share my support for increased town funding of the library. The library provides so much more to the community than just books—it connects people to resources that improve their lives. Through my role as a workforce development specialist at EMDC, I think a lot about what today's learners, jobseekers, and workers need. They need internet access, access to computers, and places to meet, all of which the library provides. In addition, the library offers regular programs and workshops that help people develop their computer skills and improve their resumes and interviewing skills.

I've worked closely with the library because they have hosted several teen interns through EMDC's Youth Workforce Program. The library has provided excellent first job experiences to these teens that have helped them learn customer service and technology skills and gain confidence along the way. But on a deeper level, the library is providing a space where youth feel safe, whether or not they are interns. As a parent and a school board member, I think it's important to support the spaces that do that.

Would you please relay this email to the council during Budget discussions.

Thanks,

Kevin Gregory 33 Colony Place Millinocket, Maine 04462 207-447-8816



**Kevin Gregory** 

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My schedule is Monday through Thursday 7am to 6pm

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From:

Kyle Leathers <kyleleathers23@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:22 AM

To:

Peter Jamieson

Subject:

Statement for Tonight's Meeting

Please Read for the Public on library

Hi Peter,

I can't be at the public hearing tonight, but I was asked to write a statement about the funding for the Library that could be read at the meeting. For full disclosure I am on the Library Board of Directors, but I'm sending this in my capacity of work that was started in my role as a teacher.

Thank you!

## Dear Councilors,

Two years ago I brought a group of 8th graders to a Town Council meeting so they could present their idea of creating a youth center in Millinocket. The Council at that time showed support for that project and understood the need for more youth programming in order to encourage kids to be active participants in our community and to make healthy choices.

According to our most recent Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey results, only 47% of middle school students in Millinocket believe that the community cares about them. That's 8% below the state average. 54% of high school students believe that the community cares, but that's an 11% drop from the previous survey. To be clear, the percentages of students who feel cared about at school are in the 70s and 80s. It's once they leave the school building that there's an obvious problem, which could easily lead to those kids traveling down a dangerous path.

Those students who presented to the Council are now in 10th grade and have continued to work toward that goal of creating a community center, in between entering the workforce and participating in sports and performing arts. As they've gotten older they've been able to reflect on what resources the town already offers and adjust their original plan. What many of them realized this year is that the Library is already a space that could provide most of the activities that they wanted. By increasing the town's financial support, the Library can be the Community Center that Millinocket needs. Instead of spending hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of taxpayer dollars to build a new center (not to mention finding and paying people to staff it) we should utilize the beautiful, newly-renovated building that already exists. This also means being able to get new programs up and running this year instead of two or three years into the future. In fact, the Library recently surveyed the entire middle and high school and could move forward with the needs of those age groups.

I know you've been presented lots of data about the town's return on investment for what it currently gives to the library. I would also urge councilors to think about how this affects the future of Millinocket. A couple of months ago there was a sale of a foreclosed property in Millinocket where the council recognized the importance of bringing more families to live in town. More families means more support for local businesses, more kids in our school system, and more workers for the new industries coming to the area. One of the things that families will be looking for when they are deciding to move here is quality of life services. Additional funding for the Library is easily the biggest bang for your buck. With increased funding the Library will be able to expand the number of programs they provide for people of all ages (free of charge), even outside of the current Library hours.

Lastly, I'd like to say that Diana and her staff at the Library have done incredible work over the past couple of years, bringing lots of positive press to our area. I know nobody here disagrees with that, but it's worth taking the time to publicly recognize that work. I can't wait to see what else can be accomplished with some additional financial support.

Thank you.

-Kyle Leathers

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From:

Taylor Sulander <taylorsulander@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:43 PM

To:

Peter Jamieson

Subject:

MML is a cornerstone of our community

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you to show support of the Millinocket Memorial Library and the abundance of services it provides to our town and community.

My name is Taylor Sulander, and I live at 87 Highland Avenue.

The Library is more than just a place to get books. It is also a place where young people gather to enrich their lives in a safe place where they can be themselves. On any given day you will find teenagers volunteering there - doing anything from keeping the paths outside clear, to helping even younger people find a love for literacy or computer science or outdoor recreation.

Not only that, but I know of MANY young people who spend time in the Library because that's where they know they are respected and loved.

Yes, the Library circulates books, but it also provides opportunities for our young people to do more than they would normally. Just the other day middle school students borrowed bikes from the Gear Hub and went for a ride on the Michaud Trail. Access to outdoor gear is limited because of how expensive it can get. The Gear Hub tears down the financial barrier that is so often associated with outdoor recreation.

The Library is so much more than just a place to get books. It allows our young people to learn and do more than Millinocket alone can offer them. Please continue to support the Library, and by extension the kids in our community.

Thank you, Taylor Sulander

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From:

Chelsea Ehret <chelseaehret@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:31 PM

To:

Peter Jamieson

Subject:

Letter of Support for the Library

Hi Peter

I am writing this email to show my support for our town's library to be read during the budget hearing today.

I'm a parent to a young child and my family moved to Millinocket last summer. I now work part time for the high school and part time as a stay at home mom. The library has been a central part to my experiences here in Millinocket. Starting back in 2015 when I worked and lived in Baxter State Park, I didn't have housing with electricity or wifi. I would use the library's wifi and quiet spaces (when it was open) to video chat with family when I was missing them and stay connected to the rest of the world.

The programs and facilities that the library currently has go far beyond just providing wifi (although I'm sure that is still important for many). My family uses the library's resources multiple times a week and without this place we would be missing a huge part of our life here. Below are ways that the library has enriched my time in Millinocket in just the past 8 months.

- -I've met multiple friends at the library that my family is happy to have in our lives. We are more connected to the community and our daughter has several little buddies that she sees regularly thanks to the library's weekly story time.
- -The library is a part of my daughter's core understanding of the world. She is only 2, but recognizes when we drive by and talks about the library often. She is part of Dolly Parton's book club (thanks to the library) and experiences new books, toys, and people even though she doesn't go to daycare or school yet.
- -We use the library as a place to work quietly away from home because we both have jobs that can be done remotely.
- -I have used the library to meet with other community members whether it is related to volunteering, work, or just a safe place to meet a new face.
- -The staff at the library have helped me get oriented to town resources that I didn't know existed. They are friendly faces, ready to help and made me feel extremely welcomed as a new person in town. Now they know me and my daughter and greet us when we come in.
- -The library is a place to host events (for free!) and to learn new skills. I have learned a lot about gardening and admired the flower beds out front. I plan to hopefully have flower beds like that around my house this summer.
- -When the weather is warm, I enjoy riding my bike around town with my daughter and we always make a library stop. It is one of few businesses in town that is open year round and has longer hours so we can rely on stopping by.

In my opinion, the MML is not just a place to check out a book. Everytime I go to the library there are people using computers, reading books, asking the staff for help or advice, kids playing in the children's area, and more. I know that the library is a safe haven for some, keeping them out of harmful home environments and giving them safe people to be around. This is especially true for kids who can go after school and during breaks.

The library is a busy and essential part of this community. Please take my family's perspective and experiences with the library into consideration when making decisions regarding budgets. The library is at the top of my priority list as a place to continue receiving support from our town.

Thank you,

Chelsea Ehret 280 Morgan Lane

From:

Anna Hager Loome <riverrunner4@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:14 PM

To:

Peter Jamieson

Subject:

Support for MML budget

Dear Peter,

Thank you for all of your hard work as Town Manager.

I want to put in a word of support for the Millinocket Memorial Library budget, both as a parent and as someone who works with youth in town. The role of the library is far more than that of a book-lending resource.

As a teacher, I have witnessed the value of the library as both a hub of programming and an inviting, positive space for teens to spend time. Literally every time I visit the library, I run into students who feel a sense of belonging and appreciate the opportunity to spend time together in a safe, productive environment. The combination of programming and open space that the library offers these teens benefits them enormously. Some of my students who started out just visiting the library have found employment and volunteer opportunities there as well, gaining valuable experience that will benefit them well into the future, and helping them develop into community-minded individuals.

As a parent, I can speak to the importance of the community the library has built and continues to build. Taking our children to the library has been immensely valuable in helping them develop a sense of shared space, community, and more. Some of our best parent connections have been sparked in the children's room, storytime, etc.

I encourage the Town Council to fully fund the library-- it is hard to imagine a more valuable community hub.

Thank you!

Anna Loome 253 Maine Ave, Millinocket

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From:

Michele McInnis <michele@ourkatahdin.com>

Please Read for the Public on library

Sent:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:08 PM

To:

Peter Jamieson

Cc: Subject: Diana Furukawa Millinocket Memorial Library

Hi Pete.

Please share the following at tonights meeting....

If someone asked me what is the first thing they need to revive a community; I would say a place where resources and networking are always a top priority. I would also say a place for long time citizens to be reminded they are supported and not alone. Not only a place for local adults and kids to go, learn and grow but a a place for new comers to get acquainted with what is available in the community. For Millinocket, this place is the library!

The Millinocket Memorial Library is much more than a library. I have witnessed first hand the enormous resource it has been as of recent years. It fills a void I didn't know existed. A place that opens doors and connects dots. A place where people meet to discuss employment possibilities, housing, childcare, even a hot meal. It is a central location for all things community. Simply put, the "library" serves as a community anchor for all ages!

Additionally, organizations, volunteers and collaborative programs continue to be supported by the library time and time again. The library's function may be different from the past but so are the people's needs. In a time where people need people more than ever, I say thank God for the library of today!

Respectfully,

Michele McInnis Community Coordinator (207) 249-8578

"It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful."







The Executive Session was brought to order in the Town Manager's office and via Zoom at 5:30 pm by Chair Dumais.

Roll Call:

**Town Council Members Present:** 

Bragdon Higgins

Danforth Pelletier via Zoom

Dumais Madore

McLaughlin

Also in attendance: Town Manager Peter Jamieson, Town Attorneys Dean Beaupain and Kirk Bloomer via Zoom.

- Entered Executive Session - @ 5:32 pm.

Order #166-2023 PROVIDING FOR: Executive Session of the Town Council IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(E) for Consultations with Legal Counsel.

Motion – Madore Second – Bragdon Vote 7-0

Motion to Adjourn at 7:02 pm –Councilor Madore, Second- Councilor Bragdon Vote 7-0

## June 21, 2023

The Executive Session was brought to order in the Town Manager's office and via Zoom at 5:31 pm by Chair Dumais.

Roll Call:

Town Council Members Present:

Bragdon Higgins

Danforth Pelletier via Zoom

Dumais Madore

McLaughlin

Also in attendance: Town Manager Peter Jamieson,

- Entered Executive Session - @ 5:33 pm.

Order #167-2023 PROVIDING FOR: Executive Session of the Town Council IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council enter into executive session pursuant to

Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A) for Personnel Matters.

Motion – Madore Second – Higgins Vote 7-0

Motion to Adjourn at 6:35 pm -Councilor Madore, Second- Councilor Bragdon Vote 7-0

## ORDER #177-2023

PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Town Warrant for July 13, 2023

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Town Warrant for July 13, 2023, in the amount of \$153,862.72 is hereby approved.

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

Attest:

## \ () () () A / P Check Register

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R	34210	100.66	07/13/23	14	2154 COTE, JONATHAN P
R	34211	790.00	07/13/23	14	1775 DESIGNLAB, LLC
R	34212	2,000.00	07/13/23	14	0993 MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
R	34213	140.00	07/13/23	14	0392 MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
R	34214	21,683.65	07/13/23	14	0391 MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCICATION
R	34215	250.00	07/13/23	14	0395 MAINE RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOC.
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R	34218	80.08	07/13/23	14	0407 MAINE WELFARE DIRECTORS
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R	34229	79.39	07/13/23	14	2115 WHEATON, AMBER G
R	34230	279.99	07/13/23	14	0792 WINTERPORT BOOT
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## A / P Check Register

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## **TOWN WARRANTS**

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

TOWN

**WARRANT (17)** 

WARRANT

JULY 13, 2023

\$500.00

**TOWN** 

WARRANT (14)

WARRANT

JULY 13, 2023

\$74,557.62

**TOWN** 

WARRANT (18)

WARRANT

JULY 13, 2023

\$75,805.10

3,000

**TOTAL** 

\$<del>150,</del>862.72

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WARRANT (12)

WARRANT

JULY 13, 2023

\$2,054.60

TOTAL

\$2,054.60

## ORDER #185-2023

## PROVIDING FOR Approval of Grant Application

**WHEREAS** the administration, in partnership with Our Katahdin, seeks to submit an application to the Maine Department of Transportation for grant funding, the purpose of which is to extend the walking path into the One North Site and through the proposed historic district;

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Millinocket Town Council approves the submission of the attached application, due July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

	Passed by the Council_	
ATTEST:		

## **Diana Lakeman**

From: Peter Jamieson

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:15 PM

To: Diana Lakeman

**Subject:** FW: Updated Application Documents

Attachments: One North - Bike-Ped Path 2023.07.12.pdf; One North BikePed Path Application

2023.07.12.docx

## Peter Jamieson | Town Manager



manager@millinocket.org | (207) 723-7000 x5 197 Penobscot Avenue. Millinocket, ME. 04462

From: Pete Malikowski <pete@ourkatahdin.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 12:23 PM

To: Peter Jamieson <manager@millinocket.org>; Amber Wheaton <CID@millinocket.org>

**Subject:** Updated Application Documents

Hi Pete & Amber -

Here's a copy of updated application documents and the site visual for the bike/ped path. The project is pegged at about \$1.1mm. Please let me know if you have any questions. I'm happy to drop by this afternoon if needed.

Thanks,

Pete

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## **MaineDOT BikePed Program Funding Application**

Date Application Received	
For MaineDOT Use Only	

Note: Separate and complete application(s) are required for each project proposal

## **Section 1: General Information**

Applicant Name(s): Town of Millin	ocket				
Contact Person: Amber Wheaton; Community Initiatives Director					
Mailing Address: 197 Penobscot	Avenue				
City: Millinocket	State: ME	<b>Zip:</b> 04462	County: Penobscot		
<b>Daytime Phone:</b> (207) 447-4100	Alternate Phone: (207)	723-7007	Email: CID@millinocket.org		

**NOTE:** Your responses on this application should provide detailed and specific project-related information. If warranted, pictures, maps, exhibits, diagrams, survey summaries, etc., should be included with the application. Please be concise. If additional space is required, please attach supplemental sheets and/or documents.

## Section 2: Eligibility Criteria

The following questions reflect basic eligibility criteria for consideration under this program. The applicant certifies that they are in agreement and that answers to the following questions are correct.

YES	NO	
		<ol> <li>Applicant is an eligible entity to receive Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding and has the authority to enter into an agreement with the state. (Eligible entities include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, schools and school districts, tribal governments, local or regional governmental agencies with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails, and nonprofit entities responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs.)</li> </ol>
$\boxtimes$		Project application is complete and provides all of the required information.     Application adequately describes and justifies the need for the project     Cost estimate is accurate, realistic, and has sufficient detail     Application addresses Right of Way (ROW), Utilities, Environmental Permitting, Railroad, and/or Drainage Concerns
	$\boxtimes$	3. The federal share for this proposed project is less than or equal to \$720,000.
$\boxtimes$		Proposed project will be ready to be constructed within the next 3 years.

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YES	NO	
$\boxtimes$		5. The applicant certifies that it has secured the required non-federal matching funds for the project. The Town of Millinocket expects to make a meaningful contribution towards the overall matching funds requirement after communication with MaineDOT. Private philanthropy is expected to contribute to the 20% matching fund requirement.
$\boxtimes$		The applicant has committed to maintaining the proposed project's improvements (including winter maintenance) for the next 20 years.
$\boxtimes$		<ul> <li>7. The project application funds an activity from a MaineDOT Priority area. Though federal guidelines permit TA funding to be utilized for other activities, MaineDOT prioritizes the use of this funding for the following 3 areas: <ul> <li>a) Safe Routes to School (Grades Pre-K – 12)</li> <li>b) Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Facilities</li> <li>c) Utilization of Transportation Corridors for BikePed Trails</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## **Section 3: Project Overview**

The following questions provide the reviewers with background information on the applicant community and its history with MaineDOT projects, as well as on the proposed project. This information may be used by the review committee as part of its final recommendations of what projects should be funded in a given year.

YES	NO	
	$\boxtimes$	Does the applicant community have a full-time qualified individual who has been certified by MaineDOT to be a Local Project Administrator?
	$\boxtimes$	Is the applicant currently working on any other projects or initiatives that would compromise its ability to move this project forward at this time? (limited time, staffing, resources, funding, etc.)
$\boxtimes$		3. Will the funds requested in this application fund the entire project? (as opposed to partial funding of the anticipated need or funding only a phase of a larger project – please explain)
$\boxtimes$		Project has sufficient length and scope to be a cost-effective and viable participant in MaineDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program?
		Is the applicant willing to contribute more than the required 20% match to help ensure that the project is funded and/or to cover project cost over-runs?
	$\boxtimes$	Is the applicant community located within the capital area of one of Maine's four     Metropolitan Planning Organizations?
4,1	14	7. Applicant's current population based upon the most recent census data.
0	Years Ago	When was the last time the applicant received funding under the Safe Routes to School,     Transportation Enhancements, Quality Community, or Transportation Alternatives     Programs? A "0" indicates that funding has never been received.

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<b>Applicant Certification:</b> The applicant certifies that they have been authorized by the community to submit this application, that the community agrees to all the program requirements, and that all the information provided is an accurate representation from the community.
Applicant's Signature:
Date:

## Section 4: Project Description, Background, and Overview

4-A. Brief summary of the Proposed Improvements (Outline proposed improvements in 40 words or less):

The project consists of an extension of the Michaud Trail through the One North industrial campus owned by Our Katahdin paralleling Millinocket Stream for approximately 2,600 linear-feet including connection to the historic Little Italy Footbridge.

**4-B. Specific Location of Project:** Provide street name(s), beginning and ending location(s), and additional relevant project location information. *Attach designs/ diagrams, maps, etc. that will help provide a clear description of the proposed scope and location. If possible, divide proposed project into logical sections if the project could potentially be funded or proceed in steps or phases:* 

The project will begin at the intersection of Granite Street and Congress Street at the current terminus of the Michaud Trail. The extension will enter the One North Innovation Campus extending to the historic Little Italy Footbridge and looping back to the historic Administration Building. Please reference the attached rendering. It is important to note, this portion of the One North campus is expected to be listed as a Historic District by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission at their July 28, 2023 board meeting.

4-C. Can the applicant community manage this project and why? Include information on individuals who are LPA (Local Project Administration) Certified, projects administered in the past, and the relevant qualifications of municipal employees to be involved in the project (i.e., ROW Training, Project Management Experience, Professional Engineering License Information). If the community seeks MaineDOT's management of the project, please explain why this assistance may be needed. Please also demonstrate why MaineDOT should fund and manage this project when it could fund a project managed by another local community.

Due to staffing constraints, the Town of Millinocket would prefer MaineDOT manage this project. While the Town of Millinocket intends to be involved as needed for coordination purposes, limited Public Works and Administrative staff prevent the Town from administering the project in full.

- **4-D.** Specifically identify the proposed scope of the improvements (e.g. 1,000 linear feet of concrete sidewalk that is 5 feet wide, 50 linear feet of granite curbing, etc.):
  - a) 2,600 linear feet of 10-foot wide hot-mix asphalt multi-use trail
  - b) 487 tons of 9.5 MM hot mix asphalt
  - c) 963 CY of aggregate subbase course gravel
  - d) 385 CY of loam
  - e) 963 CY of common excavation
- **4-E. Provide a brief overview of the project's transportation value(s) and purpose(s):** Each project should primarily serve transportation purposes, as opposed to recreation purposes. A project serves valid transportation purposes if it serves as a connection between origins and destinations, increases safety, connects people to education or employment, and/or relates directly to the transportation system.

The project is the first step to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access to the One North industrial campus in Millinocket providing connections between the existing Michaud Trail, historic Little Italy

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neighborhood (including Carmen Brigali playground and the Millinocket dog park), jobs at One North, access to the downtown Millinocket business district, and access to Granite Street Elementary school nearby as well as Stearns Junior / Senior High School.

4-F. Specifically describe the proposed timeline for design and/or construction of the applicant project:

Design / permitting – 2024 Construction – 2025 / 2026

**Section 5: Detailed Scoring Criteria Information** (*Please note* – Your response to each question must address the scoring criteria provided for that question. Points will not be awarded for any missing information that may have been provided in response to other questions. Duplicate info within multiple responses is encouraged as appropriate)

5-A. Provide a detailed description of how this proposed project will impact your local and surrounding communities. (15 points)

Please be sure to fully address each of the following:

- Community Support / Social Feasibility (7 pts)
- How it provides access to employment and/or education (2 pts)
- How it provides a regional impact (2 pts)
- Whether the project is located with a focus county (4 pts)

The former Great Northern Paper Company, now One North, campus is a unique opportunity to improve pedestrian and bicycle access along Millinocket Stream. The local community is very supportive of the efforts to create jobs at the One North campus and continue to make incremental improvements to pedestrian and bike access throughout the community. The proposed trail will provide access to both future jobs at One North as well as educational facilities at Granite Street Elementary School and Stearns Junior / Senior High School.

The extension (2,600 linear-feet) planned provides a regional community impact as it will connect to the existing 1.65 mile Michaud trail that runs through the center of the Millinocket community. The Michaud trail is further supported by a variety of walking / biking paths in the community developed in recent years by the Outdoor Sport Institute for a variety of uses including bicycles, walking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

The project is located within Penobscot County to the north of the Bangor Area Transportation System (BACTS).

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5-B. Describe how the proposed project will increase mobility and accessibility within the community, especially for children, older adults, vulnerable populations, and those with disabilities. (20 points)

Please be sure to fully address each of the following:

- Specifically how the project improves safety and accessibility of the community as a whole (4 pts)
- Specifically how the project improves safety and accessibility of disabled individuals (4 pts)
- Specifically how the project improves safety and accessibility of older adults (4 pts)
- Specifically how the project improves safety and accessibility of children (4 pts)
- Specifically how the project improves safety and accessibility of vulnerable populations (other than those listed above) and identifies who they are (4 pts)

The project will improve safety and accessibility of Millinocket by opening access to the former Great Northern Paper Company campus. The lightly sloping ground on the proposed trail will comply with ADA requirements for disabled individuals, allow for an easy walk for the thousands of Great Northern Paper Company employees and former vendors who are now entering their senior years, and provide safe access for children transiting between the Little Italy neighborhood to the Millinocket school system. The project has the support of Thrive Penobscot, a local aging organization, who partners with Penquis CAP to coordinate transportation of older adults in the Katahdin region.

Granite Street Elementary School is nearby with the existing Michaud Trail looping behind the school premises. Granite Street serves children in Kindergarten – Grade 5.

The project will incorporate information kiosks to recognize the historic contributions of the Wabanaki peoples to the Katahdin region along the path as well as the contributions of Great Northern Paper Company to the history of forest products in northern Maine.

5-C. If this project closes an existing gap within your local network, please describe the existing conditions as well as how this proposed project improves the local transportation system – especially for bicyclists and pedestrians. (10 points)

Please be sure to fully address each of the following:

- Specifically how the project provides a safe connect between ped generators (3 pts)
- Specifically how the project completes a connection between existing bikeped facilities (3 pts)
- Specifically how the project is part of a more comprehensive plan for the community (2 pts)
- Specifically how the project provides a connection to transit (2 pts)

The project provides a safe connection between the existing successful Michaud Trail and the Little Italy neighborhood. In 2023, the Town of Millinocket opened a small dog park adjacent to Carmen Brigali playground in Little Italy. The Town of Millinocket anticipates users of the Michaud Trail extension through One North will use the path to access the downtown corridor, nearby schools in the community, jobs at One North, and housing nearby. Pedestrian / bike usage counts are not available but continue to grow in the region in tandem with nearby recreational trails.

The vision of the Town of Millinocket and Our Katahdin is to reopen the One North campus to the community as redevelopment efforts continue. This vision includes job creation, industrial development in sustainable industries such as forest products and aquaculture, and access to bicycle / pedestrian trails throughout the community.

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5-D. Please describe any known safety concerns or issues existing within the project scope area. Provide a detailed outline of how this proposed project improves conditions and/or addresses safety concerns. (15 points)

Please be sure to fully address each of the following:

- Specifically how the project increases separation or provides a barrier from traffic (5 pts)
- Specifically how the project addresses crossing safety issues (5 pts)
- Specifically how the project incorporates proven safety countermeasures (5 pts)

The project will provide a barrier between traffic flow into the One North campus and the bike / pedestrian path on the proposed trail. Non-profit, Our Katahdin, has been supported by over \$2,200,000 in EPA Brownfields and \$1,750,000 in Maine DEP / DECD Brownfields funding to kickstart cleanup efforts and redevelopment of this portion of the site. Momentum is steadily building.

Crossing issues will be mitigated by providing a safe path along the Michaud trail to cross-walks at the foot of the Granite Street Bridge. While the cross-walks currently exist, a path through One North to the Little Italy footbridge is not currently accessible. The design of the project will consider adding lighted pedestrian crossing signage at the intersection of Granite Street and Congress Street where pedestrians and bicyclists will be crossing Granite Street.

5-E. Is this project located within 2 miles of a public or private school (Grades Pre-K – 12)? If yes, please elaborate on how this proposed project improves or creates a "Safe Route to School." (20 points)

Please be sure to fully address each of the following:

- Specifically demonstrate how the project is located within 2 miles of a Grade K-8 school (3 pts)
- Specifically describe how the project connects neighborhoods, elementary and middle schools, and before-/after-school programs including the types of housing or programs and where they are located (5 pts)
- Specifically describe how and why students would use this facility to get between these locations (5 pts)
- Specifically describe how this project would make these trips safer for students (7 pts)

The project is located less than 0.1 mile from the Granite Street Elementary School and 0.6 mile from Stearns Junior / Senior High School. It will connect the historic Little Italy neighborhood to the downtown business district, and provide a path for Millinocket residents to travel to work safely at the One North industrial campus as development efforts continue.

The Town of Millinocket recently received \$30,000 to fund conceptual design of a Community Center that is planned to be located within steps of the proposed One North bike / pedestrian path. The Community Center will provide activities for children after-school and on weekends. The One North campus historically was closed to the public and only accessible by Great Northern Paper Company employees and vendors. Moving forward, adjacent land-owner (Our Katahdin) intends to ensure the campus rejoins the community at large. The central location of the campus is a major selling point as efforts continue to redevelop the site. Increasing bike / pedestrian access improves the feasibility of the Community Center along with parallel efforts to lure housing and a boutique hotel to the campus.

Local students would use the proposed trail to gain access to Little Italy via the pedestrian bridge spanning Millinocket Stream and many other areas of Millinocket via the nearby Michaud Trail. The extension would provide a direct connection to Stearns Junior / Senior High School and the proposed Community Center.

The proposed trail extension would increase safety by enhancing bicycle and walking access to One North for students. Rather than walking down streets, the proposed trail extension will provide a route that keeps students off local streets.

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- 5-F. Please identify all the physical or social challenges and obstacles that the proposed project will face as it moves toward completion. Be sure to address each of the following impacts. Also include additional issues you have identified. (15 points)
  - right of way
  - utilities
  - environmental permitting
  - drainage
  - railroads

- handicapped accessibility
- elevation changes and sloping
- high project cost
- public process

- · community resistance
- · construction window
- impacts to historic areas
- local administration of the project

For each challenge and obstacle listed above, identify whether it would be a factor on this project and why. Elaborate on how the town will address and resolve these concerns. Please provide the following Right of Way information – total number of abutters / parcels of land in which this project will come in contact. Also provide copies of local tax maps for the project area, with the proposed project overlaid on the maps to verify ROW impacts. Please indicate which parcels the applicant anticipates the project will impact and which ones will only abut the proposed project.

Please be sure to fully address each of the following:

- Identifies Right of Way impacts and abutting properties. Provides tax maps with project and impacts overlaid (4 pts)
- Identifies and describes all relevant challenges and defines what the project/municipality needs to do to overcome them (8 pts)
- Based upon the complexity of the project, the challenges faced, and the viability of mitigating activities, the application will receive for the following:
  - Limited or no obstacles to overcome (3 pts)
  - Obstacles that will require additional resources (-2 pts)
  - Substantial obstacles that may be difficult or impossible to overcome (-10 pts)

**Right of Way**: Our Katahdin (non-profit) will transfer the required land for the trail extension to the Town of Millinocket. Our Katahdin and the town have a longstanding economic development partnership and are eager to work together on this exciting project.

**Utilities**: New electrical for street lights and road crossing warning signage will be required but are modest challenges.

**Environmental Permitting**: The One North campus has undergone significant environmental investigation since Our Katahdin gained ownership of the site. In the Spring of 2023, a phase two environmental investigation was completed in the vicinity of the proposed trail. This extension due diligence is invaluable as projects such as the proposed trail are contemplated. MaineDEP is very familiar with the site and has been incredibly supportive throughout the development process.

Drainage: Drainage improvements for the proposed trail are expected to be very modest.

**Railroads**: The project will not impact the rail corridor at One North. It is important to note that MaineDOT has an outstanding CRISI rail application in the amount of \$56,800,000 that will fund transformative rail infrastructure improvements at One North.

Handicapped Accessibility: The project will improve handicap accessibility.

**Elevation Changes and Sloping**: The site slopes gradually following the flow of Millinocket Stream from north to south.

**High Project Cost**: The project will transform the One North / Millinocket Stream Brownfield waterfront. It is a very unique opportunity for the Katahdin region and the State of Maine.

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**Public Process**: Our Katahdin has discussed the proposed bicycle / pedestrian path with the Millinocket Town council at several economic development meetings. The economic development committee views the project as a very favorable development for the community. While the community has not been engaged directly, representative support from the council is indicative of widespread support in the community.

**Community Resistance**: Residents of the Town of Millinocket are highly supportive of the on-going efforts to create jobs and opportunities in the community. As the project will be improving greenspace on a former industrial site, there is not any community resistance expected.

Construction Window (Construction within 3 years of starting the project): Design of the project should easily be completed within the first 12-months following award. Permitting is expected to be a straightforward effort due to the previous investigations performed on behalf of Our Katahdin. Advertisement of the project for bid in early 2025 with substantial completion in the fall of 2025 provides 12-months of contingency to complete the project.

Impacts to Historic Areas: The project will be located within the former Great Northern Paper Company mini-historic district. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission is currently reviewing Our Katahdin's application to list the area of the project including the nearby Administration, Engineering & Research, Garage and Little Italy footbridge. The project will not impact the historic nature of the area but will enhance access to it for the public.

Local Administration of the Project: N/A

5-G. Please describe any of your community's BikePed Projects that are currently in MaineDOT's queue and yet to be delivered. Provide additional details on that project's status, delivery timeline and elaborate on any delays experienced or expected.

There is one BikePed path project in the works to reconstruct sidewalks from Congress Street to Forest Avenue. The project is focused on bringing the sidewalks back to ADA compliance. The project is scheduled to start in late summer 2023.

The Congress Street – Forest Avenue project is part of a larger vision to rehabilitate the sidewalks along the Central Street downtown corridor.

5-H. Please identify and describe any previous MaineDOT BikePed Projects in the community that have been cancelled without being completed. Include information on the challenges faced and why the project was cancelled.

No projects have been cancelled in the past.

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## Section 6: Project Budget Summary - Estimated 3 Years Out

Please enter whole dollar amounts.

Please Note: MaineDOT currently estimates that most projects require at least \$400 per linear foot for design and construction.

6-A.	Design/Engineering/Permitting (20% of Construction or \$20,000 - whichever is greater):	\$158,650.06
6-B.	Right of Way (\$15,000 or \$5,000 per parcel of land impacted by the project and \$2,500 for all parcels that abut the proposed project, whichever is greater)	\$0.00
6-C.	Construction	\$793,250.32
6-D.	Construction Oversight/Engineering (10% of Construction or \$20,000 - whichever is greater):	\$79,325.03
6-E.	Contingency (10% of Construction or \$25,000 - whichever is greater):	\$79,325.03
6-F.	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT	\$1,110,550.45

6-G. Non-Federal Match: Under this program, there is a minimum non-federal match of 20%. However, applicants may choose to contribute more than the minimum amount required as a demonstration of the local commitment to the importance of this proposed project. (Note: Bonus consideration may be given to applications that offer additional match beyond any applicable required local match.)

6-G.1	Total Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project from Line 6-F	\$1,110,550.45
6-G.2	Estimated minimum local (non-federal) match – (20% of Line 6-G.1)	\$222,110.09
6-G.3	Funds requested from MaineDOT (Line 6-G.1 – Line 6-G.2 or \$720,000 – whichever is less)	\$888,440.46

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6-G.4	Additional funding necessary because of total project cost exceeding MaineDOT's funding cap (Line 6-G.1 – Line 6-G.2 – Line 6-G3)	\$0.00
6-G.5	Total local contribution to this project (Line 6-G.2 + Line 6-G.4)	\$222,110.09

Please Note: The total of the funds requested from MaineDOT plus the actual non-federal match and cost overage committed by the applicant must equal the total estimated cost of the proposed project identified on line 6-F.

6-H – Please describe the applicant's process for calculating the total estimated cost of the proposed project (Line 6-F.)

The project was estimated using the recent MaineDOT bid tabulations from the Brewer Bike / Ped Path project bid on May 4, 2022. Unit prices were escalated 5% and quantities were adjusted in areas based upon a total project length of 2,600 linear-feet of bike / pedestrian path.

## Section 7: Preliminary Estimate Project Budget Detail

If available, please attach a preliminary detailed line item estimated budget for all items identified on Line 6-C. (Explain how you came up with your total construction cost.)

The project was estimated using the recent MaineDOT bid tabulations from the Brewer Bike / Ped Path project bid on May 4, 2022. Unit prices were escalated 5% and quantities were adjusted in areas based upon a total project length of 2,600 linear-feet of bike / pedestrian path.

## Section 8: Authorized Signatures

These signatures indicate the willingness/ability to provide the designated level of matching funds and a willingness to enter into a municipal/State agreement with the Department requiring the municipality/applicant/sponsor to administer the development, design, and construction of the project abiding to federal, State, and local requirements. The applicant will also be responsible for future maintenance (including snow removal) of the completed project for the 20-year life cycle. Note that design should meet all applicable federal and State Standards as well as all ADA Guidelines.

A municipal/state agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation is required for the development, design, and construction of the project in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements.

Note: Information on Locally Administered Project (LAP) requirements can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/mdot/lpa/

An authorized representative of the city/town

Municipal Official:	
Name(s): Peter Jamieson	Title: Town Manager
Phone#:	Email: manager@millinocket.org
Signature(s)	Date

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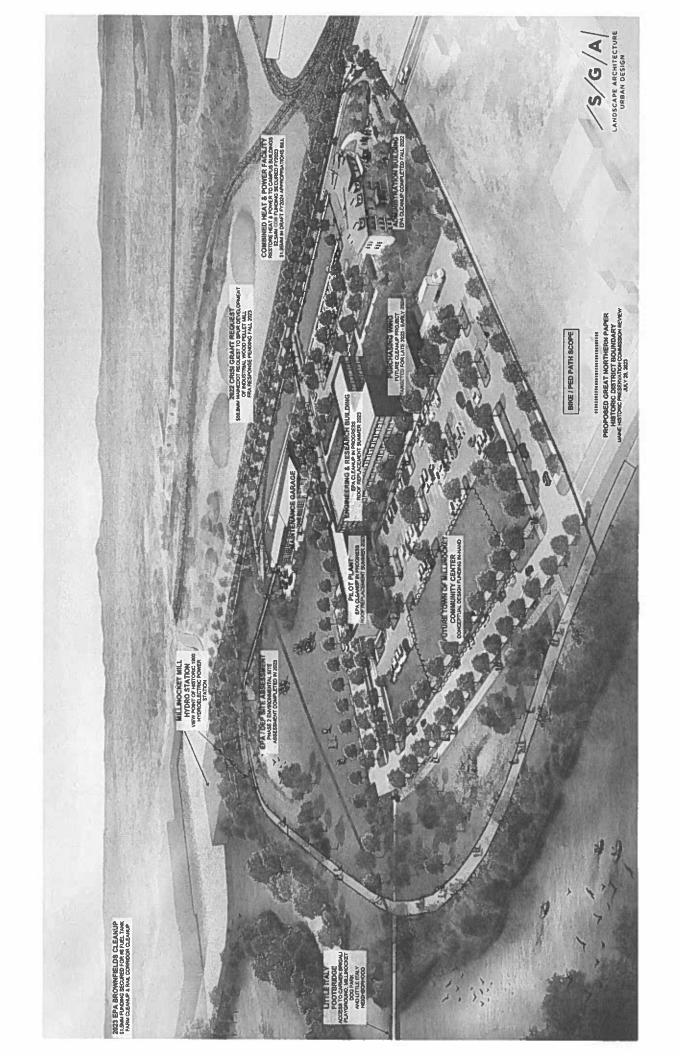
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Phone#:	Email:

Local Project Municipal Contact (likely to be the Local Project Administrator)

Submit an electronic version of your application via email to <a href="mailto:dakota.hewlett@maine.gov">dakota.hewlett@maine.gov</a> or via mail to:

Active Transportation Planner
MaineDOT Division of Public Outreach and Planning
16 State House Station
24 Child Street
Augusta, ME 04333-0016
(207) 592-3384

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203.2 Common Excavation		270 CY	\$	45.00	\$	12,150	
203.2312 Health & Safety Plan		1 LS	\$	8,500.00	\$	8,500	
203.2333 Disposal Treatment of Special Excavation		10 TN	\$	180.00	\$	1,800	
203.24 Common Borrow		450 CY	\$	27.00	\$	12,150	
304.1 Aggregate Subbase Course - Gravel		400 CY	\$	65.00	❖	26,000	
403.21 Hot Mix Asphalt 9.5 MM		210 TN	\$	220.00	\$	46,200	
409.15 Bituminous Tack Coat - Applied		36 GAL	Ş	8.00	\$	288	
502.2356 Miscellaneous Concrete		3 CY	S	1,800.00	Ş	5,400	
603.179 18 Inch Culvert Pipe Option III		80 LF	\$	120.00	\$	009'6	
604.09 Catch Basin Type B1		2 EA	\$	4,500.00	\$	000'6	
609.31 Curb Type 3		87 LF	\$	38.00	\$	3,306	
610.16 Heavy Riprap		14 CY	\$	127.00	\$	1,778	
615.07 Loam		240 CY	\$	65.00	<b>\$</b>	15,600	
618.13 Seeding Method Number 1		20 UN	\$	120.00	\$	2,400	
619.12 Mulch		20 UN	\$	120.00	\$	2,400	
626.421 24 Inch Diameter Foundation		190 LF	\$	362.00	<b>\$</b>	68,780	
629.05 Hand Labor, Straight Time		25 HR	\$	74.00	\$	1,850	
631.12 All purpose Excavator (Including Operator)		25 HR	s	194.00	\$	4,850	
631.172 Truck - Large (Including Operator)		25 HR	S	143.00	\$	3,575	
634.162 Park Lighting System		1 LS	\$ 1	155,000.00	\$	155,000	
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641.34 Trash Receptacle		2 EA	\$	2,400.00	\$	4,800	
645.292 Regulatory, Warning, Confirmation and Route Marker Assembly Signs Type II		4 SF	\$	175.00	Ş	700	
652.312 Type III Barricade		4 EA	\$	180.00	Ş	720	
652.33 Drum		25 EA	\$	90.00	\$	2,250	
652.34 Cone		25 EA	\$	30.00	<b>\$</b>	750	
652.35 Construction Signs		140 SF	\$	25.00	<b>\$</b>	3,500	
652.36 Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices		30 CD	\$	360.00	\$	10,800	
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