

**Approved
TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
April 18, 2023
Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Town Hall - Council Chambers
85 Union Street, Brunswick, Maine**

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Abby King, Sandra Updegraph, Jennifer Hicks, Nathaniel Shed, James Mason, Kathy Wilson, and Dan Ankeles

Councilors Absent: Councilor Stephen Walker

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Chrissy Adamowicz, Economic Development Project Manager, and the video crew.

Chair Mason opened the meeting and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to Agenda

To add item 58 regarding report on polling change and have it at the beginning of new business.

Public Comments/Announcements (for non-agenda items) None

MANAGER'S REPORT *(This item was discussed at 6:34 p.m.)*

a) Financial Update

Manager Eldridge made this update.

b) Polling Location Update (removed from Manager's Report)

c) New Mainers Update

Manager Eldridge made this update and responded to questions from Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Hicks.

d) Bowdoin Athletic Fields

Manager Eldridge made this update.

e) Report from Housing Authority

James MacLeod, Chair of the Committee, made this presentation.

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Councilor Hicks, Chair Mason, and Councilor Watson asked questions to which John Hodge, Executive Director, responded.

Councilor Updegraph spoke regarding this item.

OLD BUSINESS

- 54. The Town Council will consider adopting Town Council Rules and Procedures, and will take any appropriate action (Councilor Mason and Councilor King) (This item was discussed at 6:57 p.m.)**

Chair Mason introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Shed seconded, to approve the Town Council Rules and Procedures. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted rules will be attached to the minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS

- 55. The Town Council will receive a proposal for a new tree ordinance and consider sending it to the Planning Board, Tree Committee and Town Arborist for review and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Walker) (This item was discussed at 7:51 p.m.)**

Councilor Ankeles introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Updegraph Councilor Watson.

Councilor Shed, Councilor Hicks, and Councilor Updegraph spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles and Manager Eldridge responded to Councilors' questions.

Jane Nicholas-Ecker, 67 Simpson Point Road and committee member spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to send the draft Tree Ordinance to the Planning Board, Tree Committee and Town Arborist for evaluation and a recommendation back to the Council. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 56. The Town Council will consider signing a Pre-Award information sheet for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) that is due prior to 4/28/23 and will take any appropriate action. (Economic Development Project Manager Chrissy Adamowicz). (This item was discussed at 8:19 p.m.)**

Project Manager Adamowicz introduced this item.

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Chair Mason, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Shed spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Shed seconded, to authorize the town to submit a Pre-Award Information sheet to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program to apply for \$75,800. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

57. **The Town Council will review and discuss the 2023-24 Budget and 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and consider any future action. (Town Manager) *(This item was discussed at 8:30 p.m.)***

Manager Eldridge introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Hicks, and Councilor Shed.

Mark Rosenthal, 238 Durham Road, spoke regarding this item.

58. **The Town Council will receive an update on the Secretary of State's response to the town's request to move the polling place and take any appropriate action. *(This item was discussed at 6:59 p.m.)***

Clerk Smith provided this update.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor King, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Watson, Councilor Hicks, Chair Mason, and Councilor Shed spoke regarding this issue.

First Motion

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to direct the Manager and Clerk to have a meeting with Secretary of State and to formulate a letter with the Council's dissatisfaction with her decision to not allow the moving of the polls.

Separating motion

Councilor King moved, Councilor Shed seconded, to separate voting on two issues. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Motion Part 1

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to direct the Manager and Clerk to have meeting with Secretary of State. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Motion Part 2

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to formulate a letter with the Council's dissatisfaction with her decision to not allow the moving of the polls. The motion failed with four (4) yeas. Councilor King, Councilor Shed, Chair Mason, and Councilor Ankeles were opposed.

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CONSENT AGENDA *(This item was discussed at 9:02 p.m.)*

- a) **Approval of Minutes from 3/20/23 and 4/3/23.**
- b) **Quitclaim deed – 18 Westview Lane**
- c) **Quitclaim deed – 1070 Mere Point Road**

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
April 26, 2023*

May 15, 2023
Date of Approval

Council Chair