

**Approved
Brunswick Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2022
6:30 pm**

MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Abby King, Sandra Updegraph, Christopher Watkinson, Kate Foye, James Mason, Kathy Wilson and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief, Ryan Leighton, Assistant Town Manager; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Scott Stewart, Police Chief; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; and video crew.

Chair Mason opened the meeting and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed.

- 2. The Town Council will receive a COVID-19 update from Lois Skillings, President of MidCoast Hospital, and will take any appropriate action. ([*This item was discussed at 6:33 p.m.*](#))**

Lois Skillings, MidCoast Hospital, made a presentation on the COVID-19 situation in Brunswick and responded to questions from the following Councilors: Councilor Watson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor King, Chair Mason, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Foye

- 3. The Town Council will discuss a possible mask mandate and any other considerations, and will take any appropriate action ([*This item was discussed at 7:13 p.m.*](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

The following Councilors and staff spoke regarding this item: Chair Mason, Councilor Foye , Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor King, Councilor Updegraph, and Councilor Watson. Staff responses came from Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney and Chief Stewart.

Public Comment were made by the following people:
Frank Strickland, 39 MacMillan Drive
James Bouchard, 10 Jordan Avenue

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Resident, Woodside Road
Alex Armstrong, 10 Jordan Avenue
Deborah Dipretore, 174 McKeen Street
Cody Gillis, 127 Jordan Avenue
Noah Oppenheim, 662 River Road
Shaun Hogan, 53 Safari Drive
Debbie Bridges, 64 Wildwood Drive
Samantha Malloy, 1 Julias Way
Peter Robbins, Bohemian Coffee House

Motion:

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankles seconded, enact the ordinance on an emergency basis regarding face coverings in public indoor facilities, to go into effect on January 12, 2022 and to require businesses to post signage by January 18, 2022.

The following Councilors spoke on the motion: Councilor Ankles, Councilor Foye, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson and Councilor King.

Mr. Langsdorf and Manager Eldridge responded to questions from the Council.

Vote on motion:

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankles seconded, enact the ordinance on an emergency basis regarding face coverings in public indoor facilities, to go into effect on January 12, 2022 and to require businesses to post signage by January 18, 2022. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the emergency ordinance will be attached to the official minutes.)

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing on the ordinance to be enacted on an emergency and regular basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

[The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
January 7, 2022*

January 18, 2022

Date of Approval

Council Chair