

Draft
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
January 19, 2021
Executive Session 6:15 P.M.
Business meeting 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Dan Jenkins, Christopher Watkinson, John M. Perreault, James Mason, Kathy Wilson, and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Ryan Barnes, Town Engineer; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; and TV video crew.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss Union Negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to go into executive session to discuss Union Negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Adjustments to Agenda:

To add Item 9 -To discuss how to fund the property from MRRA, to be done before Item 7.

MANAGER'S REPORT (*[This item was discussed at 6:31 p.m.](#)*)

a) COVID Update

Lois Skilling, and **Dr. Bowe**, MidCoast Hospital, gave this update.

Councilor Mason, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watkinson, Chair Perreault, and Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Lucy Derbyshire spoke regarding this item.

b) Financial Update

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

c) Dog licenses

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, gave this update.

d) Election – District 6 Councilor

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, gave this update.

e) Solid Waste Recommendation

Manager Eldridge gave this update and responded to questions from Councilor Watkinson.

f) Cedar Street Parking Project

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

g) Property Acquisition from MRRA

This item was discussed as part of the added item.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 5. The Town Council will hear public comments for proposed zoning ordinance text amendments, including changes to the accessory use definition, subdivision recording and performance guarantees, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning and Development Department) *(This item was discussed at 7:25 p.m.)***

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development, introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

There was no objection to suspending the Council Rules to allow the Council to vote on this item at this meeting.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt the proposed Brunswick Zoning Ordinance text amendments. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas

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

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- 6. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding increasing the user fees for the Mere Point Wastewater District, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:32 p.m.](#))**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Mr. Panfil spoke regarding this item.

Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Mason, and Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing

There was no objection to suspending the Council Rules to allow the Council to vote on this item at this meeting.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to increase the user fees for the Mere Point Wastewater District as proposed, effective April 1, 2021. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item 9 was done prior to 7 and 8.

- 7. The Town Council will consider “A Resolution Authorizing Paving and Widening of Simpson’s Point Road from 800 Feet North of Pennell Way to the Simpson’s Point Boat Launch, and Appropriating \$180,911.29 from the Water Access Fund”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 8:49 p.m.](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Jenkins, Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Julia Henze, Finance Director, and Manager Eldridge responded.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

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Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to table until February 1, 2021. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

8. The Town Council will consider ratification of a one-year contract between the Town of Brunswick and the Brunswick Police Benefits Association (BPBA), and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 9:15 p.m.*](#))

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to ratify the Town Manager's acceptance of a one-year contract between the Town of Brunswick and the Brunswick Police Benefits Association (BPBA). The motion carried with eight (8) yeas

9. (ADDED) The Town Council will discuss possible options to fund the MRRA property, and will take any appropriate action (Chair Perreault). ([*This item was discussed at 7:59 p.m.*](#))

Chair Perreault introduced this item.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Watson spoke.

Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Walker asked questions to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to apply for Maine Outdoor Heritage Grant to assist with the payment of the property. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke and responded to questions from Councilor Watson, Chair Perreault, and Councilor Ankeles.

Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Mason, Chair Perreault, Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson, and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item,

The Council took a straw poll to send the possibility of funding the property with impact fees to the Recreation Commission, and all Councilors supported it.

CONSENT AGENDA ([*This item was discussed at 9:18 p.m.*](#))

- a) Approval of a cribbage license for Knights of Columbus Council #1947

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

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

[The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.](#)

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

January 24, 2021

February 1, 2021

Date of Approval

Council Chair