

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
January 21, 2020
Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

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

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Ryan Leighton, Assistant Town Manager; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Jay Astle, Public Works Director; Dennis Wilson, Parks and Recreation Facilities Manager, and TV video crew

Chair John Perreault called the meeting to order, asked for roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) [*\(This item was discussed at 6:31 p.m.\)*](#)

Jean Powers, 40 Redwood Lane, said she received the State homestead tax payment. She also asked if the town was getting funds from Portland to offset the cost of asylum seekers. She believed that the town should seek money from other sources, including the Governor.

The following people spoke regarding the lack of availability of cross-country skiing at Mere Creek Golf Club:

Bonny Wood, 22 Hovey Lane

Mark Battle, 18 Bowker Street

Kathy Thorson, 18 Bowker Street

Sarah Lawrence, 6 Longfellow

Madeline Schneider, 16 Juniper Road

MANAGER'S REPORT [*\(This item was discussed at 6:47 p.m.\)*](#)

a) Financial Update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

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b) Dog Licenses

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, provided this update.

c) Bond Issue – Elementary School

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

d) Fire Station

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

e) Mere Creek Golf Course

Manager Eldridge provided this update, and responded to questions from Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson, and Councilor Ankeles.

f) Public Transportation – Explorer

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

g) Public Transportation – Metro Breeze

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

h) Winter Operations

Jay Astle, Public Works Director, provided this update, and responded to questions from Chair Perreault, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 3. The Town Council will hear public comments on applications for Special Amusement licenses, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) *(This item was discussed at 7:17 p.m.)***

Special Amusement

**Brunswick Lodge of Elks #2043
D/B/A: Brunswick Lodge of Elks
179 Park Row**

Angela Brackett

**Odd Duck FSE, INC.
D/B/A: Odd Duck FSE
11 Pleasant Street**

Rebecca Marcos

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

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Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve Special Amusement licenses for the Brunswick Lodge of Elks, 179 Park Row, and Odd Duck FSE, 11 Pleasant Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 4. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding the recommended relocation of the Farmer's Market to Park Row, with accompanying fee increase and changes in the parking ordinance, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 7:18 p.m.*](#))**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, and Jay Astle, Public Works Director, provided information on this item. They responded to questions from all nine Councilors.

The following people spoke regarding this item:

Randall Arndt, 6 Sparwell Lane

Abby Sadauckas, President of Brunswick Farmer's Market

Mrs. Nemrow, Park Row property owner

Bill Ferdinand, representing Eaton Peabody on Park Row

Jimmy DeBiasi, Maine Federation of Farmer's Markets

Kathy Caron, owner, Fairwinds Farm, Farmer's Market vendor

Karen Demers, 639 River Road

Richard Shapiro, 639 River Road

Hallie Daughtry, 15 Oakridge Road

Bob Martin, 93 Admiral Fitch Avenue

Nat Drummond, Treasurer of Brunswick Farmer's Market

Wander Webber Snyder, 1 Colonial Drive

Jean Powers, 40 Redwood Lane

Eileen Horner, owner of Brunswick Inn on Park Row

Bob Spear, Nobleboro, owner of Spears Farms, Farmer's Market vendor

Maina Hammaker, 10 Pleasant Hill Road

Kate Muller, Bath

Jean MacNeille, 2 Brookside Road, Topsham

Dan Sortwell, Wiscasset, Farmer's Market vendor

Jim Townsend, Manager of Nemrow properties on Park Row

Steve Weems, 44 Thompson Street

Karen Marston, Bowdoin, Farmer's Market vendor

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

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Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Mason, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor McGrath, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Jenkins asked questions, to which Mr. Astle, Mr. Farrell, and Manager Eldridge responded.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Jenkins, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles, Chair Perreault, Councilor Walker, Councilor McGrath, and Councilor Jenkins spoke to this item.

This item will come back at the next meeting with a proposal for use of an area on the mall, with no vehicles allowed.

- 5. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding proposed changes to outdoor seating on public ways for the 2020 licensing year, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:00 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Ms. Smith introduced this item.

Councilor McGrath spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

The Council supported suspending the rules to vote tonight.

Councilor Jenkins moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to adopt changes to Chapter 10 – Licenses and Business Regulations, Chapter 14 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, and the Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines, Appendix B, to increase the fee from \$150.00 to \$200.00 for vendors with nine (9) or more outdoor seats, and to set the time outdoor seating is allowed to the period between April 15th and November 1st. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 6. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding changes to mooring fees, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:06 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Ms. Smith introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles asked questions, to which Ms. Smith responded.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

The Council supported suspending the rules to vote tonight.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt the proposed changes to mooring fees. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. **The Town Council will consider a request from the Brunswick Downtown Association for a waiver of fees for the 2020 Community Barbecue and the 2020 Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:09 p.m.\)*](#)**

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to waive the \$500.00 event fees for the BDA events “Community Barbeque” and “Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival”, taking place in June and August of 2020 respectively. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

8. **The Town Council will consider forwarding a request from Sitelines to the Planning Board for a boundary change to the Shoreland Protection Overlay (SPO) to be consistent with the Town of Brunswick’s GIS and Zoning Map, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:10 p.m.\)*](#)**

This item will come back at a future meeting.

9. **The Town Council will hear a proposal from Brunswick Housing Authority to convert its Section 9 Public Housing Program to Section 8 assistance, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:11 p.m.\)*](#)**

John Hodge, Executive Director, introduced this item and responded to questions from Manager Eldridge.

Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Walker spoke regarding the item.

(A copy of a memo from John Hodge, Executive Director of the Brunswick Housing Authority, will be attached to the official minutes.)

10. **The Town Council will consider giving its annual authority to the Brunswick Marine Resource Committee to open and close coastal waters within the Town’s jurisdiction, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:17 p.m.\)*](#)**

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Fran Smith introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to allow the Marine Resource Committee the authority to open and close coastal waters within the Town of Brunswick's jurisdiction for the year 2020. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 11. The Town Council will consider ratifying a contract between the Town of Brunswick and the Teamsters Local Union #340 for the Brunswick Parks & Recreation Maintenance Workers, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:20 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor McGrath seconded, to ratify a contract between the Town of Brunswick and the Teamsters Local Union #340 for the Brunswick Parks & Recreation Maintenance Workers. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the union contract will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 12. The Chair will make appointments of Council members to represent various boards and subcommittees, and will take any appropriate action. (Council Chair John Perreault) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:22 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault made the following appointments:

Appointments Sub-committee: Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor McGrath

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Councilor Ankeles

Brunswick Development Corporation: Councilor Mason and Councilor Wilson

Cable Television Committee: Councilor Watson

Citizen's Initiative Clarity Board: Councilor Jenkins and Councilor Ankeles

Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Master Plan Implementation Committee: Councilor McGrath and Councilor Wilson

Finance Committee: Councilor Jenkins, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Walker

Recycling and Sustainability Committee: Councilor Walker

Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission: Councilor Wilson and Councilor Watson

Solid Waste Task Force: Councilor Jenkins, Chair Perreault, and Councilor Walker

Teen Center Advisory Board: Councilor McGrath

TIF – MRRRA Districts Committee: Councilor Mason, Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Watson

Tree Committee: Councilor Walker

Trust Fund Advisory Committee: Councilor Mason

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(This item was discussed at 10:22 p.m.)*

Reports were given for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA *(This item was discussed at 10:23 p.m.)*

a) Approval of the minutes of December 16, 2019

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
January 19, 2020

February 3, 2020
Date of Approval

Council Chair