

**Approved**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**March 30, 2020**  
**Meeting – 6:30 P.M.**  
**MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

*THIS MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES  
WITH TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TOWN STAFF PARTICIPATING FROM REMOTE  
LOCATIONS*

**All Votes Taken Via Roll Call**

**Councilors Present:** W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Dan Jenkins, Christopher Watkinson, John M. Perreault, 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; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief; Julie Henze, Finance Director; and TV video crew

Chair John Perreault called the meeting to order and did roll call.

**Public Comments/Announcements** *NO PUBLIC COMMENT BEING TAKEN*

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 47. The Town Council will receive and discuss the latest updates on the COVID-19 pandemic, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) [\*\(This item was discussed at 6:32 p.m.\)\*](#)**

Manager Eldridge provided an update.

Councilor McGrath, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Jenkins, and Councilor Watkinson spoke regarding this item.

Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief, updated the Council on the current situation in Brunswick and the state.

Manager Eldridge and Kristin Collins, Town Attorney, spoke regarding this item.

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All members of the Council spoke and asked questions regarding this item.  
Ms. Collins responded to questions.

**MOTION #1:**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to adopt the Order as presented by the Town Manager.**

Councilor McGrath, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker, Councilor Mason, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker and Councilor Mason were opposed to what was being proposed.

**Councilor Wilson, with the approval of Councilor Watkinson, withdraw motion #1.**

**MOTION #2:**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to support the current Order, increasing the number of children in a daycare from 10 to 12, and adding an exemption for legal, accounting, and title services that cannot reasonably be accomplished remotely.**

Further discussion occurred among the Council, Town Manager, and Town Attorney.

**Chair Perreault and Councilor Watson withdrew motion #2.**

**MOTION #3:**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to increase the number of children allowed in a daycare in the current proclamation from 10 to 12.**

**MOTION #4:**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to add to the exemption in #19 an exemption for legal, accounting, and title services that cannot reasonably be accomplished remotely.**

**VOTE ON MOTION #3:**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to increase the number of children allowed in a daycare in the current proclamation from 10 to 12.**

**The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Walker and Councilor McGrath were opposed.**

**VOTE ON MOTION #4:**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to add to the exemption in #19 an exemption for legal, accounting, and title services that cannot reasonably be accomplished remotely.**

**The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Walker was opposed.**

Manager Eldridge, Councilor Jenkins, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor McGrath, Councilor Watson, Councilor Mason, and Councilor Wilson spoke.

It was agreed that bottle redemption fits under exemption #9.

**MOTION #5:**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to extend the existing Order for with two changes, the daycare allowance increasing from 10 to 12 and the addition of language exempting legal, accounting, and title services that cannot reasonably be accomplished remotely. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Walker and Councilor McGrath were opposed.**

The new Proclamation is in effect for seven days.

**MOTION #6**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to suspend the requirement to use blue trash bags for as long as the Order is in effect and renewed.**

Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Mason spoke on the motion.

**VOTE ON MOTION #6:**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to suspend the requirement to use blue trash bags for as long as the Order is in effect and renewed. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

[The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith  
Town Clerk  
April 4, 2020*

*April 21, 2020  
Date of Approval*

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Council Chair

