

**Approved
TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
April 3, 2023
Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Town Hall - Council Chambers
85 Union Street, Brunswick, Maine**

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Abby King, Sandra Updegraph, Jennifer Hicks, Nathaniel Shed, 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; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dennis Wilson, Parks and Facilities 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 53 for the Town Council to consider a request from Recycling and Sustainability Committee. It will be moved to the start of new business.

Public Comments/Announcements (for non-agenda items) *(This item was discussed at 6:32 p.m.)*

Camden Reiss, Pegasus Street, asked about the progress of the algae bloom in Maquoit Bay and if there will be a committee to look at this issue. Manager Eldridge, Councilor Walker, and Chair Mason responded to this issue.

Bill Good, 5 Outlook Lane, on behalf of the Signature Pines Condo Association, asked about adding picking up trash and recycling on private roads.

Councilor Watson thanked Representative Arford for her work for women veterans.

MANAGER'S REPORT *(This item was discussed at 6:41 p.m.)*

a) New Mainers Update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) Maine Street Streetscape and Frank Wood Bridge

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

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c) Old Bath Road Water Line Extension

Manager Eldridge provided this update and responded to questions from Councilor Watson.

d) East Brunswick Property Planning

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

e) Maquoit Watershed

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor King, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Shed spoke and asked questions regarding this item.

f) Council Retreat

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

g) Wilson Avenue Extension

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

h) Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

i) Report from the Board of the Assessment Review

Stephen Holt, Vice Chair, provided this report.

Chair Mason, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Watson, Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding the item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 42. The Town Council will hear public comments on new liquor license applications and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) (This item was discussed at 7:21 p.m.)**

Malt/Wine/Spirits
Brickyard Brunswick, LLC
D/B/A: Brickyard Hollow
149 Maine Street

Noah Grondin

Malt/Wine

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**Maine Street Bistro, LLC
D/BA: Maine Street Bistro
148 Maine Street**

John Holm

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

John Holm, owner of Maine Street Bistro, spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Councilor King and Councilor Updegraph.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor King seconded, to approve liquor licenses for Brickyard Hollow, 149 Maine Street, and Maine Street Bistro, 148 Maine Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

- 43. The Town Council will consider an annual proclamation in support of Poem in Your Pocket and Poetry Stroll and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk)**
(This item was discussed at 7:36 p.m.)

Polina Kozlenko, Brunswick High School student and exchange student from Ukraine, read poems and shared her story while answering questions from Councilor Watson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Updegraph, and Councilor Wilson.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt the “Poem in Your Pocket Proclamation” for 2023. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 44. The Town Council will consider approving the following requests for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Sidewalks licenses for outdoor seating and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk)** *(This item was discussed at 7:44 p.m.)*

Broadway Delicatessen	142 Maine Street
Bombay Mahal	99 Maine Street
The Big Top Delicatessen	70 Maine Street
Ritual Bakehouse & Patisserie	111 Maine Street
The Great Impasta	42 Maine Street
Little Saigon Restaurant	44 Maine Street
Joshua’s Restaurant and Tavern	123 Maine Street
Enoteca Athena	97 Maine Street
Gelato Fiasco	74 Maine Street

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to approve Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Sidewalks license applications as presented for the proposed slate of businesses. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

45. The Town Council will receive the proposed 2023-24 Municipal Budget. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for the 2023-24 Municipal Budget and the 2024-28 Capital Improvement Program for Thursday April 27, 2023, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) *(This item was discussed at 7:47 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for the 2023-24 Municipal Budget and Capital Improvement Plan 2024-28 for April 27, 2023. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

46. The Town Council will consider approving the Tree Committee Charge changes and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) *(This item was discussed at 8:02 p.m.)*

Dennis Wilson, Facilities Manager, and Jesse Bishop, Chair of the Tree Committee, introduced this item.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Hicks spoke or asked questions regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson moved, to adopt the Tree Committee Charge changes with an addition of an “s” to tree and striking the word public in front of trees. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

47. The Town Council will consider an application and a requested fee waiver for an event on the Town Mall sponsored by the MerryMeeting Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) *(This item was discussed at 8:14 p.m.)*

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Jeff Bush, MerryMeeting Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Walker asked questions, to which Mr. Bush responded.

Councilor King moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Trout Unlimited proposed event on the mall and waive the fee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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- 48. The Town Council will consider an application for an event/fundraiser on the Town Mall requested by the Brunswick Rotary Club on July 1, 2023, and will take any action. (Town Clerk) (This item was discussed at 8:20 p.m.)**

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor King seconded, to approve Brunswick Rotary Club's proposed event time change on the mall and allow them to hold a corn hole tournament fundraiser and waive the fee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 49. The Town Council will consider a letter of support for Maine Trails Bond and will take any action (Parks & Rec Director) (This item was discussed at 8:22 p.m.)**

Director Farrell introduced this item.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve signing the letter of support for the Maine Trails Bond. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 50. The Town Council will consider responding to the Secretary of State regarding questions about polling at the Recreation Center and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) (This item was discussed at 8:28 p.m.)**

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Chair Mason, Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor King, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Updegraph spoke and asked questions regarding this item.

No action was taken.

- 51. The Town Council will consider adopting Town Council Rules of Order and Procedure and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Mason and Councilor King)**

Chair Mason introduced this item.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor King, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Updegraph spoke regarding this item.

This item will come back the next meeting for their approval.

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- 52. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) (This item was discussed at 8:57 p.m.)**

Councilor Watson made the following nominations:

To the Sewer District:

- Jaqueline Sartoris and Charles Priest to a three-year term ending 4/01/2026.

The Council supported her with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Walker abstained as Ms. Sartoris is his spouse.

To the Town Commons Committee:

- Blaine Moore and Mark Fochesato to a three-year term ending 3/01/2026

To the Recycling & Sustainability Committee:

- Dieuwke Zoleas to the remains of a three-year term ending 1/1/24

The Council supported the above with nine (9) yeas.

- 53. (ADDED) The Town Council will consider a request from Recycling and Sustainability Advisory Committee to direct staff to issue letters of support for LD 1171 and LD 1172, and will take any appropriate action. (This item was discussed at 7:29 p.m.)**

Steve Weems, Recycling and Sustainability Advisory Committee, introduced this item.

Councilor Hicks asked questions, to which Representative Arford responded.

Councilor Ankeles spoke and asked questions to which Mr. Weems responded.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to direct staff to issue letters of support for LD 1171 and LD 1172. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of minutes March 6, 2023

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson, to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 9:01 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

April 6, 2023

April 18, 2023

Date of Approval

Council Chair