

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
April 4, 2022
6:30 P.M. – Regular Meeting

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:

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; 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: None

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) [*\(This item was discussed 6:32 p.m.\)*](#)

None

MANAGER’S REPORT [*\(This item was discussed 6:33 p.m.\)*](#)

a) Budget and CIP for 2021-22

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) MMA Executive Committee

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

51. The Town Council will hear public comments on a proposed ordinance prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco in Brunswick, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Wilson) [*\(This item was discussed 6:34 p.m.\)*](#)

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Councilor Wilson introduced this item.

A presentation in support of ordinance was done by:
Hilary Schneider, 32 Tanglewood Drive and American Cancer Society
Teresa Gillis, 3 MacMillian Drive

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Geno Ring, Substance Counselor for Brunswick High School

A presentation was made in opposition to the ordinance by Jonathan Shaer, Executive Director of New England Conveniences Store and Energy Marketers Association, and Ryan Bernier, Family owns Jenny Station,

Councilor Wilson, Councilor King, and Councilor Watkinson asked questions of Mr. Shaer and Mr. Bernier

Member of the public that spoke were as follows:

Jonathan Sahrbeck, District Attorney for Cumberland County
Debbie Atwood, Union Street and American Lung Association
Dr. Andrea Loeffler, Midcoast Hospital physician
Anita Ruff, Thompson Street
Becky Marcos, owner of the Lighthouse Deli
Lynn Ellis, Brunswick
Dr. Alyssa Goodwin, 14 Sandhill Drive and physician
Kaden Schneider, high school student
Greta Pianka, Pediatrician and 40 Boody Street
Jordan Cardone, Brunswick Area Teenage Center
Charlie Summers – Maine Energy Council MEMA
Joy Gould, 36 Hemlock Road
Jackie Sartoris, 14 Bowdoin Street
Teresa Gillis, read a story of 11th grade student
Mike Kelly, Core-Mark New England
Poppy Arford, State Representative District 49
Toby McGrath, American Heart Association
Robin Sampson, Brunswick resident
Mathew Wellington
Representative, Maine CDC
Cecilia Smith, 7th grader
Becky Smith, Hennessey Ave
Josh Meader, Maine Smoke Shop
Halliday Moncure, 69 Weymouth Street
Sarah Singer, 17 Thompson Street,
John Kosinski, 17 Thompson Street
Becca Boulos, Maine Public Health Association
Christine Peters, Maine Smoke Shops
Emily Rines, 23 Tarratine Drive

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

All the Councilors spoke on this issue

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Foye seconded, to suspend the Council Rules to

allow the Council to vote on this item at this meeting. The motion failed with four (4) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor King, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Watkinson, and Chair Mason were opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

52. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for April 19, 2022 regarding Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10-26 and corresponding amendments to the Town's Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines, Appendix B, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) [*\(This item was discussed 9:59 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to set a public hearing for April 19, 2022 regarding amendments to Chapter 10, section 26 and corresponding amendments to the Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines, Appendix B, of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

53. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for April 19, 2022 regarding "Town of Brunswick Reapportionment Ordinance Establishing New District Boundaries for the Purpose of Electing Municipal Officers and School Board Members", and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed 10:07 p.m.\)*](#)

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to set a public hearing for April 19, 2022 regarding reapportionment of the voting districts per state law and Town Charter. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

54. The Town Council will consider solid waste and recycling disposal options, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 10:12 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge and Jay Astle, Public Works Director, introduced this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to support the recommendation by staff and Recycling and Sustainable Committee for Waste Energy option #2 with EcoMaine as the end location. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas. Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to restore glass as a recyclable item as soon as administrative possible. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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55. **The Town Council will consider sending a letter of support for Oasis Free Clinic’s Community Program Funding request to the office of U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Ankeles) [\(This item was discussed 10:28 p.m.\)](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Anita Ruff, Oasis, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Foye seconded, to send a letter of support for the Oasis Free Clinic’s Community Program Funding request from the Town Council to U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree and each member of congressional to delegation. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

56. **The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town to execute a five-year interlocal agreement with the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD), and will take any appropriate action. [\(This item was discussed 10:35 p.m.\)](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Walker seconded Motion to authorize the Town of Brunswick to execute a five-year interlocal agreement with the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

57. **The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town’s Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) [\(This item was discussed 10:37 p.m.\)](#)**

Councilor Watson presented the slate of nominations.

Recycling Committee

- Jennifer Hicks – term ending 01/01/2024
- Poppy Arford – term ending 01/01/2024

Rivers and Coastal Waters Committee:

- Sue Stableford – term ending 05/01/2025
- Bill Good - term ending 05/01/2025

Tree Committee:

- John Hodap - term ending 04/01/2025
- Jesse Bishop - term ending 04/01/2025

Marine Resources Committee:

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- Cody Gillis (Harvester)- term ending 05/01/2025
The Council supported the slate unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA (*[This item was discussed 10:38 p.m.](#)*)

- Approval of the minutes of March 21, 2022**
- Approval of Election Workers**

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda with a change to the minutes of March 21, to the third vote on the Recreation item to have Chair Mason in favor. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

[The meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
April 20, 2022*

May 2, 2022
Date of Approval

Council Chair