

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
May 4, 2020
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.

MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Jared Woolston, Town Planner; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief; and TV video crew

Chair John Perreault opened the meeting.

Adjustments to Agenda: None

MANAGER’S REPORT *(This item was discussed at 6:34 p.m.)*

a) Mid Coast Parkview Health

Lois Skilling and Dr. Bowe, MidCoast Hospital, made a presentation and responded to questions from Councilor Walker, Manager Eldridge, Councilor Watkinson, Chair Perreault, and Councilor Ankeles.

b) Municipal Budget and CIP

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

c) Farmers Markets

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 61. The Town Council will hear public comments on an amendment to the Shoreland Protection Overlay (SPO) map regarding a change in mapped wetland boundary to reflect field-verified conditions, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) *(This item was discussed at 7:18 p.m.)***

Town Council Minutes
May 4, 2020
Page 2

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Jared Woolston, Town Planner, introduced this item and responded to questions from Chair Perreault, Manager Eldridge, and Councilor Wilson.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting on this item tonight.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt proposed amendments to the Shoreland Protection Overlay (SPO) regarding a change in mapped wetland boundary to reflect verified field conditions. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

62. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Natural Selection, Inc., d/b/a Wild Oats, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:38 p.m.](#))

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development, spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Manager Eldridge and Chair Perreault.

(A copy of a memo from Ms. Costello will be attached to the official minutes.)

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for Natural Selection, Inc., doing business as Wild Oats. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the approved application will be attached the official minutes.)

63. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding amendments to Chapter 7, “Fire Prevention and Protection”, of the Brunswick Town Ordinance, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:46 p.m.](#))

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief, introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting on this item tonight.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt proposed changes to Chapter 7, “Fire Prevention and Protection” of the Brunswick Code of Ordinances. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 64. The Town Council will hear public comments on amendments to Chapter 11 – Marine Activities, Structures and Ways regarding student licensing definitions, to be enacted on a regular and emergency basis, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:48 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting on this item tonight.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt amendments to Chapter 11 – Marine Activities, Structures and Ways relative to student licensing definitions, to be enacted on a regular and emergency basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 65. The Town Council will hear public comments on Shellfish licensing authorizations for the 2020-21 Licensing period, to be enacted on an emergency basis, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:54 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting on this item tonight.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, for 2020-21 licensing year, to authorize the Town Clerk to implement measures to allow for shellfish harvesters to apply for and/or pick up licenses in methods other than in person if the Town Clerk and Town Manager deem this to be the best for public safety and if town hall were to be closed to the public, to be enacted on an emergency basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

- 66. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for May 18, 2020 regarding adoption of a text amendment to increase the maximum square foot building footprint established for Growth Mixed-Use 5 (GM5) Zoning District, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:00 p.m.*](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Matt Panfil and Manager Eldridge responded to questions from Councilor Walker, Councilor Mason, Councilor Ankeles, Chair Perreault, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Jenkins.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Jenkins, Councilor Ankeles, Chair Perreault, and Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Jean Powers, 44 Redwood Lane, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for May 18, 2020, regarding adoption of a text amendment to increase the maximum square foot building footprint established for Growth Mixed-Use 5 (GM5) Zoning District and to have an option to exempt municipal facilities buildings footprint in GM58:40. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 67. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 1, 2020 for the 2020-2021 budget and the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:40 p.m.*](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for the 2020-2021 budget and the 2021-2025 CIP for June 1, 2020. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 68. The Town Council will discuss ideas to promote absentee voting at the July and November elections, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair John Perreault) ([*This item was discussed at 8:41 p.m.*](#))**

Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Fran Smith spoke and responded to questions from Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Watkinson.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to provide return postage for absentee ballots for the July 14th election. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA (*This item was discussed at 9:06 p.m.*)

- a) Approval of a proclamation for Arbor Week
- b) Approval of a Utility Location Permit for Sills Drive
- c) Approval of a proclamation for Town Commons Day
- d) Approval of renewal of Cumberland County HOME Consortium

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

(A copy of supporting materials for a, b, c and d will be attached to the official minutes.)

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

[The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.](#)

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE ACTION MINUTES. THE ENTIRE MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.BRUNSWICKME.ORG.

*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
May 10, 2020*

May 18, 2020
Date of Approval
