

Draft
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
May 18, 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; Jay Astle, Public Works Director; and TV video crew.

Adjustments to Agenda

Add item 76 for CDBG Grant

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

a) Clayton Rose – Bowdoin College

Mr. Rose made this presentation.

Manager Eldridge, Councilor Watkinson, Chair Perreault, and Councilor McGrath spoke regarding this item.

Matt Orlando, Bowdoin College, spoke regarding this item.

b) Financial update:

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

c) Graham Road Landfill

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

d) Downtown Re-opening

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

Councilor Watkinson, Councilor McGrath, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Wilson asked questions and spoke regarding this item.

e) Municipal Partnership Initiative MPI

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

f) Codes Enforcement

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

g) Town Mall

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

h) People Plus Parking Lot

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

i) Absentee ballots

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

PUBLIC HEARING

69. The Town Council will hear public comments on options for adoption of a text amendment to increase the maximum square foot building footprint established for Growth Mixed-Use 5 (GM5) Zoning District, or to exempt the building footprint in GM5 for municipal facilities, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 7:14 p.m.*](#))

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Charles Frizzle, Chair of Planning Board, introduced this item and responded to questions from Council members.

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

Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development, spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Chair Perreault.

This will come back to the Council at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 70. The Town Council will receive a report from the Recycling & Sustainability Committee regarding its vision for short-term waste management, and will take any appropriate action. (Recycling & Sustainability Committee) ([*This item was discussed at 7:43 p.m.*](#))**

Jennifer Hicks, Chair of Recycling and Sustainability Committee, and **James Ecker**, committee member, made this presentation.

Chair Perreault, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Mason asked questions to which Mr. Ecker and Ms. Hicks responded.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item and responded to a question from Councilor Watkinson.

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

This motion was made after the next two items.

MOTION

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt as the guiding vision for this Council the Recycling & Sustainability Committee plan regarding its vision for short-term waste management.

Manager Eldridge, Councilor Mason, and Councilor Watkinson spoke regarding this item.

Mr. Ecker spoke regarding this item.

Jean Powers, 44 Redwood Lane, spoke regarding the recycling items.

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt as the guiding vision for this Council the Recycling & Sustainability Committee plan regarding its vision for short-term waste management. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 71. The Town Council will discuss a memo from the Recycling & Sustainability Committee regarding a budget proposal to reduce costs associated with curbside collection of residential recyclables, and will take any appropriate action. (Recycling & Sustainability Committee) ([*This item was discussed at 8:53 p.m.*](#))**

Jennifer Hicks, Chair of Recycling and Sustainability Committee, and Steve Weems, committee member, made this presentation.

Councilor Jenkins, Councilor Mason, Councilor Walker, and Chair Perreault asked questions, to which Mr. Weems responded.

Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Additional discussion took place at 9:40 p.m.

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

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to continue with recycling, removing glass from the Town of Brunswick's recycling program, and not bring forward the fee to recycle idea.

Jay Astle, Public Works Director, spoke regarding this item.

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

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Ms. Hicks spoke regarding this item.

VOTE ON MOTION

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to continue with recycling, removing glass from the Town of Brunswick's recycling program, and not bring forward the fee to recycle idea. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

72. **The Town Council will consider reinstatement of the usage of the Town's blue bags, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) *(This item was discussed at 9:15 p.m.)***

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to reinstate the requirement to use the PAYT blue bags for residential refuse collection on June 1, 2020. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas,

73. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 1, 2020 to consider amendments to the Business Licensing Ordinance to extend the due date for payment for the licenses from June 30, 2020, until no later than December 31, 2020, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) *(This item was discussed at 9:59 p.m.)***

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for June 1, 2020 to consider amendments to the Business Licensing Ordinance to extend the due date for license payment from June 30, 2020, until no later than December 31, 2020. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

74. The Town Council will consider granting an extension for redevelopment of a parcel at 4 Business Parkway, Gjoris LLC, Map 17 Lot 66, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 10:05 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Leah Rachin, Drummond Woodsum, spoke on behalf of Gjoris LLC.

Councilor Watkinson spoke on this item.

Charlie Frizzle spoke regarding this issue and responded to questions from Chair Perreault and Councilor Watson.

Councilor Jenkins spoke on this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize an extension of 1 year for Gjoris, LLC, to develop property known as Map 17 Lot 66, in the Brunswick Industrial Park. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Watkinson was opposed. Councilor McGrath abstained since Ms. Rachin works at his firm.

75. The Town Council will discuss the proposed budget, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)

This item was not taken up at this meeting.

76. (ADDED) The Town Council will consider adopting a resolution for A State of Maine Community Development Block Grant - Economic Development Program Application” for Natural Selections, Inc., and take any appropriate action. [*\(This item was discussed at 10:19 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt a resolution for A State of Maine Community Development Block Grant - Economic Development Program Application” for Natural Selections, Inc. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- a) Approval of the minutes of March 23, April 27, April 30 and May 4, 2020

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

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

[The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
May 20, 2020*

June 1, 2020
Date of Approval

Council Chair