

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
June 6, 2022
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Abby King, Sandra Updegraph, Christopher Watkinson, James Mason, Kathy Wilson and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: Councilor Kate Foye

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; 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: Item 97 will be delayed a bit waiting for Town Attorney and discussed Item 103 after public comment

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) *(This item was discussed 6:34 p.m.)*

Edward Ericson and his children, 11 Bodwell Street, presented a petition requesting to have the crosswalk installed between Bodwell to Stanwood so they can cross to the school.

Heather Nering, Cluf Bay Road, discussed newly painted pride sidewalk and her concerns about and how she felt it segregates and promotes discrimination

Donna Crawford spoke in support of crosswalk

Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this subject.

Ray Nagel agree with Councilor Wilson and he finds the crosswalk to be complementary.

MANAGER'S REPORT *(This item was discussed 6:50 p.m.)*

a) Absentee Ballots

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, provided this update.

b) LED Streetlight Project

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

c) Fire Station Construction Update

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Manager Eldridge provided this update.

d) Simpson's Point Improvements

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

e) Downtown Sidewalks

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

f) (ADDED) Work on Wilson Street for gate access

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Watkinson spoke regarding this item.

g) (ADDED) Update on Bodwell Street

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

NEW BUSINESS

- 95. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 21, 2022 regarding extending the distance of the "No Parking" zone at the intersection of Longfellow Avenue and Coffin Street, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 7:00 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for June 21, 2022 for proposed language changes to Chapter 15 Section 74 – No Parking areas. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 96. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 21, 2022 for an amendment that sets a fine in the Flavored Tobacco Ordinance, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 7:02 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for June 21, 2022 to consider the proposed fine to be added to the Municipal Code Appendix B – Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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- 97. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 21, 2022 on an ordinance that would place a 180-day moratorium on development in the growth zone without affordable housing, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 7:16 p.m.)**

This item was done out of order.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Other staff that spoke included Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development, Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development, and Kristin Collins, Town Attorney.

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

Public comments were made by the following people:

Carol O'Donnell, 305 Maine Street
Merry Harkins, 23 Rossmore Road
Marcia Harrington, 71 Rossmore Road
Dana Bateman, 13 Franklin Street
Louisa Hart, 53 Rossmore Road
Christopher St. John, Midcoast Housing
Rollin Fessenden, 30 Miller Creek

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to set a public hearing for June 21, 2022 regarding an emergency 180-day moratorium on developments in the growth zone without 20% of units deemed affordable to be at 80% of median, to be implemented town wide, and to have the required number of units drop to 30 lots or greater. The motion carried eight (8) yeas.

- 98. The Town Council will consider releasing the Town's interest through a quitclaim deed for a parcel at 279 Bath Road, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 7:05 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item and responded to questions from Chair Mason and Councilor Watson.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to accept payment of \$32,000 and release the Town's interest in the parcel through a quitclaim deed to the estate of the original owner. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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- 99. The Town Council will hear a presentation from Economic Development Director Sally Costello regarding the MARC final plan, and will take any appropriate action. (Economic Development) (This item was discussed 8:35 p.m.)**

Mike Lyne, Recreation Commission, Jason Pollard, Consultant, Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Sally Costello, Economic Development Director introduced and answered questions from Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Watson.

- 100. The Town Council will consider “A Resolution Authorizing Appropriation and Expenditure of up to \$275,000 to Complete Improvements to the Brunswick Recreation Center”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 9:19 p.m.)**

Mr. Farrell and Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing Appropriation and Expenditure of up to \$275,000 to Complete Improvements to the Brunswick Recreation Center”. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 101. The Town Council will consider a proposed Town policy for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Credit Enhancement Agreements (CEA), and will take any appropriate action. (Economic Development) (This item was discussed 9:30 p.m.)**

Ms. Costello introduced this item.

Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Watson spoke on this item.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, Motion to adopt the Town of Brunswick Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Credit Enhancement Agreement (CEA) Policy. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas,

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

- 102. The Town Council will consider vacating the Town’s right to a paper street on Bouchard Drive, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) (This item was discussed 9:39 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to vacate the Town's right to the Bouchard Drive paper street and find that no damages are due the abutters. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

103. The Town Council will consider adopting a proclamation for the Independence Association, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Ankeles) *(This item was discussed 6:45 p.m.)*

Done prior to Manager's Report

Councilor Ankeles introduced this item recognizing the Independence Association 55th year.

Chair Mason read the proclamations

Mr. Nagel spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt a proclamation for the Independence Association. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

104. 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 9:42 p.m.)*

Councilor Watson made the following nominations with the Council voting to support with eight (8) yeas.

Town Commons Committee:

James St. Pierre to a reappointment to a 3-year term ending 3/01/2025

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

Sean (Eric) Funderburk to a 3-year term starting 6/1/2022 to 6/1/2025

Sewer District:

John Fitzpatrick to a reappointment to a 3-year term 4/1/2025

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Diana Garcia to a reappointment to a 3-year term starting 7/1/2022 ending 7/1/2025

Housing Authority:

James McLeod to a reappointment to a 5-year term starting 6/3/2022 ending 6/3/2027

Recycling Sustainability Committee

David Costello to a 3-year term starting immediately and ending 3/1/2024

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the minutes of May 2, 2022, May 12, 2022 and May 16, 2022

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

June 17, 2022

July 18, 2022

Date of Approval

Council Chair