

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
June 7, 2021
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Dan Jenkins Christopher Watkinson, John M. Perreault, James Mason, Kathy Wilson and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: Kate Foye

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Ryan Leighton, Assistant Town Manager; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Jay Astle, Public Works Director; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dan Devereaux, Coastal Resources Manager; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Debra Blum, Administrative Assistant; and TV video crew.

Chair Perreault opened the meeting and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to Agenda: (ADDED) Item #86; Establishing a crosswalk in rainbow colors

Public Comments: None

Announcements: Councilor Watson made announcements about upcoming Mall events.

MANAGER'S REPORT (*[This item was discussed 6:36 p.m.](#)*)

- a) Traffic Alerts
- b) Simpson's Point Project
- c) Cedar Street
- d) Solid Waste
- e) Landfill Closure
- f) Fire Station
- g) Maine Street Streetscape
- h) Riverwalk

Town Manager Eldridge updated the Council and the public on the items on the Manager's Report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 73. The Town Council will hear public comments for the following liquor license applications.** (*[This item was discussed 6:57 p.m.](#)*)

**Full-Time Spirituous, Vinous & Malt
Natural Selection, INC
Shepherd
D/B/A: Wild Oats Bakery and Café
166 Admiral Fitch Ave.**

David Shepherd, Rebecca

**Brunswick PPC LLC
D/B/A: Brunswick Portland Pie
92 Maine Street**

**Jeff Perkins, Bill Ryan Sr., Bill Ryan Jr.,
Dan Thomson**

**Otto Brunswick LLC
D/B/A: Otto Pizza
15 Cushing Street**

**Robert Magda, Anthony Allen,
Michael Keon**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watkinson asked a question, which Manager Eldridge and Councilor Mason answered.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

MOTION:

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to approve alcoholic beverage licenses for Wild Oats Bakery and Café, Brunswick Portland Pie, and Otto Pizza. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

- 74. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding an amendment to Simpson's Point Parking in section 15-74 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances to lengthen the "No Parking" zone on the east side of Simpsons Point Road, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed 7:08 p.m.*](#))**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Walker and Councilor Jenkins asked questions, which Manager Eldridge answered.

Public Comment:

Barbara Trafton, 273 Simpson's Point Road
Dieuwke "Juka" Zolas, 13 Melden Drive
Lynn Schardel, 295 Simpson's Point Road
Jamie Ecker, 62 Simpson's Point Road

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

The Town Council members had no objection to voting on this item tonight.

MOTION:

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to amend the motion by the addition of a “5 minutes or less” parking sign to accommodate pick up and drop off to the amendment to section 15-74 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances regarding a “No Parking” zone on Simpsons Point Road.

The motion was withdrawn by Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Wilson.

MOTION 1:

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt, on an emergency basis due to the public safety impact of anticipated frequent future use, an amendment to section 15-74 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances regarding a “No Parking” zone on Simpsons Point Road and a “5 minutes or less” parking sign to accommodate pick up and drop off. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

MOTION 2:

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for June 21, 2021, to adopt an amendment to section 15-74 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances regarding a “No Parking” zone on Simpsons Point Road and a “5 minutes or less” parking sign to accommodate pick up and drop off. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

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

75. **The Town Council will hear public comments regarding text amendments to the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance to define Parking Facility for Public Boat Launch and to permit that use in all zoning districts, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) [*\(This item was discussed 7:39 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Planning and Development Director Matt Panfil introduced this item.

Public Comment:

Francis Bisson, 28 Sunset Way

Gail Stewart, 30 Sunset Way

Langdon Winter, 30 Sunset Way

Doug Niven, 37 West Marginal Road and 460? Mere Point Road; President of Seaport Land Company

Diano Circo, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Councilor Mason and Councilor Walker asked questions, which Mr. Panfil answered.

Parks & Recreation Director Tom Farrell, Councilor Walker and Councilor Ankeles provided additional information regarding this item.

Coastal Resources Manager Dan Devereaux spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

The Town Council members had no objection to voting on this item tonight.

MOTION:

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt a proposed amendment to the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance regarding an allowance for a parking facility serving a public boat launch to be located in all growth and rural zones as a principal use. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

Councilor Watkinson asked a question, which Planning and Development Director Matt Panfil answered.

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

NEW BUSINESS

76. **The Town Council will consider a request from the Brunswick Downtown Association to waive the event fee of \$500 for the 2021 Outdoor Arts Festival, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 8:15 p.m.\)*](#)**

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

MOTION:

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the event and waive the event fee of \$500 for the Brunswick Downtown Association's Outdoor Arts Festival on August 21, 2021. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

77. **The Town Council will consider authorization for the Town to lease electric vehicles for a 3-year period at no charge, and the installation of new service panels and outlets where needed, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 8:17 p.m.\)*](#)**

Town Manager Eldridge and Assistant Town Manager Ryan Leighton introduced this item, and answered questions from Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Walker.

MOTION:

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager or his designee to sign a lease agreement with Hyundai for 4 (four) electric vehicles for the Town’s use, and to install appropriate service panels and outlets to service the vehicles. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

78. **The Town Council will consider a “Resolution to Adopt the Town of Brunswick Street Lighting Policy”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)** *(This item was discussed 8:23 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge and Assistant Town Manager Ryan Leighton introduced this item.

Rob Burgess of the Streetlight Committee spoke on this item, and answered questions from Chair Perreault.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Mason and Councilor Ankeles made comments and asked questions, which were answered by Assistant Town Manager Ryan Leighton.

MOTION:

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt a “Resolution to Adopt the Town of Brunswick Street Lighting Policy” as written with the exception being a town-wide limit of 3,000 K.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, Manager Eldridge, Councilor Mason, Councilor Watson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Jenkins, Chair Perreault spoke.

Larry Cook of Brunswick Cable TV spoke on this item.

Councilor Watson moved to table this item. Councilor Wilson spoke on this item. Chair Perreault seconded Councilor Watson’s move to table this item.

VOTE TO TABLE:

The vote carried with 6 (six) yeas. Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Ankeles were opposed.

Chair Perreault called for a 5-minute break to Council proceedings.

79. **The Town Council will consider a “Resolution to Acquire the Streetlights from Central Maine Power”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)** *(This item was discussed 9:19 p.m.)*

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt a “Resolution to Acquire the Streetlights from Central Maine Power”. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

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

- 80. The Town Council will consider amendments to the Tax Acquired Real Estate Policy, and will take any additional action. (Finance Committee) [*\(This item was discussed 9:21 p.m.\)*](#)**

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

MOTION:

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt proposed amendments to the Tax Acquired Real Estate Policy. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

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

- 81. The Town Council will consider adopting “A Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Tax-Acquired Property, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 9:23 p.m.\)*](#)**

Town Manager Eldridge asked Councilor Ankeles, Chair of the Finance Committee to introduce this item.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault and Councilor Watson asked questions, which Councilor Ankeles and Finance Director Julia Henze answered.

MOTION:

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Tax-Acquired Property”. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

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

- 82. The Town Council will consider selling a nine-foot wide parcel of land that the Town owns to the prospective purchaser of 14 Pleasant Street, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 9:29 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

John Perreault spoke for the possible owners of the property regarding this item.

Hannah Curtis, 131 McKeen Street, under contract along with her husband for 14 Pleasant Street, spoke regarding this item.

Ellen Domingos, 16 Moore Avenue, broker for the property, spoke on this item.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Walker and Councilor Watkinson asked questions, which Manager Eldridge answered.

Councilor Mason, Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson and Manager Eldridge commented on this item.

MOTION:

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, subject to the reservations the Manager expressed about confirming whether this is a public utility, that we convey this parcel without cost to the abutter, assuming, of course, it happens concurrently with the sale, that it actually goes through. The motion carried with a vote of 6 (six) to 1 (one). Councilor Walker was opposed. Chair Perreault abstained because he was involved with the proposed renovation of the property.

- 83. The Town Council will consider “A Resolution Authorizing Appropriation and Expenditure of up to \$400,000 to Complete Improvements to the Brunswick Recreation Center”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 10:20 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item

MOTION TO TABLE

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to table item 83. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

This item was brought back for reconsideration after the Consent Agenda.

Chair Perreault was asked to bring back this item for discussion.

Assistant Town Manager Ryan Leighton and Manager Eldridge spoke about this item.

Chair Perreault asked a question, which Mr. Leighton answered.

Tom Farrell, Director of Parks & Recreation, spoke about this item.

MOTION

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to reconsider item 83, “A Resolution Authorizing Appropriation and Expenditure of up to \$400,000 to Complete Improvements to the Brunswick Recreation Center”. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

Town Manager Eldridge presented this item.

MOTION:

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt, “A Resolution Authorizing Appropriation and Expenditure Not to Exceed \$400,000 to Complete Improvements to the Brunswick Recreation Center”. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

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

84. **The Town Council will consider a “Resolution Supporting Passage of The Pine Tree Amendment to Maine’s Constitution, LD 489”, and will take any appropriate action. (Recycling & Sustainability Committee) [*\(This item was discussed 9:57 p.m.\)*](#)**

Jamie Ecker of the Recycling & Sustainability Committee introduced this item.

Councilor Watkinson asked a question, which Manager Eldridge and Councilor Ankeles answered.

MOTION:

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt a “Resolution Supporting Passage of The Pine Tree Amendment to Maine’s Constitution, LD 489”. The motion carried with a 7-1 vote. Councilor Watkinson was opposed.

Councilor Mason, Councilor Walker and Chair Perreault commented on this item.

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

85. **The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town’s Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) [*\(This item was discussed 10:07 p.m.\)*](#)**

MOTION:

Councilor Ankeles presented the slate, which the Council supported with four (4) yeas. Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson and Councilor Wilson were opposed. Councilor Jenkins abstained.

Chair Perreault, Councilor Walker and Councilor Watson asked questions, which Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Wilkinson answered.

- Kurt Stinson for reappointment to the Conservation Commission for the term to begin immediately and end May 1, 2024.
- Emile Schmidt for appointment to Comprehensive Plan Committee – no set term, until work is completed.

For the Simpson’s Point Advisory Committee:

- Michael Anne Banks to serve as the position reserved for the abutter
- James Ecker to serve in the position reserved for a neighborhood resident.
- John Muench to serve in the position for an at-large member of the community.

- 86. (ADDED) The Town Council will consider establishing a crosswalk in rainbow colors, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Wilson and Councilor Ankeles) [*\(This item was discussed 10:13 p.m.\)*](#)**

Councilor Wilson introduced this item.

Councilor Mason, Manager Eldridge, Councilor Ankeles made comments.

MOTION:

Councilor Wilson moved, Chair Perreault seconded, to establish a rainbow-colored crosswalk anywhere in town that it’s acceptable to regulations. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA [*\(This item was discussed 10:19 p.m.\)*](#)

- Approval of the minutes of May 13, 2021**
- Approval of a Utility Location Permit (ULP) requested by Maine Natural Gas for Maine Street**
- Appointment of Fran Smith as Warden and Susan Karnes, Sara King and Joe Zrioka as Deputy Wardens for the June 8, 2021 Election**

MOTION:

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

Councilor Watson moved to adjourn.

Item 83 was brought back for reconsideration after the Consent Agenda.

MOTION:

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

[The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.](#)

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*Debra L. Blum
Executive Administrative Assistant
June 10, 2021*

Date of Approval

Council Chair