

**Approved**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL Minutes**  
**August 2, 2021**  
**Executive Session 6:00 P.M.**  
**Regular Meeting - 6:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Town Hall**  
**85 Union Street**

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

**Councilors Absent:** None

**Town Staff Present:** John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Susan Karnes, Deputy Town Clerk; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Jay Astle, Public Works Director; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sally Costello, Economic Development; Dan Devereaux, Coastal Resource Manager and TV video crew.

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

**Executive session to discuss acquisition of real property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) and Personnel Matter per M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to go into executive session to discuss acquisition of real property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) and Personnel Matter per M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Mason arrived after the vote.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Adjustments to Agenda: (ADDED) Item #119; Proposed date change to move September 7, 2021 Council meeting to Thursday, September 9, 2021 due to Rosh Hashanah.**

**Public Comments/Announcements [\*\(6:33 p.m.\)\*](#): None**

**MANAGER'S REPORT** [\*\(This item was discussed at 6:34 p.m.\)\*](#)

- a) **Nomination papers**
- b) **Street Light LED Conversion**
- c) **National Night Out**

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**d) Traffic Alerts for the Week of August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 110. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding “A Resolution Amending the Municipal Budget for the Period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([\*This item was discussed 6:40 p.m.\*](#))**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

**Caitlin Cashman D'Amour**, 14 Hickory Drive, spoke regarding his item.

Councilor Wilson, Chair Perreault, Town Manager Eldridge, and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing

**The council will vote on this item at the August 16, 2021 meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 111. The Town Council will consider adopting “A Resolution Ratifying a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Real Property on the Androscoggin River, Authorizing Acceptance of Grants and Contributions, and Appropriating \$75,911 from the Water Access Fund” (Town Manager Eldridge) ([\*This item was discussed 6:57 p.m.\*](#))**

Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson, Chair Perreault, Ms. Henze, and Town Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watkinson asked a question to which Town Manager Eldridge responded.

**Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Ratifying a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Real Property on the Androscoggin River, Authorizing Acceptance of Grants and Contributions, and Appropriating \$75,911 from the Water Access Fund”. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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- 112. The Town Council will consider a new use in the Growth Outdoor (GO) Zoning District with a conditional use permit, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning and Development) ([\*This item was discussed 7:10 p.m.\*](#))**

Mr. Panfil introduced this item.

Councilor Mason asked a question to which Mr. Panfil replied.

Chair Perreault and Councilor Watkinson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Mason asked questions to which Mr. Panfil and Town Manager Eldridge replied.

Chair Perreault, Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Walker spoke about this item.

Alison Harris (Planning Board Member), 38 Cumberland St. spoke regarding this item.

Tom Wright (owner of building), Freeport, spoke about this item.

Mr. Panfil, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Foye, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watkinson posed a question to which Councilor Walker responded.

**Chair Perreault motioned, Councilor Watson seconded, to table the discussion until the next meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

- 113. The Town Council will consider the Maine Street Sidewalks Safety Preservation Plan, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([\*This item was discussed 8:00 p.m.\*](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, approve the Maine Street Sidewalks Safety Preservation Plan, and will take any appropriate action. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

- 114. The Town Council will consider approval of the purchase of a monument and corresponding plaque commemorating the State of Maine Bicentennial, and will take any appropriate action. (Economic & Community Development Department) ([\*This item was discussed 8:03 p.m.\*](#))**

Sally Costello introduced this item.

Councilor Watson and Chair Perreault asked questions to which Ms. Costello responded.

Councilor Ankeles asked a question to which Town Manager Eldridge replied.

**Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the purchase of a monument and corresponding plaque commemorating the State of Maine Bicentennial. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**115. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town to apply for an Eelgrass Restoration Grant, and will take any appropriate action. (Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission) ([This item was discussed 8:07 p.m.](#))**

Dan Devereaux introduced this item, and responded to questions from Chair Perreault. Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson and Chair Perreault.

Councilor Watson spoke about this item.

**Sue Stableford** (Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission member), 12 Larkspur Lane, spoke regarding this item.

**Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to authorize the Town to apply for an Eelgrass Restoration Grant through the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program and take appropriate action. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**116. The Town Council will consider an “Emergency Moratorium on New Private Permanent Structures in Intertidal Waters” and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker) ([This item was discussed 8:23 p.m.](#))**

Councilor Walker introduced this item.

Chair Perreault asked a question to which Councilor Walker responded.

Town Manager Eldridge, Councilor Wilson, Mr. Panfil, Kristin Collins (Town Attorney, via Zoom), Mr. Devereaux and Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault asked two questions to which Councilor Walker and Ms. Collins responded.

Mr. Panfil and Ms. Collins spoke regarding this item.

Town Manager Eldridge requested Mr. Panfil explain shoreline stabilization.

Councilor Wilson asked a question.

Mr. Panfil and Town Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

**Lee Cataldo**, 552 Harpswell Rd. (via Zoom) spoke regarding this item.

**Sue Stableford**, 12 Larkspur Lane (Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission member), spoke regarding this item.

**Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt an Emergency Moratorium on New Private Permanent Structures (excluding applications that have been deemed complete by staff) in Intertidal Waters. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to set a public hearing for August 16, 2021 to adopt an Ordinance on a Moratorium on New Private Permanent Structures in Intertidal Waters on a regular basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**117. The Town Council will consider an invitation from the Brunswick Sewer District to send representatives to the August 18, 2021 meeting of the Brunswick Sewer District to represent Brunswick as a new agreement with Topsham is negotiated, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 9:02 p.m.](#))**

Councilor Ankeles offered to be the council representative for the August 18, 2021 meeting of the Brunswick Sewer District.

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to send Councilor Ankeles to the meeting of the Brunswick Sewer District. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**118. 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 9:04 p.m.](#))**

**Councilor Ankeles presented the slate (and thanked Councilor Wilson who subbed in for the two other appointments committee members), which the Council supported with nine (9) yeas.**

- James St. Pierre for appointment to the Davis Fund for a 3-year term to begin immediately and to expire on June 30, 2024
- Briane Smithson for reappointment to the Recreation Commission for a 3-year term to begin immediately and to expire on July 1, 2024

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- Richard Moll for reappointment to the Water District for a 3-year term to begin on September 13, 2021 and to expire on September 13, 2024
- Chance Stevens-Griffeth for reappointment to the Cable TV for a 3-year term to begin on September 6, 2021 and to expire on September 6, 2024

The Appointments Committee is declining the appointment of a member to the Marine Resource Committee.

**119. (ADDED) Proposed date change to move the September 7, 2021 council meeting to Thursday, September 9, 2021 due to Rosh Hashanah. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 9:05 p.m.](#))**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, moving the September 7, 2021 council meeting to Thursday, September 9, 2021 due to Rosh Hashanah. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**CONSENT AGENDA ([This item was discussed 9:06 p.m.](#))**

**a) Approval of the minutes from July 19, 2021**

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

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

[The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.](#)

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*Susan M. Karnes  
Town Clerk  
August 4, 2021*

*August 16, 2021  
Date of Approval*

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Council Chair