

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
August 3, 2020
Executive Session – 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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; Sally Costello, Economic Development Director; Julia Henze, Finance Director; and TV video crew

Executive Session: Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Meeting resumed at 7:07 p.m.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) *([This item was discussed at 7:07 p.m.](#))*

None

MANAGER’S REPORT *([This item was discussed at 7:07 p.m.](#))*

a) **Nomination papers for Town Council and School Board**

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, provided this update.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- 107. The Town Council will hear public comments on an amendment to the Marijuana Licensing Ordinance, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) ([This item was discussed at 7:12 p.m.](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

The Council supported unanimously to suspend the rules to vote tonight.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt the proposed amendment to the Marijuana Establishment Licensing Ordinance. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 108. The Town Council will consider supporting a pass-through grant for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry from the Department of Economic and Community Development for food-relief partners in non-entitlement areas across Maine, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:16 p.m.](#))**

Sally Costello, Economic Development Director, introduced this item.

Karen Parker, MidCoast Hunger Prevention, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault and Councilor Watkinson spoke a regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, for the Town of Brunswick to enter into a service contract with the State Department of Housing and Community Development to pass through funds from the 2020 CDBG CV-19 Urgent Need Food Security Program to the Good Shepherd Food Bank for distribution to food-relief partners across Maine. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

- 109. The Town Council will consider the following request for a Seller of Prepared Food on Public Way license for a business on the Brunswick Mall, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:26 p.m.](#))**

Mr. Tuna

Fran Smith introduced this item.

Owner of Mr. Tuna spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to approve Mr. Tuna for a license as a Seller of Prepared Food on Public Way on the Brunswick Mall. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

110. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for August 17, 2020 for adoption of proposed zoning ordinance text amendments regarding Conditional Use Permits, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) ([*This item was discussed at 7:30 p.m.*](#))

Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development, introduced this item

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

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to set a public hearing for August 17, 2020 for proposed zoning ordinance text amendments regarding Conditional Use Permits. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

111. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for August 17, 2020 for proposed amendments to the Town Charter, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 7:46 p.m.*](#))

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to set a public hearing for August 17, 2020 on proposed amendments to the Town Charter. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

112. The Town Council will consider appointing a member to Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:00 p.m.*](#))

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to appoint Councilor Wilson as Brunswick's representative to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

113. The Town Council Chair will consider the nomination of an elected or appointed official from the Town of Brunswick's Senate District to Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:05 p.m.*](#))

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Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

This item was not done at this time pending nominations from MMA

114. The Town Council will consider a “Resolution Supporting Equitable Health Care for All Maine Residents”, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Dan Ankeles) *(This item was discussed at 8:06 p.m.)*

Councilor Ankeles has requested that the attached resolution be considered by the Town Council.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Bill Clark, Brunswick resident

Jean Sawyer, Brunswick resident spoke regarding this item.)

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Watson seconded Motion to adopt “Resolution Supporting Equitable Health Care for All Maine Residents” with adding extra health care including medical, vision, and hearing. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

115. 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 at 8:23 p.m.)*

Councilor Ankeles nominated Bethany Taylor to the Downtown and Pleasant Street Master Plan Implementation Committee as creative economy/non-profit member. The Council support this appointment with nine (9) yeas.

Correspondence *(This item was discussed at 8:25 p.m.)*

Councilor Watson spoke regarding the August 17th Groundbreaking for the Veteran’s Plaza.

Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

Councilor Watkinson spoke on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA *(This item was discussed at 8:25 p.m.)*

a) **Approval of the minutes of July 6 and July 20, 2020:** .

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

[The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.](#)

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

August 31, 2020

September 8, 2020

Date of Approval

Council Chair