

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
August 17, 2020
6:30 P.M. - Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Mason and Councilor Jenkins

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Sally Costello, Economic Development Director; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; and TV video crew

Chair John Perreault opened the meeting.

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) [*\(This item was discussed at 6:33 p.m.\)*](#)

Lucy Derbyshire, Bath, Maine, thanked Council and Police Department

Kathy Wilson spoke about the 100th anniversary for the right to vote for white women.

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

a) Financial update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) Nomination papers

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, provided this update.

PUBLIC HEARING

116. The Town Council will hear public comments on proposed amendments to the Town Charter, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) [*\(This item was discussed at 6:38 p.m.\)*](#)

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

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Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watson, Councilor McGrath spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to to direct the Town Attorney to draft the ballot question(s) to be voted on by Brunswick citizens in November and to leave public hearing open until September 8 when a decision will be made. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

The public hearing will continue on September 8, 2020.

117. The Town Council will hear public comments on proposed zoning ordinance text amendments regarding Conditional Use Permits, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) *(This item was discussed at 6:59 p.m.)*

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Matt Panfil introduced this item.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watkinson, and Chair Perreault asked questions to which staff responded.

The following people spoke regarding this item:

Carol Liscovitz, former Planning Board member.

Attorney, Portland for affected business

Ken Fredettee, 19 Rugosa Way

Greg Hastening, owner 3 Business Parkway

Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

No objection to voting this week.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt proposed zoning ordinance text amendments to the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance regarding Conditional Use Permits with restoring criteria number 5 to have reference to comprehensive plan and adding criteria #6 that is the #2 recommendation from the Planning Board. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor McGrath abstained since he works for the firm representing an affected business

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

NEW BUSINESS

118. The Town Council will consider adopting “A Proclamation Recognizing September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair John Perreault) ([This item was discussed at 7:47 p.m.](#))

Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item

Manager Eldridge read the Proclamation.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt “A Proclamation Recognizing September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”. The motion carried seven (7) yeas.

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

119. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for September 8, 2020 for acceptance of an Economic Development/Business Assistance CDBG grant for Natural Selections, Inc. (Wild Oats), and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:53 p.m.](#))

Ms. Costello introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Watkinson and Chair Perreault.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to set a public hearing for September 8, 2020, to move forward with the CDBG grant process. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

120. The Town Council will consider “A Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Continue Developing the Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Project and to Pursue Grant Funding to Finance the Project, and Stating the Council’s Intention to Utilize TIF Revenues for the Purpose of Financing the Project”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:58 p.m.](#))

Ms. Costello and Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Councilor Walker, Councilor Ankeles, and Chair Perreault.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Continue Developing the Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Project and to Pursue Grant Funding to Finance the Project, and Stating the Council’s Intention to Utilize TIF Revenues for the Purpose of Financing the Project”. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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

121. The Town Council will consider providing return postage for absentee ballots, and will take any appropriate action. ([This item was discussed at 8:08 p.m.](#))

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item and responded to questions from Council members.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor McGrath seconded, to include return postage for absentee ballots. The motion carried with five (5) yeas. Councilor Wilson and Councilor Watson were opposed.

122. The Town Council will consider the slate of proposed nominees to serve on the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) Executive Committee as selected by the MMA Nominating Committee, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 8:40 p.m.](#))

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to accept the slate of nominees for MMA Vice President and Executive Committee members as presented on the ballot. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

[The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
September 14, 2020*

September 21, 2020
Date of Approval

Council Chair