

**Approved**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**September 16, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M. - Regular Meeting**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Town Hall**  
**85 Union Street**

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

**Councilors Absent:** None

**Town Staff Present:** John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Ryan Leighton, Assistant Town Manager; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Matt Panfil, Planning and Development Director; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Jay Astle, Public Works Director; and TV video crew

Chair John Perreault called the meeting to order, asked for roll call, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**Public Comments/Announcements:** (for items not on the agenda) [\*\(This item was discussed at 6:30 p.m.\)\*](#)

**Richard Fisco**, 2 Lincoln Street, said the annual property tax should be no more than a 3% increase.

**Jim Trusiani**, 6 Pleasant Street, asked questions about the Go Fund Me site set up for the asylum seekers and questioned why there was not one for others like the homeless or veterans. He asked about the Town Manager's raises and contract. He spoke on the tax increase, which does not yet include any school debt.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** [\*\(This item was discussed at 6:41 p.m.\)\*](#)

**a) Financial update**

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

**b) Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) – Pool Table Improvements**

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

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

**c) 2019 Tax Commitment**

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

**d) Cable Television Franchise**

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

**e) Asylum Seekers**

Manager Eldridge provided this update, and responded to questions from Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Watson.

Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 123. The Town Council will take public comments on Special Amusement license applications, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)**  
*[\(This item was discussed at 6:54 p.m.\)](#)*

**Special Amusement**

**Moody's Black Pearl, Inc.  
D/B/A: Moody's Black Pearl  
32 Bath Road**

**Scott Moody**

**Frontier Group  
D/B/A: Frontier  
14 Maine Street**

**Michael Gilroy**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

**Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve Special Amusement licenses for Moody's Black Pearl, 32 Bath Road, and Frontier, 14 Maine Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 124. The Town Council will consider “A Resolution to Acknowledge Maine’s Indigenous Cultures”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [\(This item was discussed at 6:57 p.m.\)](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

**Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution to Acknowledge Maine’s Indigenous Cultures”. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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

- 125. The Town Council will consider sending a letter to Trinidad, Cuba, affirming their support of a continued sister city relationship, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Dan Ankeles) [\(This item was discussed at 6:58 p.m.\)](#)**

Councilor Ankeles introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Wilson and Councilor Millett.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Donna Neff, Outreach Coordinator for the Brunswick-Trinidad Sister City Association, provided information on the program and responded to questions from Councilor Jenkins.

**Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to send a letter to Cuba affirming the sister city relationship between the Town of Brunswick and Trinidad, Cuba. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of a letter to Trinidad, Cuba will be attached to the official minutes.)*

- 126. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for October 7, 2019, on proposed zoning ordinance text amendments regarding regulations pertaining to 15 percent slopes in Rural Protection 1 (RP1) and Rural Protection 2 (RP2) with a Rural Protection Stormwater Management Overlay (RPSMO) District, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [\(This item was discussed at 7:08 p.m.\)](#)**

Manager Eldridge and Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development, introduced this item.

Councilor Millett, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Wilson asked questions, to which Mr. Panfil responded.

**Bob Golledge**, 11 Howard's Point Lane, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Millett and Chair Perreault spoke on this item.

**Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for October 7, 2019, for consideration of the proposed zoning ordinance amendments to the RP1 and RP2 Districts. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Millett was opposed.**

**127. The Town Council will discuss recommendations from the Recycling & Sustainability Committee regarding the current method of residential curbside collection and disposal of recyclables, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) *(This item was discussed at 8:04 p.m.)***

**Mike Wilson**, Chair of the Recycling and Sustainability Committee, and Jay Astle, Public Works Director, introduced this item.

Mr. Astle responded to questions from Councilor Mason, Councilor Millett, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Ankeles.

**Chrissy Adamowicz**, 76 McKeen Street and Recycling and Sustainability Committee, spoke regarding this item.

*(A copy of a memo from the Chair of the Recycling & Sustainability Committee, Mike Wilson, and the Public Works Director, Jay Astle, will be attached to the official minutes.)*

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS** *(This item was discussed at 8:40 p.m.)*

Reports were given on the Tree Committee (regarding a tree nursery) and the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Councilor Millett said a citizen suggested the town install electric car chargers for public use.

Councilor Ankeles spoke about a letter from Susan Olcott of the Marine Resources Committee on shoreline vegetation removal.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding Veteran Plaza fundraising opportunities.

Councilor Watkinson said the Great State of Maine Airshow is coming next summer.

**CONSENT AGENDA** *(This item was discussed at 8:50 p.m.)*

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 3, 2019**
- b) Approval of a Utility Location Permit**

**Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of CA-b supporting materials will be attached to the official minutes.)*

**Executive Session:** Economic Development per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) and Personnel Matter per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Jenkins second, to go into executive session to discuss Economic Development per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) and Personnel Matter per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A), and to adjourn after executive session. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

[The regular meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith  
Town Clerk  
September 22, 2019*

October 7, 2019  
*Date of Approval*

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Council Chair