

Adopted
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
November 4, 2019
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
Executive session after the business meeting
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Dan Jenkins

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Ryan Leighton, Assistant Town Manager; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Matt Panfil, Planning and Development Director; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; 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:

Item 152 was taken up prior to item 150.

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) *[\(This item was discussed at 6:32 p.m.\)](#)*

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke about a moderate tax increase for taxpayers.

Kay Mann, Outreach Coordinator for Maine Green Power, and member of the Recycling & Sustainability Committee, presented Chair John Perreault with a plaque for the Town Council for supporting Maine renewable energy.

Lucy Derbyshire, 121 Bowery Street, Bath, spoke about her concern with homelessness.

Ben Hartwell, representing Matthew Bowen of 135 Columbia Avenue, spoke about the Central Maine Power project and asked questions, to which Town Manager Eldridge responded. Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker and Council Millett also commented.

MANAGER'S REPORT *[This item was discussed at 6:58 p.m.\)](#)*

a) Election reminder

Chair Perreault gave the Council and public information on tomorrow's election.

PUBLIC HEARING

145. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following liquor license applications, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:01 p.m.\)*](#)

There was a separate motion for each of the two (2) liquor license applicants.

Full-Time Vinous & Malt

Chung and Pastor, LLC

D/B/A: Maine Street Steak & Oyster

148 Maine Street

Sun Y. Chung & Sarah E. Gabrielson

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Councilor Millett asked questions, which were answered by Town Manager Eldridge and the restaurant's owner, Sun Y. Chung.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve a liquor license for Maine Street Steak & Oyster, 148 Maine Street. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Full-Time Spirituous, Vinous & Malt

OrrC, LLC

D/B/A: The Great Impasta

42 Maine Street

Christopher Orr & Leyna Valek

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing and introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Councilor Kathy Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to approve a liquor license for the Great Impasta, 42 Maine Street. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

146. The Town Council will hear public comments on “An Ordinance Establishing the Compensation of the Town Council of the Town of Brunswick, Maine”, to increase the Council pay to \$4,000.00 for councilors and \$5,000.00 for the Council chair, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Jane Millett) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:13 p.m.\)*](#)

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson and Council Chair Perreault commented.

The following people spoke regarding this item:

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Jean Powers, 40 Redwood Lane

Joe Ciarrocca, Brunswick

Lucy Derbyshire, 121 Bowery Street, Bath

Nancy Randolph, Topsham

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

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

The Council did not vote on this item tonight. The majority would like to increase compensation for the vice chair and hold a vote at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

147. The Town Council will discuss issues related to assisting asylum seekers, and will determine if any action is necessary. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:35 p.m.\)*](#)

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson asked a question, which Town Manager Eldridge answered.

The following people spoke regarding this item:

Sarah Singer, TEAN, School Board member

Elizabeth Sokoloff, School Board member

Vladimir Douhovnikoff

Carol Kalajainen, 28 Palmer, Midcoast New Mainers Support Group

Carol Masterson, 22 Bowker Street, read a letter from Becky Shepard, Wild Oats

Danielle Keller

Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Mason asked questions, which Town Manager Eldridge and Tom Farrell, Director of Parks & Recreation, answered.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Millett made comments.

Kathleen Funderburk, 18 High Street, spoke regarding this item.

Dick Pevoski, 23 Hawthorne, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson asked a question, which Ms. Funderburk answered.

Town Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Council Chair Perreault called for a 5-minute break.

148. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for November 18, 2019, regarding proposed amendments to the parking ordinance Chapter 15 – Traffic and Vehicles, and will take any appropriate action. (Police Department) *(This item was discussed at 7:50 p.m.)*

Commander Mark Waltz introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Millett and Councilor Walker asked questions, which Commander Waltz answered.

Alex Chaiken, 233 Middle Bay Road, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watkinson asked a question, which Commander Waltz answered.

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to set a public hearing for November 18, 2019, for proposed parking ordinance changes as detailed in Commander Waltz's memo. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

149. The Town Council will consider a request from the Brunswick Police Department to apply for and to expend monies from a federal Edward Byrne Memorial pass through grant, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) *(This item was discussed at 7:58 p.m.)*

Commander Waltz introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to authorize permission for the Brunswick Police Department to apply for and to expend monies from the Edward Byrne Memorial pass-through grant. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

150. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town to apply for a Vehicle Charging Station Grant, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Dan Ankeles) *(This item was discussed at 8:05 p.m.)*

Councilor Ankeles introduced this item.

Town Manager Eldridge and Assistant Town Manager Ryan Leighton spoke regarding this item, and answered questions from Councilor Millett, Councilor Walker and Councilor Watkinson.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to apply, and if awarded, to expend monies from a Level 2 Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant through Efficiency Maine.

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

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Chair Perreault and Councilor Watkinson asked questions, which Town Manager Eldridge and Assistant Town Manager Ryan Leighton answered.

The motion was withdrawn by Councilor Ankeles.

NEW MOTION

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to apply for, and if awarded, have the Town Council consider spending money on a Level 2 Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant through Efficiency Maine. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Millett was opposed.

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

- 151. The Town Council will consider authorizing a letter supporting the Maine Department of Transportation's Option 6A for the Maine Street Bridge "Pool Table" Project, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)**
(This item was discussed at 8:25 p.m.)

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

There was no discussion.

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, for the Town Council to send a letter to the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) supporting Option 6A for the Maine Street Bridge – "Pool Table" Project. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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

Item #152 was taken up before Item #150

- 152. The Town Council will consider an order "Authorizing the Town of Brunswick to Become a Member of the Greater Portland Transit District", and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)** *(This item was discussed at 8:01 p.m.)*

Town Manager Eldridge introduced **Greg Jordan**, General Manager of Greater Portland Metro.

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Watson asked questions, which Town Manager Eldridge and Greg Jordan answered.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to approve an order "authorizing the Town of Brunswick to become a member of the Greater Portland Transit District", provided that the statute is amended, with rights and duties specified in metro's by-laws. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

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- 153. The Town Council will consider an increase in the Town Manager's salary of 3%, and will take any appropriate action. (Council Chair John Perreault) ([This item was discussed at 9:26 p.m.](#))**

Chair Perreault introduced this item.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson, Councilor Millett, Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Wilson commented on this item.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to approve a 3% salary increase for the Town Manager, retroactive to July 1, 2019. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 154. The Town Council will consider providing a letter of support for the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority's (NNEPRA) proposed projects in Wells, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 9:30 p.m.](#))**

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

There was no discussion.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to provide a letter of support to the US Department of Transportation for NNEPRA's projects in Wells. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 155. The Town Council will consider ratifying a contract between the Town of Brunswick and the Teamsters Local Union #340 for the Public Works Department for July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2022, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 9:34 p.m.](#))**

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

There was no discussion.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to ratify the contract between the Town of Brunswick and the Teamsters Local Union #340 for the Public Works Department for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS ([This item was discussed at 9:36 p.m.](#))

Reports were given for the Teen Center Advisory Committee and the Tree Committee.

Councilor Millett reported on a Northwest Brunswick Neighborhood meeting that she attended where the issue of Airbnbs was discussed.

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Councilor Watson spoke of a Veterans' Day event at the Post and the Berean Baptist Church's free dinner with a veteran of the USS Forrestal as a guest speaker.

CONSENT AGENDA *(This item was discussed at 9:41 p.m.)*

a) Minutes of October 21, 2019.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Acquisition of real property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to go into executive session to discuss Acquisition of Real Property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) , and to adjourn after the executive session. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

[The regular meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.](#)

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*Debra L. Blum
Administrative Assistant
November 6, 2019*

November 18, 2019
Date of Approval

Council Chair