

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
November 7, 2022
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Sandra Updegraph, Abby King, Kate Foye, Christopher Watkinson, James Mason, Kathy Wilson and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: None.

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Tom Farrell, Parks & Recreation Director; Dan Devereaux, Coastal Resources Manager and the video crew.

Chair Mason opened the meeting and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to Agenda: Chair Mason added item 177 and requested it be moved to the beginning of the agenda. There were no objections.

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

Carol O'Donnell, 305 Maine Street

MANAGER'S REPORT *(This item was discussed 6:43 p.m.)*

- a) **Election Reminder:** Town Manager Eldridge gave this reminder.
- b) **Committee Reporting – Planning Board:** Councilor Watson, Chair of the Appointments Committee, introduced this item. Planning Board Chair, Bill Dana, gave this report.

PUBLIC HEARING *(This item was discussed 7:02 p.m.)*

- 171. **The Town Council will hear public comments on an “Emergency Moratorium Regarding Development in the Maquoit Bay Watershed”, on an emergency and a regular basis, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Mason)**

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

The following people spoke:

Glen Michaels, 46 Gundalo Gap Road
Cody Gillis, Thomas Point Road

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Liza Thurlow, Jewell Street
Katherine Fox-Koerber, Rossmore Road
Yvonne Harrower, 48 Melden Drive and Paul's Marina
Ivy Frignoca, Friends of Casco Bay baykeeper
Alexandra Rink, 423 Mere Point Road
Jeff Gillis, 3 MacMillan Drive
Louisa Hart, 53 Rossmore Road
Paul Hickey, 20 Rossmore Road
Justin Strasburger, Seguin Drive
Crystal Canney, Executive Director of Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage Foundation
Jean Ramsey, 1044 Mere Point Road
Valerie Scott, 27 Damarin Lane
Amy Chow, attorney for Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage Foundation
Chris Normand, Peterson Lane
Sandy Stott, Conservation Commission
Molly Standoc, Pennelville Road
Baxter Worthing, 27 Damarin Lane

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

The Council agreed to suspend the rules and vote on this item tonight.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Wilson, Councilor King, Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Watson made comments regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt an "Emergency Moratorium Regarding Development in the Maquoit Bay Watershed", on an emergency and a regular basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

#177 was taken up first in new business – time 8:16 pm

172. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Police Department to accept and expend a \$15,620 grant from the Department of Justice, and will take any appropriate action. (Police Chief Scott Stewart) (This item was discussed 8:42 p.m.)

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson made a comment.

Councilor Foye left the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the Town of Brunswick to accept and expend a grant of \$15,620 to the Police Department from the Department of Justice for the Project Lifesaver Program. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

173. **The Town Council will consider authorizing the Police Department to accept and expend a \$125,000 grant from the Department of Justice, and will take any appropriate action. (Police Chief Scott Stewart) (This item was discussed 8:45 p.m.)**

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker asked a question, which Manager Eldridge answered.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Watkinson commented.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the Town of Brunswick to accept and expend a grant of \$125,000 to the Police Department from the Department of Justice for the “Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing” program. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

174. **The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town Manager to execute a quit claim deed for a piece of land on Mere Point Road, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 8:53 p.m.)**

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker made a comment.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to execute a quit-claim deed which releases a piece of land on Mere Point Road. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

175. **The Town Council will consider a request to rename the 250th Anniversary Park and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Wilson) (This item was discussed 8:55 p.m.)**

Councilor Updegraph introduced this item.

The following people spoke:

Doug Bennett, representing the Durham Friends Meeting group

Millie Stewart, 81 Old Bath Road, Chair of the 250th Anniversary Brunswick Committee

Frank Connors, off Gurnet Road

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watson, Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Updegraph commented.

Tom Farrell, Director of Parks & Recreation, spoke about this item.

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James McCarthy via zoom

Ingrid Chalafour, Cluf Bay Road, via zoom

Craig Freshley, Hacker Road, via zoom

Councilor Updegraph moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to table this item indefinitely. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

176. 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 9:33 p.m.)*

Councilor Watson made the following nominations:

Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee:

- Caitlin McNeil for the balance of a three-year term ending June 1, 2024

Village Review Board:

- Claudia Knox for a three-year term beginning October 20, 2022 and ending October 20, 2025

Trust Fund Advisory Committee:

- Josh Lincoln for the remainder of a three-year term ending May 10, 2025

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Nick Livesay for a three-year term beginning November 20, 2022 and ending November 20, 2025

The Council supported this slate with eight (8) yeas.

177. (ADDED) The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town Manager to execute a purchase and sales agreement with Mere Point Development, LLC, to acquire approximately 283 acres, as identified as Map 25 Lot 38, on the tax maps of the Town of Brunswick AND to schedule a November 21, 2022 public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would authorize the acquisition of said property and funding for the acquisition in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000. *(This item was discussed 7:18 p.m.)*

Town Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to schedule a public hearing for November 21, 2022 on a proposed ordinance that would authorize the acquisition of property identified as Map 25 Lot 39 in Brunswick. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson and Councilor Ankeles spoke on this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Debra Blum

Executive Administrative Assistant

November 12, 2022

November 21, 2022

Date of approval

Council Chair