

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
December 2, 2019
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
Executive Session prior to Business Meeting
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, John M. Perreault, Dan Jenkins, 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; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Garrepy, Police Commander; and TV video crew

Chair John Perreault called the meeting to order and asked for the roll call.

Executive session to discuss acquisition of real property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to go into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) for discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition or the use of real or personal property. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Chair John Perreault resumed the meeting and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to Agenda

To add Item 172 to amend the Recycling and Sustainability Charge to add a member and have the Council representative as a nonvoting member.

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

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke regarding money and spending it terms of budgeting and society.

Laura Lienert, 10 High Street, thanked Councilor Millett for all her service to our community.

MANAGER'S REPORT ([*This item was discussed at 6:37 p.m.*](#))

a) Dog License Reminder

Manager Eldridge and Fran Smith, Town Clerk, provided this reminder

b) Holiday Trash Pick-up/Graham Road Landfill Hours

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

c) Social Service Funding

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

Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

d) Asylum Seekers and Welcome Center

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

PUBLIC HEARING

164. The Town Council will hear public comments on proposed zoning ordinance text amendments regarding marijuana use definitions, established in *Section 1.7.2 – Definitions*, and minor changes to business licensing provisions in *Chapter 10, Sec. 10-26 – Licensing*, and in the Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines, to clarify and to be more consistent with the State definitions, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 6:50 p.m.*](#))

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

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

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting tonight

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt the proposed ordinance text amendments regarding marijuana definitions, and the changes to Chapter 10, Sec. 10-26 Licensing, and in Appendix B – Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

165. The Town Council will consider adopting a “Climate Change Resolution” and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Jane Millett) ([*This item was discussed at 6:52 p.m.*](#))

Councilor Millett introduced this item.

Leif Maynard and **Perrin Milliken**, members of Sunrise Bowdoin, spoke regarding this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Wilson, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Watkinson.

Councilor Walker and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt the “Climate Change Resolution.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 166. The Town Council will consider allowing the Police Department to apply for, and if received, expend, grant applications for five (5) pass-through traffic safety grants with administrative in-kind matches, and will take any appropriate action. (Brunswick Police Department) [\(This item was discussed at 7:06 p.m.\)](#)**

Tom Garrepy, Police Commander, introduced this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Millett and Councilor Mason.

Councilor Millett and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to authorize the Brunswick Police Department to apply for, and if awarded, to expend, the listed federal pass-through grants with administrative in-kind matches.

- **2020 Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Traffic Enforcement grant**
- **2020 Speed Enforcement grant**
- **2020 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over (OUI Enforcement) grant**
- **2020 Distracted Driving Enforcement grant**
- **2020 Seat Belt Enforcement (Click it or Ticket) grant**

The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 167. The Town Council will receive proposed updates to the Village Review Overlay (VRO) District Design Guidelines, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [\(This item was discussed at 7:12 p.m.\)](#)**

Matt Panfil introduced this item.

Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Mr. Panfil responded to questions from Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Millett, Councilor Walker, and Chair Perreault.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Laura Lienert, 10 High Street and former member of Village Review Board, spoke regarding this item.

- 168. The Town Council will consider “An Order Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Parking Agreement with JHR Development of Maine”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:27 p.m.](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt the “An Order Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Parking Agreement with JHR Development of Maine.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 169. The Town Council will consider exercising its option for a five-year renewal to its lease for the Train Station/Visitor Center, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:34 p.m.](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles and Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to exercise the town’s option to extend the train station lease for a second 5-year period. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 170. The Town Council will consider “An Order Authorizing the Acceptance of Property from Maine Gravel Services, Inc.”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:38 p.m.](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Millett and Councilor Ankeles.

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

Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to adopt “An Order Authorizing the Acceptance of Property from Maine Gravel Services Inc.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

171. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town’s Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:07 p.m.\)*](#)

Councilor Jenkins nominated the following people:

Assessment Review Board

- Richard McInnes (reappointment) for a 3-year term to begin on January 12, 2020 and to expire on January 12, 2023

Recycling and Sustainability Committee

- Steven Weems for a balance of a 3-year term to begin immediately and to expire on January 1, 2022
- Stephen Wood for a balance of a 3-year term to begin immediately and to expire on January 1, 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Nicholas Livesay (reappointment) as full member for a 3-year term to begin on immediately and to expire on November 20, 2022

The Council supported this slate unanimously.

172. (ADDED) The Council will consider adding a ninth citizen member to the Recycling and Sustainability Committee, and to make its Council representative a nonvoting member, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:09 p.m.\)*](#)

Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to add a ninth citizen member to the Recycling and Sustainability Committee, and to make its Council representative a nonvoting member. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE [*\(This item was discussed at 8:13 p.m.\)*](#)

Councilor Watkinson spoke regarding the new Elementary School’s budget coming in at a cost of \$26,250,000, below the requested amount.

Councilor Ankeles said CMP is not going to start powerline project until September 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA (*This item was discussed at 8:15 p.m.*)

a) Approval of the minutes of November 18, 2019

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to approved the consent agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Mason abstained as he was not at that meeting.

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

[The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
December 6, 2019*

December 16, 2019
Date of Approval

Council Chair