

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
January 24, 2019
Executive Session at end of meeting
Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.
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; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; Linda Smith, Director of Economic Development; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Julia Henze, Finance Director; and TV video crew

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

The Town Clerk provided roll call and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed.

Adjustments to Agenda

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

Moment of silence for Clement Wilson, former Town Councilor, and Jonathan Farmer, a Bowdoin graduate and member of the military who lost his life while serving our country.

MANAGER'S REPORT [*\(This item was discussed at 6:34 p.m.\)*](#)

a) Financial update

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

b) Dog Licenses – Reminder

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, provided this report.

c) Cook's Corner Mall

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

Stan Klantz, representing Katz, the Cook's Corner mall owner, and **Mitch Feeney**, representing Hannaford, spoke regarding this item.

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

d) (ADDED) Recognize retiring Linda Smith, Director of Economic Development

Manager Eldridge recognized Linda Smith and thanked her for her service to the town. She thanked the town, Council and staff for their support throughout the years.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 4. The Town Council will hear public comments on an application for a special amusement license, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 6:58 p.m.\)*](#)**

Special Amusement

**Odd Duck FSE
D/B/A: Odd Duck FSE
11 Pleasant Street**

Rebecca Marcos

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Odd Duck staff members spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson and Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to approve an initial special amusement license for Odd Duck, FSE, 11 Pleasant Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5. The Town Council will consider appointing Bryan Bachelder to the position of , and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:04 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item

Bryan Bachelder spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Councilor Millett.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to appoint Mr. Bryan Bachelder to the position of Brunswick's Sealer of Weights and Measures. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

6. **The Town Council will consider Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust's and Maine Coast Heritage Trust's request for a Town contribution of \$150,000 from funds set aside for water access purposes, toward the Woodward Point conservation effort, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Watkinson) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:09 p.m.\)*](#)**

Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Watkinson introduced this item.

Councilor Walker, as an employee of Maine Coast Heritage Trust, recused himself from the discussion.

Councilor Millett, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Jenkins, and Chair Perreault spoke and asked questions regarding this item.

Angela Twitchell, Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust and **Keith Fletcher**, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, spoke and answered Councilors' questions.

The following people spoke regarding this item:

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street

Alison Harris, 38 Cumberland Street

Derek Scrapchansky, 7 Leeward Cove Road

Caitlin Gerber, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, spoke regarding this and responded to Councilors' questions.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to grant \$150,000 from funds set aside from the sale of 946 Mere Point Road for public water access, to BTLT/MCHT for the purpose of conserving the Woodward Point property. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Walker abstained.

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

7. **The Town Council will consider the annual request by the Brunswick Marine Resource Committee to open and close coastal waters within the Town for 2019, and will take any appropriate action. (Marine Resource Committee) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:46 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge explained this item.

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Kathy Wilson seconded, to give to the Marine Resource Committee, under the Brunswick Municipal Code, permission to open and close local waters within the Town in 2019. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of a memo from Harbor Master Dan Devereaux will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 8. The Town Council will receive a report with recommendations for shelter definitions and zoning from the Planning Board, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:47 p.m.](#))**

Chair Perreault and Councilor Mason introduced this item.

Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

- 9. The Town Council will consider a process for appointing a Comprehensive Plan Update Committee by spring 2019, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 7:56 p.m.](#))**

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

Councilor Millett, Councilor Walker, Chair Perreault, and Councilor Ankeles spoke on this item.

- 10. The Town Council will consider a “Resolution Authorizing the Town Treasurer to Waive Foreclosure on Certain Real Estate Tax Lien Mortgages”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 8:08 p.m.](#))**

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

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt a “Resolution Authorizing the Town Treasurer to Waive Foreclosure on Certain Real Estate Tax Lien Mortgages”. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of a memo from Finance Director Julia Henze and the adopted resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 11. The Chair will make appointments of Council members to represent various boards and subcommittees, and will take any appropriate action. (Council Chair John Perreault) ([This item was discussed at 8:14 p.m.](#))**

Chair Perreault made the following appointments:

Appointments Sub-committee – Councilor Jenkins, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Mason

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Councilor Watkinson

Brunswick Development Corporation – Councilor Mason, Councilor Wilson

Cable Television Committee - Councilor Watson

Citizens Initiative Clarity Board – Councilor Mason, Councilor Jenkins

Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Master Plan Implementation Committee – Councilor Millett, Councilor Wilson

Finance Committee – Chair Perreault, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles

Fire Station Task Force – Councilor Millett, Councilor Watson, Councilor Wilson

Recycling and Sustainability Committee – Councilor Walker

Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission – Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson

Solid Waste Task Force - Chair Perreault, Councilor Walker. Councilor Jenkins

Teen Center Advisory Board - Councilor Millett

TIF – MRRA Districts Committee – Councilor Mason, Councilor Watson, Councilor Watkinson

Tree Committee – Councilor Ankeles

Trust Fund Advisory Committee – Councilor Millett

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*[This item was discussed at 8:14 p.m.](#)*)

Reports were given from MPIC, Rivers and Coastal Waters, and Finance Committees.

Councilor Walker spoke regarding a citizen inquiry about when the Solid Waste Task Force was going to meet again and an email regarding the solar assessment issue.

CONSENT AGENDA (*[This item was discussed at 8:19 p.m.](#)*)

a) Approval of the minutes of December 17, 2018

b) Approval of the minutes of January 7, 2019

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Executive Session: – Acquisition of real property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) and labor negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to go into executive session to discuss acquisition of real property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) and labor negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

[The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.](#)

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

January 27, 2019

February 4, 2019

Date of Approval

Council Chair