

**Draft**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**January 4, 2021**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers Town Hall**  
**85 Union Street**

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

**Councilors Absent:** None

**Town Staff Present:** John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation Department and TV video crew.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, opened the meeting and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed.

- 1. Elections and Appointments** *(This item was discussed at 6:38 p.m.)*
  - a. Election of Council Chair.**

Ms. Smith called for nominations

Councilor Wilson nominated Councilor Perreault.

Seeing no other nominations, Ms. Smith closed nominations and called for a vote.

**The Council voted unanimously (8 yeas) to appoint Councilor Perreault as the 2021 Council Chair.**

- b. Election of Council Vice Chair.**  
Chair Perreault asked for nomination for Vice Chair.

Councilor Ankeles nominated Councilor Mason.

Seeing no other nominations, Chair Perreault closed nominations and called for a vote.

**The Council voted unanimously (8 yeas) to appoint Councilor Mason as the 2021 Council Vice Chair.**

- c. The Town Council will appoint the Town Attorney.**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to appoint Preti Flaherty as the Town Attorney and accept their rate changes. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

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- d. The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to the following:
- Appointments Sub-committee
  - Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
  - Brunswick Development Corporation (2 members)
  - Cable Television Committee
  - Citizens Initiative Clarity Board (2 member)
  - Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Master Plan Implementation Committee
  - Finance Committee (3 members)
  - Recycling and Sustainability Committee
  - Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission
  - Teen Center Advisory Board
  - TIF – MRRA Districts Committee (3 members)
  - Tree Committee
  - Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Chair Perreault made the following appointments:

**Appointments Subcommittee**

Daniel Ankeles

Katherine Foye

Christopher Watkinson

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Adv. Comm.**

Daniel Ankeles

**Brunswick Development Corporation**

Katherine Foye

James Mason

**Cable Television Committee**

W. David Watson

**Citizens Initiative Clarity Board**

Daniel Ankeles

Daniel Jenkins

**Comprehensive Plan Committee**

John Perreault

Christopher Watkinson

Katherine Wilson

**Downtown & Outer Pleasant St Plan Implem**

Katherine Foye

Katherine Wilson

**Finance Committee**

Daniel Ankeles

Daniel Jenkins

Stephen Walker

**Recycling & Sustainability Committee**

Stephen Walker

**Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission**

W. David Watson

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Katherine Wilson

**Teen Center Advisory Board**

Katherine Foye

**TIF -Brunswick Landing Committee**

James Mason

Christopher Watkinson

W. David Watson

**Tree Committee**

Stephen Walker

**Trust Fund Advisory Committee**

James Mason

2. **The Town Council will set the dates for the 2021 Regular Council Meetings, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)** [\*\(This item was discussed at 6:45 p.m.\)\*](#)

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to approve the Council meeting schedule for 2021. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

3. **The Town Council will consider “A Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation of \$25,000 from Available TIF Revenues for the Purpose of Funding a Downtown Parking Demand and Management Study”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)** [\*\(This item was discussed at 6:46 p.m.\)\*](#)

Sally Costello, Economic Development Director, and Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development, introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Mason, Councilor Walker, Chair Perreault.

**Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation of \$25,000 from Available TIF Revenues for the Purpose of Funding a Downtown Parking Demand and Management Study”. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Chair Perreault was opposed.**

4. **The Town Council will discuss land use issues related to property located on the west side of Brunswick Landing along Harpswell Road and take any appropriate actions. (Councilor Dan Ankeles)** [\*\(This item was discussed at 7:15 p.m.\)\*](#)

Councilor Ankeles introduced this item.

Steve Levesque, Executive Director of MRRA, and Lois Skillings and Rita Armstrong, members of the Board, spoke regarding this item.

Mr. Levesque responded to questions from Councilor Walker and Chair Perreault.

Manager Eldridge responded to questions from Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Walker.

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

John Hodge, Housing Authority Director, spoke a regarding this item.

The following people called in to speak:

**Matt Bowen**, 135 Columbia Avenue

**Anne Hayden**, 6 Bowker Street

**Ken Heyburn**, Dark Systems

**Jane Millet**, Franklin Street

**Flexis and Mark Battle**, 18 Bowker Street

**Bruce Kantner**, 72 Rossmore Road

**Brunswick property owner**, Peaks Island resident

**Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to direct the Town Manager to enter into negotiations with MRRA to purchase all properties discussed in this item for conservation and recreation purposes. The motion carried with five (5) yeas. Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Jenkins were opposed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA** (*[This item was discussed at 9:45 p.m.](#)*)

- a) **Approval of a Utility Location Permit from GWI for three poles on Bath Road**
- b) **Approval of the date of January 19, 2021 for public hearings that were scheduled from the December 2020 meetings.**

**Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

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

[The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith*

*Town Clerk*

*January 16, 2021*

February 1, 2021

*Date of Approval*

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Council Chair

