

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
January 17, 2023
6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

All Votes to be Taken Via Roll Call

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Abby King, Sandra Updegraph, Nathaniel Shed, James Mason, Kathy Wilson and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, 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: None

Public Comments/Announcements (for non-agenda items) *(This item was discussed at 6:37 p.m.)*

The following people spoke about the Council reconsidering having all brick on the sidewalks downtown:

- Corwin Mendenhall, 2 Iris Way
- Bruce Kantner, 72 Rossmore Road
- Randall Arendt, 6 Sparwell Lane
- Dave Millar, Riley Insurance owner

Councilor Watson spoke of the great success of the fund raising for the Veteran's Plaza.

MANAGER'S REPORT *(This item was discussed at 7:10 pm.)*

a) Financial Update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) Dog licenses

Clerk Smith provided this update.

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c) District 5 Council Nomination papers

Clerk Smith provided this update.

d) LD 3 – Heating and Housing Assistance

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Updegraph spoke regarding this item.

e) Maquoit Road Property Purchase

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

f) 2023 Budget/CIP schedule

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

g) Parking Bans

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

h) Asylum seekers and refugee update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Watson asked questions to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Chair Mason spoke regarding this item.

i) Bowdoin College Athletic Fields update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

j) CBDG Letter of Intent – Good Shephard Food Bank

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

k) Committee Reports – Recycling and Sustainability

Jamie Ecker, Chair of the Committee, provided this report and responded to questions from the Council.

Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Mr. Steve Weems responded.

l) (ADDED) Aquaculture Project

Manager Eldridge and Dan Devereaux spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Councilor Walker.

m) (ADDED) Water Main Extension on Old Bath Road request to the County

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 3. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding adopting, on an emergency and a regular basis, an “Emergency Moratorium Regarding Affordable Housing,” and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager)**
(This item was discussed at 8:04 pm.)

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Carol O’Donnell, 305 Maine Street and member of Housing Committee

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

The Council was fine with voting on this item this evening.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt an extension, on an emergency basis, of the “Emergency Moratorium Regarding Affordable Housing” ordinance for a period of 180 days for an emergency and regular basis. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 4. The Town Council will consider a “Maquoit Bay Watershed Moratorium Map Clarification Amendment”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager)**
(This item was discussed at 8:09 pm.)

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

The Council was fine with voting on this item this evening.

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Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Updegraph seconded, to adopt the “Maquoit Bay Watershed Moratorium Map Clarification Amendment.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 5. The Town Council will consider appointing the Town Attorney for 2023, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Mason) *(This item was discussed at 8:14 p.m.)***

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to appoint Preti Flaherty with Stephen Langsdorf and Kristin Collins serving as the lead attorneys as the Town Attorney for the year 2023 per the terms outlined in the redlined proposal included as attached to the official minutes. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 6. The Town Council will consider establishing the number of 2023-2024 shellfish licenses in accordance with Marine Activities, Structures and Ways Chapter 11, Section 140 Limitation number of licenses, and will take any appropriate action. (Marine Resources Committee) *(This item was discussed at 8:18 p.m.)***

Dan Devereaux introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Watson and Councilor Updegraph.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to establish the number of 2023-2024 shellfish licenses in accordance with Marine Activities, Structures and Ways Chapter 11, Section 140 Limitation number of licenses as recommended by the Marine Resources Committee as attached to the official minutes. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 7. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town of Brunswick to accept and expend an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) of \$8,931, and will take any appropriate action. (Police Chief Scott Stewart) *(This item was discussed at 8:29 p.m.)***

Chief Stewart introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor King seconded, to accept and expend an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$8,931. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

8. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for February 6, 2023, for the proposed “An Ordinance Authorizing Construction of Phase I-Tier 1A of the Midcoast Area Recreation Complex (MARC) for a Total of One Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,120,000), Appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) from Recreation Impact Fees to Match a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), and Acceptance of Grants and Contributions to Provide Funding of MARC Phase I-Tier 1A,” and will take any appropriate action. (MARC) (This item was discussed at 8:32 p.m.)**

Director Costello introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Director Farrell responded.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for February 6, 2023, for the proposed “An Ordinance Authorizing Construction of Phase I-Tier 1A of the Midcoast Area Recreation Complex (MARC) for a Total of One Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,120,000), Appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) from Recreation Impact Fees to Match a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), and Acceptance of Grants and Contributions to Provide Funding of MARC Phase I-Tier 1A.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

9. **The Town Council will consider signing a Memorandum of Agreement for the Androscoggin to Kennebec Trail with the City of Bath and Town of West Bath, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) (This item was discussed at 8:50 p.m.)**

Director Farrell introduced this item.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement for the Androscoggin to Kennebec Trail with the City of Bath and Town of West Bath. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

10. **The Town Council will consider adopting the “Resolution Authorizing the Town Treasurer to Waive Foreclosure on Certain Real Estate Tax Lien Mortgages,” and will take any appropriate action. (Finance Director) (This item was discussed at 8:59 p.m.)**

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Director Henze introduced this item.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Updegraph asked questions, to which Director Henze responded.

Councilor Updegraph moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt the “Resolution Authorizing the Town Treasurer to Waive Foreclosure on Certain Real Estate Tax Lien Mortgages.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

11. The Town Chair will present Council representatives to Town boards and committees. (This item was discussed at 9:06 p.m.)

Chair Mason made the following appointments to committees:

Appointments Sub-committee

1. Nat Shed
2. Sande Updegraph
3. David Watson / District 5 representative

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

1. Kathy Wilson

Brunswick Development Corporation

1. Jim Mason
2. Kathy Wilson

Cable Television Committee

1. David Watson

Cook’s Corner Advisory Committee

1. Dan Ankeles / District 5 representative
2. David Watson

Comprehensive Plan Update

1. Sande Updegraph
2. Steve Walker
3. David Watson

Citizens’ Initiative Clarity Board

Ad hoc

Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Master Plan Implementation Committee

1. Nat Shed
2. District 5 representative

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Fire Station Reuse Committee

1. Abby King
2. Steve Walker

Finance Committee

1. Dan Ankeles
2. Nat Shed
3. Sande Updegraph

Growstown School Committee (District 3)

1. Abby King

Mere Brook Watershed committee

1. Steve Walker

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of minutes from December 5, 2022, December 19, 2022, and January 3, 2023.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Ankeles 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 9:09 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE ACTION MINUTES. THE ENTIRE MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.BRUNSWICKME.ORG.

Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
January 20, 2023

February 6, 2023
Date of Approval

Council Chair