

**Approved**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**January 18, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Town Hall**  
**85 Union Street**

**MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

**Councilors Present:** W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Abby King, Sandra Updegraph, Christopher Watkinson, Kate Foye, 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; Ryan Leighton, Assistant Town Manager; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Matt Panfil, Directory of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; and the video crew.

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

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**Public Comments/Announcements** (for items not on the agenda) [\*This item was discussed 6:35 p.m.\*](#)

Sarah Kelly, resident, expressed an interest in getting information on the Town's policy on public notice of meetings.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** ([\*This item was discussed 6:40 p.m.\*](#))

Manager Eldridge and staff provided these updates

- a) **Dog licenses**
- b) **Financial Update**
- c) **Durham Road Route 295 Overpass**
- d) **Parking Bans**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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4. **The Town Council will hear public comments regarding a new liquor license application, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([\*This item was discussed 6:42 p.m.\*](#))**

**Full-Time Spirituous, Vinous & Malt**

Best Thai Food, LLC  
D/B/A: Best Thai Express  
216 Bath Road

Pongsakorn Hanjitsuwan

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, Motion to approve an initial liquor license application for Best Thai Express, 216 Bath Road. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

5. **The Town Council will consider “An Amendment to the Emergency Ordinance to Address the Public Health Emergency Resulting from COVID-19”, on an emergency and a regular basis, regarding the requirement to wear face coverings in all public spaces, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Wilson) ([\*This item was discussed 6:44 p.m.\*](#))**

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public spoke regarding this item

**John Carpenter**, 1030 River Road  
**Chris Knickerbocker**, Brunswick resident  
**Tamra Veilleux**, 257 Woodside Road  
**Sarah Kelly**, Brunswick resident  
**Chris Teel**, 656 Gurnet Road  
**Tracy Johnson Colby**, Harpswell, Maine  
**Jordan Clay**, 441 Woodside Road  
Brunswick business owner  
**Debbie Bridges**, 64 Wildwood Drive  
**Jennifer Johnson**, 10 Wadsworth  
**Alex Armstrong**, 10 Jordan Avenue  
**Megan Clouse**, Walker Way, Boothbay  
**Alison Harris**, Cumberland Street  
**Resident**, Woodside Road

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Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge and Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney spoke regarding this item.

Councilors that spoke included: Councilor Wilson, Chair Mason, and Councilor Foye. It was decided to take a vote on this item at the next meeting.

**TABLED**

**1c. Appointment of Town Attorney *(This item was discussed 7:43 p.m.)***

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Updegraph spoke regarding this item.

Attorney Langsdorf spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, Motion to appoint Preti Flaherty as the Town Attorney. 9

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. The Town Council Chair will appoint Council Representatives to the following:  
*(This item was discussed 7:52 p.m.)***

- Appointments Sub-committee
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Brunswick Development Corporation (2 members)
- Cable Television Committee
- Citizens Initiative Clarity Board
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
- Cook's Corner Revitalization Plan
- Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Master Plan Implementation Committee
- Finance Committee (3 members)
- Growstown School Committee (District 3)
- Midcoast Athletic & Recreation Complex (MARC)
- MRRA TIF Districts Committee
- Recycling and Sustainability Committee
- Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission
- Teen Center Advisory Board
- Tree Committee
- Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Chair Mason appointed members to the committees.

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Appointments Subcommittee		
	Abby	King
	Sande	Updegraph
	W. David	Watson
Bicycle & Pedestrian Adv. Comm.		
	Katherine	Wilson
Brunswick Development Corporation		
	Katherine	Foye
	James	Mason
Cable Television Committee		
	W. David	Watson
Comprehensive Plan Committee		
	Sande	Updegraph
	Stephen	Walker
	Christopher	Watkinson
Cook's Corner Advisory Committee		
	Daniel	Ankeles
	W. David	Watson
Downtown & Outer Pleasant St Plan Implementation Committee		
	Katherine	Foye
	Katherine	Wilson
Finance Committee		
	Sande	Updegraph
	Christopher	Watkinson
	Katherine	Wilson
Growstown School Committee		
	Abby	King
Landing Community Center Complex Comm.		
	Abby	King
MRRA TIF District Committee		
	James	Mason
	Christopher	Watkinson
	W. David	Watson
Recycling & Sustainability Committee		
	Stephen	Walker
	Katherine	Wilson
Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission		
	Stephen	Walker

	Katherine	Wilson
Teen Center		
	Katherine	Foye
Tree Committee		
	Daniel	Ankeles
Trust Fund Advisory Committee		
	James	Mason

Debbie Bridges, Wildwood Road asked a question to which Chair Mason responded.

- 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. (Finance Director) ([This item was discussed 7:59 p.m.](#))**

Julia Henze, Finance Director, introduced this item.

Councilor Walker and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

**Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Wilson 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 the resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)*

- The Town Council will consider authorizing the Police Department to accept a grant for Project Lifesaver, and will take any appropriate action. (Police Chief) ([This item was discussed 8:04 p.m.](#))**

Chief Stewart introduced this item.

Chair Mason, Councilor Watson, and Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

**Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to accept and expend the grant of \$6,000 from the Alzheimer’s Association of America to the Brunswick Police Department to be used to purchase “Project Lifesaver” equipment. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

- The Town Council will consider an extension for the “Emergency Moratorium on New Private Permanent Structures Piers in Intertidal Waters” on an emergency basis, and will take any appropriate action. (Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission) ([This item was discussed 8:09 p.m.](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

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

**Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Foye seconded to set a public hearing for February 7, 2022 to hear public comments on adopting “Emergency Moratorium on New Private Permanent Structures Piers in Intertidal Waters” on an emergency and a regular basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

10. **The Town Council will consider moving the polling location for elections to the Brunswick Recreation Center, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Updegraph) )** *(This item was discussed 8:15 p.m.)*

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Updegraph introduced this item.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, spoke regarding this item and responded to Councilors’ questions.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Walker, Councilor King, Councilor Foye, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watson and Chair Mason spoke regarding this item.

This item will come back at future meeting for possible action.

11. **Town Council will consider ratifying a one-year contract between the Town of Brunswick and the Brunswick Professional Firefighters Association (BPFA), and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)** *(This item was discussed 9:17 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

**Chair Mason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to ratify a one-year agreement between the Town of Brunswick and the Brunswick Professional Firefighters Association (BPFA). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA** *(This item was discussed 9:19 p.m.)*

- a) **Approval of minutes from December 20, 2021, January 3, 2022 and January 6, 2022**
- b) **Approval of a quitclaim deed for real estate depicted as Map 036 Lot 020 Sub 00C Typ 000**

**Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor King and Councilor Updegraph abstained**

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as they were not on the Council for the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

[The meeting adjourned at 9:20 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 19, 2022*

February 7, 2022

*Date of Approval*

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Council Chair