

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Agenda
February 7, 2022
Regular Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

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; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; 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 lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to Agenda:

To do Item 20 prior to the start of new business

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) ([*This item was discussed 6:32 p.m.*](#)) NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT ([*This item was discussed 6:33 p.m.*](#))

Manager Eldridge presented these items.

- a) **Budget and CIP schedule**
- b) **Bond Sale and Ratings**
- c) **Wastewater Testing**
- d) **Recreation Center Renovations**
- e) **Welcome Center**

PUBLIC HEARING

12. **The Town Council will hear public comments on an “Emergency Moratorium on New Private Permanent Structures in Intertidal Waters” on an emergency and a**

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regular basis, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker) ([This item was discussed 6:44 p.m.](#))

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Mark Fitzgerald, resident, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

The Council was fine suspending the rules and voting this evening.

Councilor Watkinson asked question, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt the “Emergency Moratorium on New Private Permanent Structures Piers in Intertidal Waters” on an emergency and a regular basis, with the understanding that it exempts the current commercial pier underway. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- 13. The Town Council will discuss “An Amendment to the Emergency Ordinance to Address the Public Health Emergency Resulting from COVID-19”, set to expire on February 25, 2022, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Wilson) ([This item was discussed 6:56 p.m.](#))**

Chair Mason spoke regarding this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Foye seconded, to table this item until the February 22, 2022, meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas

NEW BUSINESS

- 14. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for February 22, 2022 regarding the banning of flavored tobacco in Brunswick, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Wilson) ([This item was discussed 7:06 p.m.](#))**

Councilor Wilson and Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

The following members of the public spoke:

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Hilary Schneider, 32 Tanglewood Drive

Teresa Gillis, 3 MacMillian Drive

Geno Ring, Substance Counselor for Brunswick High School

Jonathan Shaer, Executive Director of New England Conveniences Store and Energy Marketers Association

Kristin Collins, Town Attorney, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Foye, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to set a public hearing for February 22, 2022 on a proposed ordinance that would prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco in Brunswick with effective date of June 1, 2022. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

15. **The Town Council will receive an update on the possibility of changing the polling location for future elections, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Updegraph) ([This item was discussed 7:44 p.m.](#))**

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Mason, Councilor Wilson, and Councilor Watkinson spoke regarding this item.

Alison Harris, Cumberland Street, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to request that School Board consider taking a position on voting at the Junior High School at an upcoming School Board meeting. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor Walker, Councilor Foye, and Chair Mason were opposed.

16. **The Town Council will consider adopting the “Resolution Adopting the 2022 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan”, and will take any appropriate action. (Fire Chief) ([This item was discussed 7:57 p.m.](#))**

Chief Brilliant introduced and questions from Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Watson.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Watson seconded to adopt the “Resolution Adopting the 2022 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

17. **The Town Council will consider acceptance and adoption of the final draft of the Mare Brook Watershed Management Plan, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning & Development) ([This item was discussed 8:03 p.m.](#))**

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

Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to accept the final draft of the Mare Brook Watershed Management Plan. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(This document is too extensive to include as part of the minutes, to obtain a copy contact the Planning and Development Department.)

- 18. The Town Council will consider “A Resolution Authorizing the Preliminary Design of Reconstructing the Simpson’s Point Boat Launch and Constructing a Pedestrian Walking Path with Granite Stairway From the Parking Zone to the Cobble Beach, and Appropriating \$17,100 from the Water Access Fund to Fund the Cost of the Preliminary Design and Grant Application”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 8:08 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, and Chair Mason spoke regarding this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing the Preliminary Design of Reconstructing the Simpson’s Point Boat Launch and Constructing a Pedestrian Walking Path with Granite Stairway From the Parking Zone to the Cobble Beach, and Appropriating \$17,100 from the Water Access Fund to Fund the Cost of the Preliminary Design and Grant Application.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 19. The Town Council will consider amendments to the Finance Committee Policy as recommended by the Finance Committee, and will take any appropriate action. (Finance Director) [*\(This item was discussed 8:23 p.m.\)*](#)**

Julia Henze, Finance Director, introduced this item.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve proposed amendments to the Finance Committee Policy. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 20. The Town Council will consider sending to the Planning Board a request for a zoning change from GR4 to GM5 for a parcel depicted as Tax Map U23 Lot 94, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge by request) [*\(This item was discussed 6:57 p.m.\)*](#)**

This item was done after Item 13.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Curtis Neufeld, Sitelines, spoke and responded to questions from Councilor Watson.

Jessica Factor, Riverside Cemetery, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to send a request from Sitelines, for a zone change from GR4 to GM5, to the Planning Board for public hearing, review and recommendation to the Town Council. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA *(This item was discussed 8:30 p.m.)*

a) **Approval of the minutes of January 18, 2022**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
February 11, 2022

February 22, 2022
Date of Approval

Council Chair