

**Approved
TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
February 21, 2023
Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Town Hall - Council Chambers
85 Union Street, Brunswick, Maine**

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; Julie Ashley Charleson, Environmental Planner; Scott Stewart, Police Chief; Dennis Wilson, Parks and Facilities Manager; 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 6:32 p.m.*)

David Toothaker, commercial harvester, spoke how he did not support allowing resident harvesters to move out of town and keep their license. He responded to questions from Councilor Watson and Councilor Walker.

Councilor Ankeles spoke about a request a citizen had to continue to offer basketball at HBS now that the recreation season is over.

MANAGER'S REPORT (*This item was discussed at 6:45 p.m.*)

a) Financial Update

Manager Eldridge provided this update, and responded to questions from Councilor Shed and Councilor Ankeles.

b) Special Election for District 5

Clerk Smith provided this update.

c) Congressional Directed Spending

Manager Eldridge provide this update, and responded to questions from Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Watson.

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d) Harpswell Road

Manager Eldridge provide this update, and responded to questions from Councilor Shed and Councilor Walker.

Gwen Wahlquist, Harpswell Road, spoke regarding this item.

e) Bath Road and Admiral Fitch

Manager Eldridge provide this update.

f) Bath Road Culvert Replacements

Manager Eldridge provide this update and responded to questions from Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Walker.

g) Report from Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission

Marko Melendy, Chair of the Committee, made this presentation and responded to questions from Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Watson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 18. The Town Council will hear public comments on an alcohol license, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) *(This item was discussed at 7:41 p.m.)***

**Full-Time Spiritous, Vinous & Malt
El Rodeo Brunswick, LLC
D/B/A: El Rodeo
249 Bath Road**

Juan Sanchez, Ilse Fernandez

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor King seconded, to approve the Full-Time Spiritous, Vinous & Malt license for El Rodeo Brunswick, located at 249 Bath Road. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

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- 19. The Town Council will consider changes to the Town Commons Committee charge, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Commons Committee). (This item was discussed at 7:44 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Jeremy Litchfield, Chair of the Committee, presented the proposal.

Chair Mason asked questions to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Watson responded.

Councilor Walker asked questions, to which Councilor King and Manager Eldridge responded.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to table the item until the end of the meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The Council returned to this item at 9:20 p.m.

Councilor King moved, Councilor Watson, to adopt the Town Commons Committee proposal changes as amended this evening. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(Copies of adopted charge will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 20. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for March 6, 2023, for proposed amendments to Chapter 10 of Business licensing regarding allowing expanded use of sidewalks for food vendors, licensing sellers of goods, and increasing the annual fee, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) (This item was discussed at 8:21 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker, and Chair Mason asked questions to which Manager Eldridge and Clerk Smith responded.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor King seconded, to set a public hearing for March 6, 2023, for proposed amendments to Chapter 10 of Business licensing regarding allowing expanded use of sidewalks for food vendors, licensing of sellers of goods, and increasing the annual fee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 21. The Town Council will consider adopting “A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Nonpoint Source Grant through the Maine DEP, Appropriation of Matching Funds, and Expenditure of up to \$290,000 for Phase I of the Mare Brook Watershed**

Restoration Project,” and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager & Environmental Planner) (This item was discussed at 8:35 p.m.)

Ashley Charleston, Environment Planner, and Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Ms. Charleston responded.

Manager Eldridge responded to questions from Councilor Watson and Councilor Shed.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Updegraph seconded, to adopt the “Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Nonpoint Source Grant through the Maine DEP, Appropriation of Matching Funds, and Expenditure of up to \$290,000 for Phase I of the Mare Brook Watershed Restoration Project.” The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Shed was opposed

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

- 22. The Town Council will consider adopting “An Order Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Provide Emergency Dispatch Services to the Town of Freeport”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) (This item was discussed at 9:14 p.m.)**

Chief Stewart and Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt of “An Order Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Provide Emergency Dispatch Services to the Town of Freeport.” This would extend the agreement through June 30, 2027. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 23. The Town Council will consider adopting “An Order Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute An Agreement to Provide Animal Control Services to the Town of Freeport”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) (This item was discussed at 9:18 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Shed seconded, to adopt of “An Order Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute An Agreement to Provide Animal Control Services to the Town of Freeport.” This would extend the agreement through June 30, 2027. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of minutes of February 6, 2023

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Ankeles Motion 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 9:30 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
February 24, 2023*

March 6, 2023
Date of Approval

Council Chair