

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
March 15, 2021
Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Dan Jenkins

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

Chair Perreault opened the meeting and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed.

Adjustments to Agenda:

To add an item to discuss state funding of schools.

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) none

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT *(This item was discussed 6:36 p.m.)*

a) Financial update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) 2021-22 Budget

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

c) Airboat regulation

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Walker spoke this item.

d) Graham Road Landfill/Solid Waste alternatives

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Walker and Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Manager Eldridge responded.

TABLED

34. The Town Council will consider applying for a Coastal Community Grant for the fiscal year 2022 for a regional planning effort in the Simpson Point and Pennellville historic district, including the waters of Middle Bay, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker). *(This item was discussed at 6:51 p.m.)*

Councilor Walker introduced this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to table this item indefinitely. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

PUBLIC HEARING

35. The Town Council will hear public comments on a liquor license application, and will take any appropriate action (Manager Eldridge) *(This item was discussed at 6:53 p.m.)*

HEARING/ACTION

Full-time Vinous & Malt
ZaoZe, LLC
D/B/A ZaoZe Café & Market
5 Abbey Rd

Cara Stadler & Cecile Stadler

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Ms. Stadler, owner, spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Ankeles.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded. to approve an alcoholic beverage license for ZaoZe Café and Market at 5 Abbey Road. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

36. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding a map amendment to a portion of the Shoreland Protection Overlay Resource Protection Subdistrict (SPO-RP), and will take any appropriate action. (Planning and Development Department) *(This item was discussed at 6:58 p.m.)*

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

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

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting tonight.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded to adopt a map amendment for a

portion of the Shoreland Protection Overlay Resource Protection Subdistrict (SPO-RP). The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

37. **The Town Council will hear public comments regarding text amendments to Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances pertaining to sidewalks and street standards, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning and Development Department) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:01 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Ryan Barnes, Town Engineer, and Mr. Panfil spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting tonight.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt text amendments to Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances pertaining to sidewalks and street standards. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted amendments for Chapter 14 will be attached to the official minutes.)

38. **The Town Council will hear public comments regarding text amendments to the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance pertaining to streets and sidewalks, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning and Development Department) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:08 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Ryan Barnes, Town Engineer, and Mr. Panfil spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting tonight.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt text amendments to the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance pertaining to streets and sidewalks. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

39. **The Town Council will consider sending to the Planning Board a request for a zoning amendment regarding Map 040 Lot 516 located on the Brunswick Landing, and will take any appropriate action (Councilor Watkinson) ([*This item was discussed at 7:10 p.m.*](#))**

Councilor Watkinson introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Karen Parker, Midcoast Hunger Prevention, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Mr. Panfil responded.

Councilor Walker, Chair Perreault, and Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Angela Twitchell, Brunswick/Topsham Land Trust responded.

Councilor Mason asked a question to which Councilor Watkinson responded.

Councilor Wilson asked questions to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to send to the Planning Board a request for a zoning amendment regarding Map 040 Lot 516 located on the Brunswick Landing. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

40. **The Town Council will consider adopting a “Town of Brunswick Resolution to Establish The Veteran’s Plaza Memorial Trust Fund,” and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Watson) ([*This item was discussed at 7:29 p.m.*](#))**

Councilor Watson introduced this item.

Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt a “Town of Brunswick Resolution to Establish the Veteran’s Plaza Memorial Trust Fund.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

41. **The Town Council will consider establishing an Advisory Committee for the Cook’s Corner Commercial Corridors Revitalization Plan, and will take any appropriate action. (Economic Development) ([*This item was discussed at 7:35 p.m.*](#))**

Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development, and Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

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

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to establish an Advisory Committee for the Cook’s Corner Commercial Corridors Revitalization Plan, with the additional representatives from Planning Board, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Tree Committee, Community arts. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(A copy of the committee charge and a map showing the area to be covered, will be attached to the official minutes.)

42. **The Town Council will consider adopting “A Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation and Expenditure of \$50,000 from Available Tax Increment Financing Revenues to Serve as the Town’s share of the Required Local Match for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant to Extend Katahdin Drive from the Intersection of Allagash Drive to Bath Road,” And will take any appropriate action. (Manager Eldridge). [*\(This item was discussed at 8:16 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Jeff Jordan, Deputy Director of MRRRA, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation and Expenditure of \$50,000 from Available Tax Increment Financing Revenues to Serve as the Town’s share of the Required Local Match for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant to Extend Katahdin Drive from the Intersection of Allagash Drive to Bath Road.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

43. **The Town Council will consider accepting a public safety robot from Defense Logistics Agency as part of military surplus, and take any appropriate action. (Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:20 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chief Stewart spoke regarding this item and responded questions from Councilor Walker and Councilor Mason.

Chair Perreault moved Councilor Watson seconded, to accept a public safety robot from Defense Logistics Agency as part of military surplus. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

44. **The Town Council will consider establishing a Simpsons Point Public Access Facility**

Citizen's Advisory Committee, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker). ([This item was discussed at 8:27 p.m.](#))

Councilor Walker introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles and Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Tim Banks, Simpson Point, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to establish a Simpsons Point Public Access Facility Citizen's Advisory Committee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

45. (ADDED) **The Town Council will consider writing a letter of support for state aid education fund, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Watkinson) ([This item was discussed at 8:41 p.m.](#))**

Councilor Watkinson introduced this item.

Councilor Foye and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to write a joint letter with the School Superintendent that to the state to request them to revisit the funding formula and to base it more favorable number from a pre-Covid year. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

[The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
March 18, 2021*

April 20 2021
Date of Approval

Council Chair