

Draft
Town of Brunswick
Town Council
Minutes
May 1, 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, Jennifer Hicks, 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, Ashley Charleson, Environmental Planner; Dennis Wilson, Parks and Recreation 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) Five minutes per speaker. [*\(This item was discussed at 6:35 p.m.\)*](#)

Heather Osterfield, 11 Wilde Aster Lane, spoke of the Avian bird flu concerns and how it is affecting birds, including eagles, on Mere Point. She also asked about a study of the water quality in Maquoit Bay and the need for testing to be done this summer. She also wanted information on the proposed committee and candidates doing the water testing. Manager Eldridge responded.

Jim Trusiani, 149 Maine Street, Maine Street, Pool Table update and how it should not cost the town anything. He spoke of limitations in ability to get road projects and other work completed.

Blane Lund, commercial shellfish harvester, asked about the Town's conflict of interest policy to which Manager Eldridge suggested they set up a meeting time to discuss this matter.

MANAGER'S REPORT [*\(This item was discussed at 7:02 p.m.\)*](#)

a) Absentee Ballots Available

Clerk Smith provided this report.

b) New Mainers Update

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Manager Eldridge provided this update. And responded to question from Councilor Wilson

c) FJW Bridge Update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

d) Report from Tree Committee

Jesse Bishop presented and responded to questions from Councilor Updegraph and Councilor Hicks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 59. The Town Council will hear public comments on new liquor license applications and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:19 p.m.\)*](#)**

Full-Time Vinous & Malt

**Crooked Keg Brewing, LLC
D/B/A: Crooked Keg Brewing
94 Maine Street**

Michael Hamel

**Hermitage Lemont Block, LLC
D/B/A: Lemont Hall
2 Pleasant Street**

Aaron Turkel

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Michael Hamel, owner of Crooked Keg, spoke regarding this item.

Aaron Turkel, owner of Lemont Hall, spoke regarding this item.

Jim Trusiani spoke regarding this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve liquor licenses for Crooked Keg Brewing, 94 Maine St and Lemont Hall, 2 Pleasant Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

- 60. The Town Council will hear a report from the Downtown Brunswick and Outer Pleasant Street Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) and will take any appropriate action. (MPIC Committee) [\(This item was discussed at 7:26 p.m.\)](#)**

Margo Knight, 22 Page Street and Chair of MPIC, provided this update.

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Updegraph, and Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Shed moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to receive the report from MPIC, thank the Committee for its service, and to sunset the Committee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 61. The Town Council will consider authorizing the re-painting of the Pride Crosswalk and consider if it should be in the same location or a location adjacent to 7-Eleven and Walgreens to the Veterans Plaza/end of the Mall, and will take any appropriate action (Councilor Wilson) [\(This item was discussed at 7:42 p.m.\)](#)**

Councilor Wilson introduced this item.

Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Hicks and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Manager Eldridge responded to questions from the Councilors.

Nate MacDonald, 16 Everett Street, spoke regarding this item.

Jim Trusiani, 149 Maine Street, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Shed, and Councilor King spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Updegraph seconded, to approve the re-painting of a Pride crosswalk on Maine Street from a location adjacent to Everett Street to the Mall. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 62. The Town Council will consider the comments received at the April 27th public hearing on the 2023-24 Budget and 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) [\(This item was discussed at 8:01 p.m.\)](#)**

Manager Eldridge responded to questions from Councilor Ankeles and Councilor Updegraph.

Chair Mason and Councilor Hicks spoke regarding this item.

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Public Comments:

Beth Bisson, School Board Chair

Michelle Russo, technology integrator for School Department and 14 Moore Avenue

Janice Rodriguez, Captain's Way

Jim Trusiani, 149 Maine Street

Chris Teel, 656 Gurnet Road

Ashley Lacroix, 112 Columbia Avenue

Patricia Dunning, 140 Bracket Road

Councilors commented on where the budget should land with the majority supporting the budget as proposed.

No action was taken.

- 63. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:57p.m.\)*](#)**

Councilor Watson presented the following slate:

Marine Resources Committee

- Tony Yuodsnukis: To the No-License Holder for a 3-year term ending May 1, 2026

Cable TV3 Committee

- Cynthia Pols: To a 3-year term ending September 1, 2026

The Council supported this slate with nine (9) yeas.

Climate Task Force – a 1-year term to start immediately and to sunset June 1, 2024

Mark Battle

Sam Feldman

Rebecca Lincoln

Jenna Muzzy

Lissa Pelletier

Aaron Turkel

Melissa Wong

The Council supported this slate with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Hicks, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Updegraph asked questions to which Natural Resources Planner Charleson responded.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

May 20, 2023

June 5, 2023

Date of Approval

Council Chair