

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
May 16, 2022
Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.

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; Dan Deveraux, Coastal Resources Manager; and the video crew.

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

Adjustments to Agenda *([This item was discussed at 6:31 p.m.](#))*

To move Item 86 after public comments

To add Item 94 regarding consideration of June 11th as Gun Give Back Day

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) *([This item was discussed at 6:33 p.m.](#))*

None

MANAGER'S REPORT *([This item was discussed at 6:38 p.m.](#))*

a) **Financial Update**

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) **Pier Moratorium and Regulations**

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

c) **Mare Brook Watershed**

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

PUBLIC HEARING

84. **The Town Council will consider approving a liquor license application for Enoteca Athena, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed at 6:44 p.m.](#))**

Full-Time Vinous, Spiritous & Malt

**C & H Maine St., LLC
D/B/A: Enoteca Athena
97 Maine Street**

**Carla Eastman
Henry Jost**

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve a liquor license application for Enoteca Athena, 97 Maine Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

85. **The Town Council will hear public comments regarding amendments to Chapter 11 Article III Marine Activities Structures and Ways, and will take any appropriate action. (Coastal Resources Manager) ([This item was discussed at 6:45 p.m.](#))**

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Dan Devereaux, Coastal Resource Manager, introduced this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

There was Council consensus to suspend the rules to vote tonight.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt proposed amendments to Chapter 11 and Appendix B Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines regarding one-day recreational licenses, and the purchasing of conservation credits. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

86. **The Town Council will consider approving the Nathaniel Davis Fund grant recommendations, and will take any appropriate action. (Nathaniel Davis Fund Committee) ([This item was discussed at 6:34 p.m.](#))**

This item was moved before the Manager's Report.

Alison Harris, Chair of Davis Fund Committee, made this presentation.

Chair Mason spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Foye seconded, to approve the Nathaniel Davis Fund Committees' recommendations for grants for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

87. The Town Council will consider approval of Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Way license applications for outdoor seating, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:00 p.m.\)*](#)

Ms. Smith introduced this item.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Foye, Chair Mason, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Ankeles, either asked questions or spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Foye moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to approve the following Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways licenses for outdoor seating for Joshua's and The Great Impasta. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

88. The Town Council will consider sending a request from a developer for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment in the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) at Brunswick Landing to the Planning Board for review and recommendations, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning and Development, by Request) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:08 p.m.\)*](#)

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

Councilor Walker, Councilor Ankeles, Chair Mason, and Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Mr. Panfil responded.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Nate Colannino, Biodiversity Research Institute (BRI) spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to send a request for a zoning amendment in the Airport Approach Overlay (AAO), along with relevant review of the aquifer. to the Planning Board for review and recommendations, with a return to the Town Council for consideration. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

89. The Town Council will consider approval of a Cook's Corner Commercial Corridor Revitalization Plan and creation of a subcommittee structure, and will take any appropriate action. (Economic Development) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:27p.m.\)*](#)

Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development, introduced this item.

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Councilor Watson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Foye, Councilor Ankeles, and Chair Mason either asked questions or spoke on this item.

John Portela, 60 Columbia Avenue, spoke regarding this item.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to approve the adoption of the Cook’s Corner Commercial Corridor Revitalization Plan and approve the creation of the proposed subcommittee structure for implementation. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 90. The Town Council will consider establishing an Advisory Committee to guide and oversee the process for the reuse/redevelopment of the Central Fire Station at 21 Town Hall Place, and will take any appropriate action. (Economic Development) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:55 p.m.\)*](#)**

Kristy Adamowicz, Project Manager for Economic Development Department, and Ms. Costello introduced this item.

Councilor Walker , Councilor Wilson, Councilor Foye, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watkinson, Chair Mason, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Updegraph either spoke about or asked questions regarding this item.

Councilor Foye moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to establish an Advisory Committee as proposed but to also quickly include a public meeting and to add an additional four slots that will be designated by the chair, not exceed nine members, for the reuse/redevelopment of the Central Fire Station at 21 Town Hall Place. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 91. The Town Council will consider a “Kids to Parks Day Proclamation”, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor King) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:31 p.m.\)*](#)**

Councilor King and Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced this item.

Councilor King moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt the Kids to Parks Day Proclamation with the removal of language in the sentences after “a more active lifestyle (ending there). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 92. The Town Council will consider changes to the Town’s Board and Committee Policy, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointment Committee) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:38 p.m.\)*](#)**

Councilor Watson, Councilor Updegraph, and Councilor King introduced this item

Chair Mason spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor King seconded, to adopt proposed changes to the Appointments Committee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted board policy changes will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 93. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town Manager to execute an agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation regarding the Town's obligations connected with the construction of amenities related to the Frank J. Wood Bridge and the Town's perpetual maintenance responsibilities, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:46 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed agreement with MDOT. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 94. (ADDED) The Town Council will consider designated Gun Take Back day, and take any appropriate action (Councilor Ankeles) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:49 p.m.\)*](#)**

Councilor Ankeles introduced this item.

Lynn Ellis, Baribeau Drive and member of Maine Gun Safety Coalition, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to authorize the Brunswick Police Department to engage in the Gun Take Back day on June 11th and for any future date this event is offered. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA [*\(This item was discussed 8:56 p.m.\)*](#)

- a) Approval of the minutes of April 19, 2022
- b) Approval of the Appointment of Fran Smith as Warden and Susan Karnes, Sara King and Joe Zrioka as Deputy Wardens for the June election

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson 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 8:56 p.m.](#)

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
May 20, 2022

June 2, 2022
Date of approval

Council Chair