

Approved
TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
September 5, 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; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Taylor Burns, Assessor; Sally Costello, Director of Economic and Community Development; Natalie Thomsen, Land Use Planner; 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 ([*This item was discussed at 6:31 p.m.*](#))

Christopher Teel, Gurnet Road, thanked the Finance Committee for meeting with residents on concerns around taxes and assessments. He suggested that the town needs to spend less, and he did not support pickle board courts or downtown sidewalk spending. The town needs to better understand its residents and create a positive report card with them.

Councilor Hicks responded and asked Mr. Teel to create a list of his priorities.

Jeff Neal, McKeen Street, inquired as to why the voter registration numbers are so high, to which Clerk Smith responded.

MANAGER'S REPORT ([*This item was discussed at 6:47 p.m.*](#))

a) Nomination Papers Available

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

b) Update from Conservation Commission

This item did not happen.

c) Update from Climate Action Task Force

Rebecca Lincoln, Chair of Committee, made this presentation and responded to questions from Councilor Updegraph, Councilor King, and Councilor Hicks.

d) Review of Finance Committee August 31st meeting.

Councilor Updegraph provided this review of the item.

e) (ADDED) Old Fire Station Proposal

Manager Eldridge and Director Costello spoke regarding this item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

134. The Town Council will hear public comments on a proposed zoning ordinance map/text amendments for 0 Pennell Way and will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:09 p.m.\)*](#)

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Planner Thomsen introduced this item.

Fred Schlicher, 10 Ocean View Drive, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Shed and Councilor Walker asked questions, to which staff responded.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

The Council agreed to suspend the Council Rules to allow the Council to vote on this item at this meeting.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt the proposed zoning ordinance map/text amendments. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

135. The Town Council will hear public comments on amending Municipal Code of Ordinances Appendix B- Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees, and Fines for Ambulance fees and will take any appropriate action. (Finance Director) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:20 p.m.\)*](#)

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Chief Brillant introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Watson, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor King.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

The Council agreed to suspend the Council Rules to allow the Council to vote on this item at this meeting.

Councilor Updegraph spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor King seconded, to amend the Municipal Code of Ordinances Appendix B- Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees, and Fines for Ambulance Fees. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

136. The Town Council will hear public comments on new Special Amusement license applications and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:27 p.m.\)*](#)

Special Amusement:

CGK, LLC
DBA: Pat's Pizza
112 Pleasant Street

Chris Kyle

BATS, LLC
DBA McAvoy's on the Green
165 River Road

Troy Kavanaugh

Chair Mason opened the hearing.

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Chris Kyle, owner of Pat's Pizza, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to approve the special amusement licenses for Pat's Pizza and McAvoy's On The Green. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

OLD BUSINESS

126. The Town Council will consider a Resolution Amending the Municipal Budget for the Period July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:32 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Director Henze spoke regarding this item.

Mr. Teel, Gurnet Road, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Hicks, Chair Mason, Councilor Wilson, Councilor King, and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor King seconded, to adopt the Resolution amending the Municipal Budget for the Period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023, changing the tax commitments to on or before Sept 15, 2023, and changing the personal and property tax due date to October 31, 2023, but omitting the appropriation of one million dollars, (\$1,000,000) of Fund Balance. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Watson was opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

137. The Town Council will receive a report regarding the possible collection of solid waste and recyclables on private streets. (Town Manager) [*\(This item was discussed at 7:53 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge and Director Astle spoke regarding this item.

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

138. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for September 18, 2023, to amend the Jordan Avenue No Parking Amendment to add a “No Parking” zone on the north side of Jordan Avenue from Edwards Field to Wheeler Park and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Hicks) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:46 p.m.\)*](#)

Councilor Hicks introduced this item.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Hicks moved, Councilor Shed seconded, to set a public hearing for September 18, 2023, to amend the Jordan Avenue No Parking Amendment to add a “No Parking” zone on the north side of Jordan Avenue from Edwards Field to Wheeler Park. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

139. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for September 18, 2023, for the final adoption of the proposed contract zoning ordinance text amendments and

will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) ([*This item was discussed at 8:54 p.m.*](#))

Planner Thomsen introduced this item.

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

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for September 18, 2023, for the final adoption of the proposed contract zoning ordinance text amendments. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

140. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for September 18, 2023, for the final adoption of the addition of the zoning ordinance text amendments to Staff Review Committee Powers and Duties and will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) ([*This item was discussed at 9:02 p.m.*](#))

Planner Thomsen introduced this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Shed seconded, to set a public hearing for September 18, 2023, for the final adoption of the addition of the zoning ordinance text amendments to Staff Review Committee Powers and Duties. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

141. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for September 18, 2023, for the final adoption of proposed zoning ordinance map amendment for six (6) parcels in the Water Street Area and will take any appropriate action. (Planning Board) ([*This item was discussed at 9:04 p.m.*](#))

Planner Thomsen introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor King.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to set a public hearing for September 18, 2023, for the final adoption of proposed zoning ordinance map amendment for six (6) parcels in the Water Street Area. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

142. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for September 18, 2023, to consider submitting a CDBG application on behalf of Mom's Organic Munchies for equipment purchases and will take any appropriate action. (Economic Development) ([*This item was discussed at 9:08 p.m.*](#))

Director Costello introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Hicks, Councilor Watson and Councilor Shed asked questions, to which Director Costello responded.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to set a public hearing for September 18, 2023, to submit a CDBG application on behalf of Mom’s Organic Munchies for equipment purchases. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

143. The Town Council will consider adopting a resolution in remembrance of the victims of the September 11th attack on our nation, and honoring those who responded and rendered aid during, and following, those tragic events, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Watson) [*\(This item was discussed at 9:17 p.m.\)*](#)

Councilor Watson introduced this item.

Councilor Hicks spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Updegraph seconded, to adopt “May We Never Forget”, a resolution regarding the September 11, 2001, terror attacks on our country. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

144. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town’s Boards and Committees and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) [*\(This item was discussed at 9:20 p.m.\)*](#)

Councilor Updegraph made the following nominations:

Water District

Emma Glidden-Lyons to a 3-year term to begin September 13, 2023, and expire on September 13, 2026.

Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission

Jeffrey Bush to a 3-year term which began May 1, 2023, and will expire May 1, 2026.

The Council approved these nominations with nine (9) yeas.

Captain William A. Fitzgerald Recreation & Conservation (Special Committee) All committee members will serve terms determined by the tasks developed.

Sherry Mason
Emily Baisden
Eben Syptowski

The Council approved these nominations with eight (8) yeas. Chair Mason abstained since his wife was one of the nominations.

CONSENT AGENDA 9:28 [*\(This item was discussed at 9:28 p.m.\)*](#)

a) Approval of minutes from August 17, 2023, and August 21, 2023.

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

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

[The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
September 12, 2023*

September 18, 2023
Date of Approval

Council Chair