

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
September 9, 2021
6:30 P.M. – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street
MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Dan Jenkins, John M. Perreault, 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; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Ryan Leighton, Assistant Town Manager; Jay Astle, Public Works Director; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dan Deveraux, Coastal Resources Manager; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; and TV video crew.

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

Adjustments to Agenda

Add the 911 Proclamation Item 138

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) [*\(This item was discussed 6:32 p.m.\)*](#)

Shaun Hogan spoke of concerns with signage and the need to repaint the road lines on the streets at the Landing.

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

a) Cook’s Corner Revitalization update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development, spoke regarding this item.

b) Pleasant Street Study update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

c) Tedford Shelter update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Wilson and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

d) Brunswick Transit Study update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

e) Traffic Alerts update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

f) Projects updates

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 128. The Town Council will hear public comments on an application for a liquor license for The Federal Brunswick, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed 6:45 p.m.*](#))**

Full-Time Spiritous, Vinous & Malt

**The Federal Brunswick LLC
D/B/A: The Federal Brunswick
10 Water Street**

Gerard Kiladjian

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Gerard Kiladjian, The Federal manager, spoke and responded to questions from Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Ankles.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve a new liquor license for the The Federal at 10 Water Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 129. The Town Council will hear public comments on a Special Amusement license application for Frontier, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed 6:55 p.m.*](#))**

Special Amusement

Frontier Group

Michael Gilroy

**D/B/A: Frontier
14 Maine Street**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Ms. Smith introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to approve a renewal special amusement license for the Frontier at 14 Maine Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 130. The Town Council will consider adopting an “Emergency Ordinance to Address the Public Health Emergency Resulting from COVID-19” on a regular basis, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair John Perreault) ([This item was discussed 7:02 p.m.](#))**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Chair Perreault introduced this item.

Councilor Ankles, Councilor Foye and Councilor Watkinson spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

The Council supported voting on this ordinance at this meeting.

Chair Perreault, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to adopt an “Emergency Ordinance to Address the Public Health Emergency Resulting from COVID-19”, on a regular basis with school not included and adding town leased property. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 131. The Town Council will hear public comments on a new use in the Growth Outdoor (GO) Zoning District with a conditional use permit, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([This item was discussed 7:14 p.m.](#))**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Matt Panfil, Planning and Development Director, spoke regarding this item.

Karen Parker, MidCoast Hunger Prevention

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

The Council supported voting on this ordinance at this meeting.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve proposed amendments to define and accommodate a new use in the GO (Growth Outdoor) Zoning District. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

132. The Town Council will hear public comments on a proposed zoning ordinance text amendment regarding habitat mitigation, and will take any appropriate action. (Planning and Development) [*\(This item was discussed 7:20 p.m.\)*](#)

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Mr. Panfil spoke regarding this item.

Catherine Ferdinand, Bowdon College, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

The Council supported voting on this ordinance at this meeting.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt proposed text amendments to Section 4.3.4 Protection of Significant Plant and Animal Habitat of the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

133. The Town Council will consider a “Resolution to Adopt the Town of Brunswick Street Lighting Policy”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 7:25 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Mason question, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Robert Burgess, citizen, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt the “Order of the Town Council Adopting the Town of Brunswick Street Lighting Policy.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 134. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Coastal Resource Office's partnership with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute to develop a Shellfish Development Roadmap, and will take any appropriate action. (Coastal Resources Manager Dan Devereaux) [*\(This item was discussed 7:37 p.m.\)*](#)**

Dan Devereaux, Coastal Resource Manager, introduced and made a presentation regarding this item.

Chris Vonderweidt, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, presented and responded to questions from Councilor Ankles, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Watson.

Ms. Costello spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to authorize the Coastal Resource Office's partnership with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute to develop a Shellfish Development Roadmap. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 135. The Town Council will consider authorizing changes to Brunswick’s participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS), and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 8:00 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the “Town Council Order Adopting Provisions Regarding Participation in The Maine Public Employees Retirement System.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 136. The Town Council will receive an update on the Brunswick Sewer District’s planning for negotiating the extension of its agreement with Topsham Sewer District regarding the provision of wastewater treatment services, and determine if future action is needed. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 8:04 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankles and Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Julia Henze, Finance Director, spoke regarding this item.

- 137. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee)** [*\(This item was discussed 8:09 p.m.\)*](#)

Councilor Ankles nominated the following people:

- David Ivery for reappointment to Water District to begin September 13 and end September 13, 2024.
- Charles Priest for reappointment to Cable TV Committee to begin September 6 and to end September 6, 2024.
- Robert Thompson for reappointment to Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member to begin on November 20 and to end November 20, 2024.

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

- 138 (ADDED) The Town Council will consider adopting a Proclamation remembering 9/11, and take any appropriate action. (Councilor Watson).** [*\(This item was discussed 8:10 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge read this proclamation

Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt the Proclamation regarding 9/11. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA [*\(This item was discussed 8:16 p.m.\)*](#)

- Approval of the minutes from August 10, 2021, and August 16, 2021**
- Approval of a Utility Location Permit for Maine Natural Gas for Hennessey Ave Subdivision**
- Approval of a Utility Location Permit for Maine Natural Gas for sections of Shulman Drive**
- Approval of a Utility Location Permit for Maine Natural Gas for Columbia, Thompson, Spring, and Magean Streets**

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Walker 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 8:17 p.m.](#)

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

September 14, 2021

September 20, 2021

Date of Approval

Council Chair