

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
September 19, 2022
6:30 P.M. - Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Sandra Updegraph, Abby King, Christopher Watkinson, James Mason, Kathy Wilson and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: Kate Foye

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Scott Stewart, Police Chief; 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 items not on the agenda)

MANAGER'S REPORT (*This item was discussed 6:35 p.m.*)

a) Financial update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) Mare Brook Watershed Update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

c) Voting Location/Write-in Process

Clerk Smith provided this update and responded to questions from the Council.

d) Streetscape Project

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

e) Bath Road Culvert

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

PUBLIC HEARING

151. **The Town Council will hear public comments on Special Amusement license applications, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) *(This item was discussed 7:03 p.m.)***

Special Amusement

**Maine & Noble LLC
D/B/A: Brunswick Hotel-Noble Kitchen & Bar
4 Noble Street**

J. Hilary Rockett

**CGK, LLC
D/B/A: Pat's Pizza of Brunswick
112 Pleasant Street**

Chris Kyle

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve Special Amusement license applications for Brunswick Hotel-Noble Kitchen & Bar, 4 Noble Street, and Pat's Pizza of Brunswick, 112 Pleasant Street. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

152. **The Town Council will hear public comments on an Automobile Graveyard/Automobile Recycling/Junkyard license application, and will take any appropriate comments. (Town Clerk) *(This item was discussed 7:05 p.m.)***

Automobile Graveyard/Automobile Recycling/Junkyard

**Brunswick Auto Recycling, LLC
D/B/A: Brunswick Auto Recycling
117 Bath Road**

Shawn Letourneau

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Watson seconded Motion to approve an Automobile Graveyard/Automobile Recycling/Junkyard license for Brunswick Auto Recycling, 117 Bath Road. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

153. The Town Council will hear public comments on a proposal to change the “Yield” sign at the intersection of Maine Street (northbound) and Bath Road (eastbound) to a “Stop” sign, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)
(This item was discussed 7:07 p.m.)

Chair Mason opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge and Chief Stewart introduced this item.

Chair Mason, Councilor Watson, Councilor Updegraph, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Chair Mason closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting this evening.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt the proposed amendments to Section 15-48 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances regarding “Yield” signs, removing the language regarding Bath Road and Maine Street. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

154. The Town Council will consider adopting “A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$400,000 Law Enforcement Purchasing Program grant through the Midcoast Council of Governments, and Authorizing Appropriation and Expenditure of \$450,000 from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Monies for the \$850,000 Replacement and Upgrade of the Public Safety Radio Communication System”, and will take any appropriate action. (Chief Stewart)
(This item was discussed 7:28 p.m.)

Chief Stewart introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve “A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$400,000 Law Enforcement Purchasing Program grant through the Midcoast Council of Governments, and Authorizing Appropriation and Expenditure of \$450,000 from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Monies for the \$850,000 Replacement and Upgrade of the Public Safety Radio Communication System.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 155. The Town Council will consider “A Resolution Authorizing the Application for Federal Financing Assistance Under the Provisions of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) grant program for the Purpose of Funding the Preliminary Engineering, Design, and Planning for a Safe and Convenient Multi-Modal Network in Cook’s Corner”, and will take any appropriate action. (Economic Development) *(This item was discussed 7:30 p.m.)***

Chrissy Adamowicz, Economic Development Project Manager, introduced this item.

Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Watson, Councilor Wilson, and Councilor Updegraph regarding this item.

Councilor Ankles asked a question to which Ms. Adamowicz responded.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing the Application for Federal Financing Assistance Under the Provisions of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) grant program for the Purpose of Funding the Preliminary Engineering, Design, and Planning for a Safe and Convenient Multi-Modal Network for Cook’s Corner.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 156. The Town Council will receive an update from the Appointments Committee regarding their recent work on protocol for annual committee/board/commission reporting to Council, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) *(This item was discussed 7:47 p.m.)***

Councilor Watson, Councilor King, and Councilor Updegraph provided this update.

Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

- 157. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for October 3, 2022, to consider amendments to the General Assistance Maximums, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) *(This item was discussed 7:57 p.m.)***

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Walker seconded, to set a public hearing for October 3, 2022, to consider the updated General Assistance Maximums on an emergency and a regular basis. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 158. The Town Council will consider releasing a turnaround easement at the end of Evergreen Drive in order to extend Evergreen Drive and construct a new**

turnaround, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)
(This item was discussed 8:00 p.m.)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to release the Town's easement for a turnaround Evergreen Drive, contingent upon the extension of Evergreen Drive and the construction of a new turnaround. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

159. **The Town Council will consider adopting a proclamation for Clean Energy Week, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Mason and Councilor Foye)**
(This item was discussed 8:03 p.m.)

Chair Mason introduced this item.

Chair Mason moved, Councilor King seconded, to adopt the proposed proclamation for Clean Energy Week. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA (This item was discussed 8:05 p.m.)

a) Approval of a Utility Location Permit (ULP) from GoNetSpeed for the area of 27 Baribeau Drive

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
September 21, 2022

October 3, 2022
Date of Approval

Council Chair