

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
October 18, 2021
Minutes
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND IN PERSON

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; Ryan Barnes, Town Engineer; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; 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

To take up the Consent Agenda item for Small Business Saturday Proclamation prior to the Consent Agenda to allow the Brunswick Downtown Association's Executive Director to speak on it.

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) None

MANAGER'S REPORT *[\(This item was discussed 6:31 p.m.\)](#)*

a) Absentee Ballots

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, gave this update.

b) Financial Update

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

c) Cedar Street Phase II – Public Hearing

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

d) Cook's Corner Revitalization

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

Sally Costello, Economic Developer Director, spoke regarding this item.

e) Solid Waste Update

Manager Eldridge gave this update, and responded to questions from Councilor Walker.

f) Project Updates

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

g) (Added) Small Business Saturday

Deb King, Executive Director of BDA, spoke regarding this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Watson and Councilor Ankeles.

PUBLIC HEARING

154. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding a proposed agreement with MaineDOT (Maine Department of Transportation) to proceed with the concept design for improvement strategies contained in the Pleasant Street Corridor Study, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed 6:53 p.m.*](#))

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge and Ryan Barnes spoke regarding this item.

Dale Doughty and **Martin Ronney** from MDOT spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Jenkins asked questions to which staff responded.

Councilor Wilson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Watkinson spoke regarding this item.

Members of the public that spoke included:

Mike Morris, River Road, spoke regarding this item.

Dominic Vella, 16 Westminster Avenue, spoke regarding this item.

Paul Rosseau, 17 Patricia Road, spoke regarding this item.

Manager Eldridge read the proposed resolution.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Endorsing the Pleasant Street Corridor Study Recommendations and Proceeding with Intersection Improvements at Mill Street, River Road and Church Road” and to send the resolution and an accompanying letter to MaineDOT. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

155. The Town Council will hear public comments on amendments to the General Assistance Maximums, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 7:44 p.m.\)*](#)

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

The Council was fine with suspending the rules to allow for a vote tonight.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt the new General Assistance Maximums. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

156. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for November 1, 2021 regarding amendments to Section 15-49 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances to add all way stops at (1) the intersection of Durham, Greenwood, and Old Portland Roads and (2) the intersection of McKeen Street and Church Road, and take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 7:47 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Watkinson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Watson asked questions to which Mr. Barnes responded

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for November 1, 2021 to consider amendments to Section 15-49 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances to add all-way stops at (1) the intersection of Durham, Greenwood, and Old Portland Roads and (2) the intersection of McKeen Street and Church Road. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas,

157. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for November 1, 2021 for an amendment to Chapter 11 Marine Activities, Structures and Ways, Article III Shellfishing, regarding the establishment of a date for application submission, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed 8:01 p.m.\)*](#)

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to set a public hearing for November 1, 2021 for an amendment to Chapter 11 Marine Activities, Structures and Ways, Article III Shellfishing, regarding the establishment of a date for application submission. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

158. The Town Council will consider a recommendation to engage a consultant to assist with the comprehensive plan update and a recommendation to establish a new position in the Planning Department, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 8:04 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Wilson asked questions and spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000 to hire a consultant to assist with the development of the Comprehensive Plan, and to authorize the reorganization of the Planning Department by revising one planning position and adding a new position. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA [*\(This item was discussed 8:25 p.m.\)*](#)

- a) Approval of minutes of October 4, 2021
- b) Adoption of “Small Business Saturday” Proclamation

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

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

[The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
October 21, 2021*

November 2, 2021
Date of Approval

Council Chair