

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Beers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introductory

Chairperson Beers read the introductory.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Beers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Answering the roll call were Chairperson Gary Beers, Vice Chairperson Charles Denault, Councilors Frank Dennett, Jeffrey Thomson, Kenneth Lemont, and Judith Spiller.

Absent From the roll call was Councilor Jeffrey Pelletier.

5. DISCUSSION

a. Discussion by members of the public (three minutes per person)

Mr. Milton Hall, 51 Bowen Road, asked to clarify the mill rate, excise tax on boats, and Port Authority fees.

b. Response to public comment directed to a particular Councilor – None.

c. Chairperson's response to public comments – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. (050217-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to receive a presentation from the Town Manager on the FY'18 Municipal Budget

Town Manager Amaral provided a presentation regarding the budget and annual goals, an overview of the budget, revenue and property values, and projected municipal and enterprise expenses for FY'18.

Councilor Lemont asked if there is anything in the budget that would help to attain the goals related to commercial and manufacturing growth and affordable housing. Town Manager Amaral felt the recodification of the zoning, improving GIS, and additional professional support will help. He asked how much the revaluation of the personal property values could generate in revenue. Town Manager Amaral was not sure of an estimate and emphasized that the Assessor's Code Enforcement office highly recommended the revaluation. Councilor Lemont felt that the Port Authority revenue projection could be reviewed further.

Town Manager Amaral clarified that the \$10,000 is the hypothetical annual request from the Rice Library if they decide to be part of the Town government.

Councilor Spiller asked whether the budget fully supports the need for economic development as

stated in the presentation. Town Manager Amaral felt the resources budgeted for professional service and GIS improvements will help. She suggested there are opportunities to maintain costs through shared resource agreements.

Vice Chairperson Denault wanted to ensure the Fire Department wages are reasonably being supported. He asked if the boat for the Harbormaster will continue to be used in joint with the Fire Department. Town Manager Amaral was not sure at that time what arrangements for the boat were going forward.

Town Manager Amaral noted that there has been a drop off over the past three years in violations written and moorings given.

Councilor Thomson thought an increase in call fire department staff payment may be in order to improve Department recruiting. He felt that the \$10,000 estimate for the library may not be enough. He echoed concerns regarding mooring fees and explained how affordable it is. He spoke about considering more attention to curb to curb paving.

Town Manager Amaral provided additional information regarding general assistance budget and paving projects.

Chairperson Beers noted that the Town has only 23 square miles of land property that is valued compared to other communities, particularly Wells which has 76 square miles.

b. (050217-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule June 12, 2017 for a public hearing to vote on the FY'18 Municipal and Adult Education Budgets.

COUNCILOR THOMSON MOVED TO SCHEDULE JUNE 12, 2017 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SPILLER. THE MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE 6/0/0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILOR THOMSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:58 P.M., SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON DENAULT. THE MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE 6/0/0.

Submitted by Marissa Day, Minutes Recorder, on May 16, 2017.

Disclaimer: The following minutes constitute the author's understanding of the meeting. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information the minutes are not intended as a verbatim transcript of comments at the meeting, but a summary of the discussion and actions that took place. For complete details, please refer to the video of the meeting on the Town of Kittery website at <http://www.townhallstreams.com/locations/kittery-maine>.