

Kittery Town Council Approved Minutes

April 27, 2020 6:00 PM

Remote Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Introductory
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call

Councilors present: Charles Denault, Jeffrey Pelletier, Jeffrey Thomson, Kenneth Lemont, Cyrus Clark, Vice Chair Matt Brock, and Chair Judith Spiller.

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Councilor Thomson moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Denault.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: COVID-19 Update, Rice Library building project, absentee ballots and the July Election. Upcoming Dates: State Primary Election and Town Meeting Ballot – July 14.

The Town Manager asked the Council for guidance on the FY21 Budget.

Councilor Lemont had some questions in reference to the Rice Library project.

Vice Chair Brock inquired about the process for getting an absentee ballot.

7. All items involving the town attorney, town engineers, town employees, or other town consultants or requested offices - None

8. DISCUSSION – Discussion is limited to the matters on the agenda for this meeting.

- a. Public comments will be received via email, mail, or the Town Hall Drop Box up until noon the day of the meeting.

- b. Chairperson will read comments into the record.

Chair Spiller read a letter from Suzanne Johnson, 13 Cromwell Street Kittery, Maine. Ms. Johnson expressed her many concerns regarding COVID-19 and the town.

Chair Spiller read a letter from Brian Early, 123 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine. Mr. Early was inquiring when the landfill portion of the Resource Recovery Center would be opening. He asked why the 2019 Town Council minutes were not online. He also spoke about the discussion item on the agenda being limited to only matters on the agenda.

c. Chairperson's response to public comments

Chair Spiller, with the help of the Town Manager, addressed Mr. Early's concerns and stated the Public Discussion of the agenda was a mistake and would be corrected. Also, the Public Works Commissioner is working to opening the landfill portion of the Resource Recovery Center on special days just for leaves and brush. The Town Clerk has been working on getting the minutes caught up but the Council meeting are available online to view.

Chair Spiller addressed Suzanne Johnson concerns and stated the Town was not given a million dollars. The Town Council agreed to waive the late fees on Sewer and Property taxes until July 15, 2020 and if any residents had any difficulty paying should contact the Town. Chair Spiller also commented by having curbside waste pickup would only add to the tax burden, the Council voted a few years ago and there was no interest in banning Fireworks. Chair Spiller spoke with someone at the State that stated Periwinkle's were not in rapid decline.

9. New Business –

a. (040220-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to Amend Warrant Article 4.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the Amendment to Warrant Article 4.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Denault.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

b. (040220-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve and to sign Electronically a renewal Liquor License application for Anju Noodle Bar, 7 Wallingford Square Unit 102.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

c. (040220-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve and to sign Electronically a renewal Liquor License application for Badger's Island Pizza, 3 Island Avenue.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

d. (040920-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a Municipal Release Deed for 2 Wainwright Avenue, Map/Lot 16-158.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the situation regarding the Municipal Release Deed for 2 Wainwright Avenue, Map/Lot 16-158.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

10. Council Issues or Comments

Chair Spiller, Vice Chair Brock, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Thomson, Councilor Clark and Councilor Lemont wanted to thank the Town Manager, the Town of Kittery staff, and First Responders for their hard work in response to COVID-19.

11. Executive Session - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

Submitted by Kim Tackett

Disclaimer: The following minutes constitute the author's understanding of the meeting. Whilst 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.