

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL Approved Minutes

January 11, 2021

Remote Meeting

6:00 PM

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

Councilors present: Charles Denault, Jeffrey Pelletier, Chair Jeffrey Thomson, Vice Chair Kenneth Lemont, Cyrus Clark., and Judith Spiller. Councilor Absent: George Dow.

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Chair Thomson moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Spiller.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: Congratulations to Detective Ryan Sanford, COVID-19 vaccinations, petition to extend sewer on Route 236, Library Building Project, and marijuana ordinance proposal.

Upcoming Dates: Town Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 18, Dog License Renewal – January 31, Town Hall, Real Estate Taxes Due – February 16, Town Hall or Online, and Mooring Renewals Open.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- July 27, 2020
- August 10, 2020
- August 24, 2020
- September 14, 2020

Vice Chair Lemont stated any corrections to the minutes were made prior to the January 11, 2021 meeting.

Chair Thomson requested the time of the adjournment be noted on the future minutes.

Chair Thomson moved to approve July 27, August 10, August 24, September 14, 2020, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

8. Interviews for the Board of Appeals and Planning Board

9. All items involving the town attorney, town engineers, town employees or other town consultants or requested offices.

a. (010121-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to receive the Audit Presentation from Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director, Patricia Moore.

Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director, Patricia Moore and Christina Howe from RHR Smith and Company gave the Audit Presentation.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. (010121-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing on Title 16 – Outdoor dining.

The Town Manager gave an overview of Title 16 – Outdoor dining amendment.

Moved by Councilor Pelletier, seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

b. (010121-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing on a new Liquor License application from Loco Coco's Tacos located at 36 Walker Street Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Spiller, seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

c. (010121-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing on a new Victualer's License application from Loco Coco's Tacos located at 36 Walker Street Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Denault, seconded by Councilor Spiller.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

11. DISCUSSION

a. The public may submit public comments in writing or raise their hand in the webinar for the DISCUSSION agenda.

b. Chairperson will read written comments into the record.

Shaye Robbins, 24 Heron Point Lane, Kittery Point, ME - Ms. Robbins stated she was opposed to the recreational marijuana market.

Julie Cutting-Kelley, President Green Blossom, L.L.C., DBA Emerald Elevation – Ms. Cutting-Kelley wrote requesting BL-1 zone also be included for allowing retail cannabis stores to be permitted by special exception.

Emily Flinkstrom, Director of Fair Tide, 15 State Road Kittery, ME – Ms. Flinkstrom strongly encouraged the Town Council to include the goal of advancing affordable housing strategies and expanding the Title 16 affordable housing amendments to additional zones, utilizing town owned property for affordable housing, and more generally, supporting the work of the Kittery Housing Committee.

c. Chairperson's response to public comments.

Chair Thomson responded to Ms. Robbins and Ms. Cutting-Kelley by stating a proposed ordinance has been drafted and is currently in the hands of the Planning Board. The time frame is to be determined.

Chair Thomson responded to Ms. Flinkstrom by stating he would be suggesting an amendment that he believes will address her concerns later in this meeting.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Donations/gifts received for Council disposition

(010121-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to receive the following donations to be deposited into the Kittery Community Center Donation's Account.

- Meeting House Village - \$100.00
- J.A.F & M.D.M. Corgan - \$150.00

Moved by Councilor Pelletier, seconded by Council Clark.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

b. (010121-6) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal Liquor License application from When Pigs Fly, located at 460 US Route 1, Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Spiller, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

c. (010121-7) The Kittery Town Council moves to establish and vote on the 2021 Goals.

Chair Thomson requested adding the following under "give attention to Councilor expressed priorities": Work with Housing Committee on furtherance on its said committees' roles.

Chair Thomson moved to accept the slightly amended 2021 goals, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Councilor Clark stated he loved Republicans, and he hoped Republicans loved him.

Councilor Denault stated that the KCC with the assistance of DPW created an ice-skating rink.

Councilor Pelletier wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice Chair Lemont thanked Chair Thomson for a well-run meeting.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. Communications from the Chairperson

Chair Thomson spoke about the Kittery Water District elections on January 26, 2021 for Trustee. Chair Thomson also expressed his concerns with the current issues at the Kittery Water District.

b. Committee Reports

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Pelletier moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

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.