

Kittery Town Council APPROVED Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 24, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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

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

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Chair Spiller moved 9.a. to before the Town Manager's report.

Chair Spiller cast 1 vote to accept the agenda as amended.

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

- a. (020220-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to receive a presentation from the Joint Land Use Study.

Jason Schrieber presented the Town of Kittery and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Joint Land Use Study presentation.

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager Reported on: the Kittery/York Border dispute, and the bus route to the Kittery Foreside.

Upcoming Dates: Voter Registration Night February 26, 6PM to 7PM, Town Hall, Absentee Ballots Deadline to Request February 27, 6PM, Town Hall, Presidential Primary & Special Referendum Election March 3, 8AM to 8PM, KCC, Maine Bicentennial Presentation March 5, 6PM, Traip Academy, and Mooring Permit Renewals Due April 15, Harbormaster or Online.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes – None
8. Interviews for the Board of Appeals and Planning Board – None
10. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None
11. DISCUSSION
- a. Discussion by members of the public (three minutes per person)

Steve Holt from the Foreside inquired if anyone knew what the shipyard workers used to do long ago about traffic and parking.

Shaye Robbins, 24 Heron Point Lane, Kittery Point, Maine - Ms. Robbins spoke about economic stability and resilience for the Town of Kittery.

Jennifer Brewer, 18 Otis Avenue, Kittery Maine - Ms. Brewer wanted to thank everyone that worked on expanding the public transit in Kittery.

Wes Tator, 63 Old Post Road, Kittery, Maine - Mr. Tator expressed his concern regarding the economics of Kittery and potential expansion of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Debbie Curtis Kittery resident and business owner of Yarrow in Kittery, Maine - Ms. Curtis said she was excited about the changes being made for parking on Walker Street, as well as getting a crosswalk on Walker Street.

Chair Spiller read a letter from Suzanne Johnson.

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

c. Chairperson's response to public comment

Chair Spiller responded to Mr. Holt, Ms. Robbins, Mr. Tator, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Curtis and Ms. Johnson's letter.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. (020220-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to amend their previous motion and change the public hearing date for Title 6 – Animal Control to March 23, 2020.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Donations/gifts received for Council disposition.

b. (020220-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the disbursement warrants.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Denault.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

c. (020220-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal liquor license application from Rudders Public House, 70 Wallingford Square, Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

d. (020220-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal liquor license application from Ore Nell's BBQ, 2 Badgers Island West, Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

e. (020220-6) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal liquor license application from Loco Coco's Tacos, 36 Walker Street, Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

f. (020220-7) The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule a Public Hearing on March 9th to Amend TIF's.

The Town Manager gave an overview regarding the TIF's.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

g. (020220-8) The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule a Public Hearing on March 9th to approve a Warrant Article to appropriate \$500,000 for the Wood Island Pier for the June 9, 2020 Town Meeting Secret Ballot Election and make their recommendations on the article.

Councilor Lemont gave an overview of the Warrant Article to appropriate \$500,000 for the Wood Island Pier.

Moved by Councilor Denault, seconded by Councilor Lemont.

Councilor Pelletier spoke in opposition of the Public Hearing on March 9th to approve a Warrant Article to appropriate \$500,000 for the Wood Island Pier for the June 9, 2020 Town Meeting Secret Ballot Election.

Councilor Denault, Vice Chair Brock and Chair Spiller all commented on having a public hearing to give the residents of Kittery a chance to express their opinions on this matter.

Motion Carried 5-1-0

Councilor Denault, Councilor Lemont, Vice Chair Brock, and Chair Spiller approved, Councilor Pelletier opposed.

h. (020220-9) The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule a Public Hearing on March 9th to approve a Warrant Article to expand the Gorges Road Station and Surplus the Walker Street Fire Station for the June 9, 2020 Town Meeting Secret Ballot Election and make their recommendations on the article.

Fire Chief David O'Brien gave an overview of the expansion for the Gorges Road Station and Surplus the Walker Street Fire Station.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Councilor Denault spoke in remembrance of Kittery residents Diane Sylvester, Tommy Marshall, and Ann Goodwin.

Councilor Thomson asked if there had been any discussion with the Parks Commission in reference to the John Paul Jones Park. Chair Spiller responded by saying that they would be addressing John Paul Jones Park in the summer or fall. Councilor Thomson expressed his concerns and noted the recommendations of the Parks Commission in regards to parking outside the Fort Foster gate.

The Town Manager stated that there were real concerns with the recommendations and gave an explanation as to why. Chair Spiller also expressed her concerns about parking outside of the Fort Foster gate.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. Communications from the Chairperson

Chair Spiller mentioned that the Climate Adaptation Committee held their second flood resiliency workshop.

b. Committee Reports – None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

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.