

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL Approved Minutes

February 22, 2021

Remote Meeting

6:00PM

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, George Dow, Cyrus Clark, and Judith Spiller

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Agenda amendment - Omitted 10. b. (020221-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing on a new Victualer's License application from Maciej Gorski for Kasha's Kitchen located at 435 US Route 1, Kittery, business not ready for final inspection.

Councilor Spiller moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Councilor Dow.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: Electric vehicles and charging stations, the Boston Post Cane, and mooring renewals are now open.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- January 11, 2021
- January 25, 2021
- February 8, 2021

Councilor Spiller moved to approve January 11, January 25, 2021 minutes as presented, and February 8, 2021 minutes as corrected, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

Chair Thomson mentioned the President asked for a national moment of silence in recognition of the over 500,000 people that have lost their lives due to the COVID 19 virus.

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. (020221-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to receive a report from Central Maine Power regarding power outages and grid investments.

Representatives Jen Mazzaro, Hector Bencomo, Jeff Howes and Deb Turcotte from Central Maine Power presented the Council a report regarding power outages, grid investments and answered questions from the Town Council.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. (020221-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing in accordance with Sec. 06.09(4) of the Kittery Town Charter to transfer appropriations between accounts, the Town Manager gave an overview of the transfer appropriations between accounts.

Moved by Chair Thomson, seconded by Councilor Spiller.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

11. DISCUSSION

a. The public may submit public comments in writing or raise their hand in the webinar for the DISCUSSION agenda. - None

b. Chairperson will read written comments into the record.

Art Corso, business owner at 72 Route 236, Kittery, ME - Mr. Corso commented that the Kittery business center would be very happy to see the sewer line extended, and would take advantage of the service.

Christina White, 19 Whipple Road, Kittery, ME - Ms. White suggested for the 375th Kittery Celebration that simple recipes like soups as a way for the restaurant community to participate in the event.

c. Chairperson's response to public comments.

Chair Thomson responded to Mr. Corso and stated the Council is waiting for further correspondence with the individuals interested in extending the sewer line

Chair Thomson responded to Ms. White and stated there are a number of events being planned and if some food could be involved everyone would be very happy.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Donations/gifts received for Council disposition

(020221-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept a donation from York Hospital in the amount of \$10,000 to be deposited into the York Hospital Scholarship account.

Councilor Spiller moved to accept the donation with thanks, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

b. (020221-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept a donation of a Fire Boat. The Town Manager read a letter from Kellie Huddleston, President of the Kittery Firefighter Association.

In the letter, Ms. Huddleston stated Betty Fiore presented the Kittery Firefighters Association with a substantial donation to be used to purchase equipment that would be needed in support for the good and welfare of the Fire Department and the Town in memory of her son, Richard Johnston.

The Kittery Firefighters Association purchased a Zodiac Milpro ribbed inflatable with a 30 horse-power outboard boat, with the donation.

Councilor Denault moved to accept the donation with thanks, seconded by Councilor Dow.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

c. (020221-6) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal Liquor License application from Sunrise Grill located at 182 State Road, Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Spiller, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

d. (020221-7) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal Liquor License application from Maine Beer Café located at 439 US Route 1 Suite 1, Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Dow, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Chair Thomson, Councilor Spiller, Councilor Clark, Councilor Denault, Councilor Dow, and Councilor Pelletier voted to approve.

Vice Chair Lemont abstained.

Motion Carried 6-0-1

e. (020221-8) The Kittery Town Council moves to affirm that seasonal, temporary and elected positions are exempt from participation in MainePERS retirement system.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the exemption from participation in MainePERS retirement system.

Moved by Councilor Spiller, seconded by Councilor Dow.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Councilor Denault recognized the passing of Kittery residents: Fred Gamache, Douglas Burton, Charlotte Morgridge, Sam and Rachel Smith.

Councilor Spiller stated the appreciation she had for the Kittery Public Works department for keeping our roads safe in the winter.

Vice Chair Lemont wanted to confirm that Monday, March 1, 2021 Council is having a Municipal Budgeting 101 – Presentation.

Chair Thomson mentioned an article titled Holidays in Kittery featured in the magazine Maine Town & City.

Chair Thomson also mentioned the Workshop on Monday, 03/01/2021 at 6:00 p.m. Municipal Budgeting 101 – Presentation.

Chair Thomson remembered Robert Perham of Eliot, Maine.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a. Communications from the Chairperson
- b. Committee Reports – Councilor Spiller gave an update on the Climate Adaptation Committee.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

17. ADJOURNMENT

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