

Workshop - Wood Island – 5:30 PM
Kittery Town Council APPROVED Minutes
January 27, 2020
Regular Meeting
Town Hall - Council Chambers – 6:00 PM

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

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

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Adopted Item d. Souper Bowl of Caring.

Chair Spiller cast one vote for the adoption.

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: National Endowment for the Humanities grant, recycling and waste, and financial report.

Upcoming Dates: Absentee ballot applications available now – Town Clerk's Office, dog license renewals deadline – January 31, Town Clerk's Office, family Valentine's Day dance – February 8, 6PM, Kittery Community Center, voter registration night – February 26, 6PM, Town Clerk's Office, and Presidential Primary & Special Referendum Election – March 3, 8AM – 8PM, Kittery Community Center.

Councilor Denault asked about hiring more police.

Councilor Thomson asked whether there had been any changes to the FY19 recycling and waste data, and if it could be made part of the budget presentation in May.

Chair Spiller asked the Town Manager when the Council would have a report from the Joint Land Use Study group.

The Town Manager replied that a report would be available for the second meeting in February.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Councilor Lemont moved to postpone approval of minutes, including May 6, 2019, June 10 and 24 2019, and July 8, 2019 until amended with additional details. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denault.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

8. Interviews for the Board of Appeals and Planning Board - None

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

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. (010220-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public on Title 2 – Various.

The Town Manager gave an overview on Title 2 – Various.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

b. (010220-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing on a New Liquor License application for Sunrise Grill 182 State Road, Kittery Maine.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

11. DISCUSSION

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

Jerry Burns, 114 State Road, Kittery – Mr. Burns requested the Council reconsider recreational marijuana in the Town of Kittery.

b. Response to public comment directed to a particular Councilor

c. Chairperson's response to public comments

Chair Spiller told Mr. Burns the town has reconstituted the marijuana working group and that the group should be bringing recommendations forward.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(010220-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the Council Minutes from April 22, 2019 as amended.

Council postponed to a later date. No action taken.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Donations/gifts received for Council disposition.

(010220-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept a donation from York Hospital in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be deposited into the York Hospital Account.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

b. (010220-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the disbursement warrants.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

c. (010220-6) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal Liquor License application from Hampton Inn and Suites Kittery, 275 Route 1 Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

d. (010220-7) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a toll road at the Resource Recovery Facility on February 1, 2020 for the Kittery Cub Scout Pack 316.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Vice Chair Brock asked the Town Manager if the end of February was when the recommendation from the Joint Land Use Study would be out and if those would involve strategies to deal with the traffic issues in the Foreside.

The Town Manager replied yes.

Councilor Thomson spoke about a memo from the Parks Commission on parking outside Fort Foster. He also spoke about John Paul Jones park.

Councilor Denault stated that he and Councilor Lemont were distributing flyers for Jeff Thomson, a candidate for the Kittery Water District. He also spoke about New Hampshire and Massachusetts plates and the excise tax lost to the town. Councilor Denault stated he had received complaints about litter and unkept homes on Armour Drive and Martin Road.

Councilor Denault also recognized individuals who has passed including: Donald Terrence, Donald Johnson, Gerald Todd, Lester Cobb, Joann Abbott, Marilyn Hoyt, Robert Watts, and Constance Lanpher.

Chair Spiller commented about a speeding York Hospital transport van driver.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. Communications from the Chairperson

Chair Spiller spoke about the border dispute with York.

b. Committee Reports - None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Thomson moved to go into Executive session at 6:52 p.m., seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

The Kittery Town Council moves to go into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(D) Labor Negotiations in preparation for contract negotiations with Teamsters Local #340.

Councilor Thomson moved to come out of Executive session at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

17. 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.