

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL Approved Minutes

October 13, 2021, Council Chambers

6:00PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introductory

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

Councilors present: Chair Jeffrey Thomson, Cameron Hamm, George Dow, Vice Chair Judith Spiller, Cyrus Clark, and Mary Gibbons Stevens. Councilor absent: Jeffrey Pelletier.

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Chair Thomson cast one vote to accept the agenda as presented.

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: Taylor Building proposal, electrical vehicle charging Stations, Emery Field Phase 2, and Herb Parsons Pond. Upcoming Dates: Absentee ballot applications are available now at the Town Clerks Office and online at www.kitteryme.gov, Candidate Night is on October 20, 2021, 6PM, at the Town Hall, Marijuana retail business pre-application deadline is October 21, 2021 at the Town Hall, Voter registration night is on October 27, 2021, 6PM, at the Town Hall, Marijuana retail business lottery is on October 28, 2021 5PM, at the Town Hall, Trick-or-Treat is on October 30, 2021 5PM – 8PM, Election Day is on November 2, 2021 8AM – 8PM, at the Kittery Community Center.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

September 27, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Page 6, line 141 Chair Thomson's name was spelled incorrectly.

Chair Thomson cast one vote to approve the September 27, 2021 Town Council minutes as amended.

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. – None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. (100121-1) The Kittery Town Council moves hold a Public Hearing on Title 12 - Political Signs. The Town Manager gave an overview of Title 12 - Political Signs.

Councilor Dow moved in accordance with Titles 30-A MRS §3001 and Town Charter §2.14, the Town of Kittery hereby ordains amendments to Title 12 of the Town code as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Spiller.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

11. DISCUSSION

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

Celina Adams, 19 Mendum Avenue, Kittery Maine, thanked Chair Thomson for his years of service on the Town Council, and also inquired about the legal fees the Town accrued and if the Town paid for any legal fees for former Councilor Charles Denault after violating the Town's charter.

Holly Zurer, 113 Government Street, Kittery, Maine, spoke about why she thought Charles Denault should not be allowed to return as a member of the Town Council.

- b. Chairperson may read written comments into the record.

Sara Rhodes, 2 Abby Drive, Kittery, Maine spoke about the time of the year DPW mows the sides of the roads, which is creating crabgrass.

Suzanne Johnson, 13 Cromwell Street, Kittery, Maine stated she was not in support of the improvements made to the Rice Public Library.

- c. Chairperson's response to public comments.

Chair Thomson responded to the concerns and questions that Ms. Adams and Ms. Zurer had concerning legal fees and the burden to the Town due to the actions of former Town Councilor Charles Denault.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Donations/gifts received for Council disposition
- b. (100121-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal Liquor License application from the Black Birch located at 2 Government Street, Kittery. Moved by Vice Chair Spiller, seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

c. (100121-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a request from Tributary Brewing Company, 10 Shapleigh Road, to hold a special event for the release of Mott the Lesser on Saturday October 23, 2021 from 12pm to 7pm.

Moved by Councilor Dow, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

d. (100121-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint Tara Price to the Parks Commission for a term to expire 12/31/2024.

Moved by Councilor Hamm, seconded by Councilor Dow.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Councilor Dow suggested residents go to www.rice.lib.me.us the Rice Public Library website.

Councilor Dow also spoke about the Parks Commission raising funding for new Fort Foster signs, and thanked everyone for their donations.

Councilor Dow wanted to thank the Kittery Democratic Committee for the online Candidate's night.

Councilor Dow mentioned Seacoast Fridge, take what you need, give what you can.

Councilor Stevens wanted to recognized and spoke about Indigenous Peoples Day.

Councilor Hamm wanted to thank, and congratulate the Councilors running for Council again, and encourage the residents of Kittery to educate themselves on all the candidates that are running.

Councilor Clark stated he went to the Taste of Kittery and how wonderful it was. Councilor Clark also spoke little about each candidate that is running for Council.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. Communications from the Chairperson

Chair Thomson asked citizens to exercise their privilege of voting this fall.

b. Committee Reports

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. (100121-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to go into Executive session in accordance with 1 M.R.S., §405 (6) (A) to conduct the Town Manager's annual evaluation.

Chair Thomson moved to go into Executive session at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Vice Chair Spiller.

All were in favor.

Chair Thomson moved to come out of Executive session at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Vice Chair Spiller.

All were in favor.

b. (100121-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager in accordance with M.R.S Title 1 §405 (6) (D) to discuss labor contracts.

Chair Thomson moved to go into Executive session at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Councilor Stevens.

All were in favor.

Chair Thomson moved to come out of Executive session at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Councilor Dow.

All were in favor.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dow moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Councilor Hamm.

All were in favor.

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.