

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL Approved Minutes

October 25, 2021, Council Chambers

6:00PM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Introductory

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

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

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Add. Under New Business item e. The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint a Councilor to interview Danielle Hoffman along with the Chair, of the Kittery Community Center Board of Directors for a 3-year term to expire (change 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2024).

Chair Thomson cast one vote for the agenda as amended.

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: The State and Municipal Election on November 2, 2021, COVID 19 update, welcomed to Kittery's first full-time Firefighters and fiscal year 2022 quarter 1 financial report. Upcoming Dates: Absentee Ballot applications are available now at the Town Clerks office and online at www.kitteryme.gov, voter registration night will be held on October 27, 2021 at 6PM, at the Town Hall, Marijuana retail business lottery will be held on October 28, 2021 at 5PM, at the Town Hall, Trick-or-Treat is on October 30, 2021 from 5PM to 8PM, Election Day is on November 2, 2021 from 8AM to 8PM, at the Kittery Community Center, Real estate and personal property taxes are due – November 1, 2021 at the Town Hall, Customer service counter will be closed on November 2, 2021, the Veterans Harvest Luncheon Drive Thru will be held on November 4, 2021 at 11:30AM, at the Kittery Community Center, Veterans Day Holiday the Town Hall will be closed on November 11, 2021 and Dog License renewals for 2022 are available at the Town Hall and online at www.kitteryme.org.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes - None

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. (100221-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a Public Hearing on a new Victualer's license application from Pepper's Landing Mobile Food Unit located at 340 US Route 1, Kittery.

Moved by Vice Chair Spiller, seconded by Councilor Dow.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

11. DISCUSSION

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

Camden Wiles, 42 Cutts Lane, Kittery, Maine expressed his disappointment in the conduct of the Councilors and the Council Candidates at Candidates Night and at the Town Council meetings

Jay Durgin, 2 Cook Street, Kittery, Maine wanted to thank Chair Thomson for his many years of service to the town.

Brian Early, 123 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine expressed concern that the Holiday Parade may be in jeopardy.

b. Chairperson may read written comments into the record. - None

c. Chairperson's response to public comments.

Chair Thomson stated that the Council would take Mr. Wiles statements under advisement. He also thanked Jay Durgin for his kind words and told Mr. Early that he would have a very merry holiday season.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Donations/gifts received for Council disposition

(100221-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept a donation from KMIF (Kittery Maine Improvement Foundation) in the amount of \$1,750.00, to be deposited into account #2063 Fort Foster Interpretive Signs.

Moved by Councilor Dow, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Councilor Dow spoke about the \$1750.00 donation from the Kittery Maine Improvement Foundation for the Fort Foster Interpretive Signs and thanked all that donated.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

b. (100221-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a request from the Kiwanis Club of The Seacoast to sponsor the annual Kittery Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

Moved by Vice Chair Spiller, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

c. (100221-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to sign the Warrant for the Municipal and School Election.

Chair Thomson moved to sign the Warrant for the Municipal and School Election seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

d. (100221-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to set their December meeting schedule.

Chair Thomson moved to schedule one Council meeting for December 13, 2021, seconded by Councilor Dow.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

e. (100221-06) The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint a Councilor to interview Danielle Hoffman along with the Chair, of the Kittery Community Center Board of Directors, for a 3-year term to expire 12/31/2024.

Chair Thomson moved to appoint Councilor Dow, seconded by Vice Chair Spiller.

All were in favor.

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Councilor Stevens wanted to thank the Town Manager, the Bike Ped Committee, Bicycle Coalition of Maine on Seacoast E-bikes and the Department of Transportation. On October 17, 2021, Councilor Stevens stated she was able to go on a bike ride and got to hear about the work being done from the Bike Ped Committee.

Councilor Stevens also stated she heard from a couple of people that oppose Retail Marijuana coming to Kittery. Councilor Stevens felt that people needed to pay attention and speak out to local government.

Councilor Stevens also spoke about the statement Camden Wiles made.

Councilor Hamm suggested residents get out and vote on November 2, 2021.

Councilor Clark stated to vote for himself, Colin McGuire and Judy Spiller for Town Council.

Councilor Pelletier thanked Chair Thomson for his many years of service, leadership, dedication and stability he provided to the Town Manager, staff, and to the Town Council.

Councilor Dow commented on Seacoast Fridge and where it was located at the Kittery Community Center and items that were needed.

Councilor Dow also stated to get out and vote on November 2, 2021.

Councilor Dow wanted to thank and recognize the people behind the scenes regarding the recording of all the meetings at the Town Hall and that they're doing a great job.

Councilor Dow stated it was a pleasure serving with Chair Thomson, he also said the history Chair Thomson brought to the meetings would be missed.

Vice Chair Spiller added thanks with the other Councilors to Chair Thomson and said that he was a model Councilor.

Chair Thomson spoke about the Town Managers evaluation and he also spoke about the incident that led up to Charles Denault's resignation.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. Communications from the Chairperson

b. Committee Reports

Vice Chair Spiller spoke about the Kittery Climate Adaptation Committee.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dow moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m., seconded by Vice Chair Spiller.

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.