

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL Approved Minutes

March 14, 2022, 6:00PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Spiller called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Introductory

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

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

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Add under NEW BUSINESS, item m. The Kittery Town Council moves to provide a letter to the Land of Maines future in support of Kittery Land Trust application for funds to acquire and to conserve the Sisk property.

Chair Spiller cast one vote to approve the adoption to the agenda.

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: COVID Update, PFAS Update, John Tuttle's Retirement, and Gorges Road Fire Station Expansion. Upcoming Dates: The Education Scholarship applications are due – April 14, 2022, applications are available online at www.kitteryme.gov/scholarship, Mooring renewals are open online at www.kitteryme.gov/online mooring, Easter Egg Hunt is on April 9, 2022 at the Kittery Community Center, AARP Tax Aide is by appointment, on Wednesdays & Thursdays, February 2 – April 14, 2022 at the Kittery Community Center, and the Senior Tax Credit applications are due on July 1, 2022, the applications are available at the Town Hall or online at www.kitteryme.gov/taxpaymentassistance.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes.

February 28, 2022 – Regular Meeting

The Council approved the February 28, 2022 Council minutes as presented.

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.

a. Introduction of Diana Minott, the new Tri Town Police Case Worker.

The Town of Kittery, Chief of Police, Robert Richter introduced Diana Minott, the new Tri Town Police Case Worker.

Diana Minott, spoke to the Council about her qualifications and answered any questions they may have had.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. (030122-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a new Liquor License application from Kashas Kitchen located at 435 US Route 1, Kittery.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

11. DISCUSSION

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

b. Chairperson may read written comments into the record.

Sarah, and Peter Drummond, 115 Pepperrell Road, Kittery, would like to express their full support of the Kittery Art Association moving to the old library location in Wallingford square.

Roger Cole, 149 Brave Boat Harbor Road, Kittery Point, spoke at the February 28, 2022 Town Council meeting, Mr. Cole asked Chair Spiller to read the letter he had written regarding, the CIP open space reserve account, and asking the Council to reverse their decision to not fund it.

c. Chairperson's response to public comments. - None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Donations/gifts received for Council dispositions

(030122-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the following sponsored spaces for the Rice Public Library.

Community Room – Given in memory of Eileen G. (Campbell) Pelletier, and Maker Space – Given by Paul and Jessica McKeon.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

b. (030122-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal Liquor License application from the Dance Hall located at 7 Walker Street, Kittery.

Moved by Councilor McGuire, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

c. (030122-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a renewal Liquor License application from Bob's Clam Hut located at 315 US Route 1, Kittery.

Moved by Councilor Hamm, seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

d. (030122-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint a Councilor to interview John Corgan, along with the Chair of the Economic Development Committee for a three-year term.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow to appoint Council Stevens, seconded by Councilor McGuire.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

e. (030122-6) The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint a Councilor to interview H. Scott Mason, along with the Chair of the Economic Development Committee for a three-year term.

Moved by Councilor Clark to appoint Councilor Hamm, seconded by Councilor McGuire.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

f. (030122-7) The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint a Councilor to interview Edwin Thompson, along with the Chair of the Conservation Commission for a three-year term.

Moved by Councilor Clark to appoint Councilor McGuire, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

g. (030122-8) The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint John McCollett to the Climate Adaptation Committee for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2025.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

h. (030122-9) The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule a public hearing on April 11, 2022 on Title 16 – Affordable Housing BL, BL1.

The Town Manager gave an overview on Title 16 – Affordable Housing BL, BL1.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

All were in favor.

i. (030122-10) The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule a public hearing on April 11, 2022 on Title 16 – Solar Energy Systems.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

All were in favor.

j. (030122-11) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a sign request from the Kittery Rotary After Hours to place signs about Town advertising their Cinco de Mayo drive through dinner on May 5, 2022.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

k. (030122-12) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the collective bargaining agreements for the following.

- Administrative
- Professional

Moved by Councilor Hamm, seconded by Councilor McGuire.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

l. (030122-13) The Kittery Town Council moves to establish the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee (DEI Committee).

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

m. (030122-14) The Kittery Town Council moves to provide a letter to the Land of Maines future in support of the Kittery Land Trust application for funds acquired and to conserve the Sisk property.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Hamm.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Councilor McGuire thanked the Town Manager, and the staff for all their hard work the past two years, while dealing with COVID, and he thought everyone was happy with meeting in person tonight.

Councilor Clark mentioned, down with daylight savings. Councilor Clark also expressed, Mother nature will always win, in referring to Climate change, and said we need to be more responsible.

Councilor Hamm agreed with Councilor Clark's comment on Climate change, and spoke about how a Climate Bill has not been passed in this country. He also stated since the pandemic, over 1.5 million children have left the public-school systems.

Vice Chair Dow mentioned the Education Scholarship and encouraged graduating students and students who are in college to apply. He also wanted to thank the Town Manager, the Superintendent, the entire staff, and the people that have served this community, for being so respectful during COVID.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. Communications from the Chairperson - None

b. Committee Reports - None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Dow moved to adjourn at 7:18 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.