

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES - APPROVED

August 15, 2022

6:00pm

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Dow called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Introductory

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call Councilors present: Councilor Jeffrey Pelletier, Councilor Colin McGuire, Councilor Cyrus Clark, Councilor Cameron Ham, Councilor Mary Stevens on Zoom, Vice Chair George Dow.

Councilors absent: Chair Judy Spiller.

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Vice Chair Dow cast one vote to postpone the discussion on BL-BL1 until September 12, 2022 when full Council will be present.

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: Frank Dennett's passing, National Night Out, officer Molly Bossi, tax on foreclosed properties, Walker Street fire station, Business Park Zone, Property Tax Stabilization program and absentee ballots availability.

Upcoming Dates: Kittery 375th Arts Festival every Thursday through August 18th.

7. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- June 27, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- July 11, 2022 – Special Meeting
- July 18, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Dow cast 1 vote to accept all three sets of minutes.

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 officials. - None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. (080122-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing to approve Year End Transfers.

Town Manager gave an over view of Year End Transfers.

Moved by Vice Chair Dow, seconded by Councilor Ham.

Motion carried 6-0-0

- b. (080122-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to hold a public hearing on Marijuana License for Tree Tips 3 LLC., located at 8 Dexter Lane, Kittery Maine.

Councilor Clark recused himself from this part of the public hearing.

Town Manager gave an overview on the approval.

Nick Freidman, 52 Lyndon St, New Haven, CT. Principal at Tree Tips 3 LLC stated where he is in the process of licensing with the state.

Moved by Councilor Ham, seconded by Councilor McGuire.

Motion carried 5-0-0

Councilor Clark recused himself from the vote.

11. DISCUSSION

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

Ronald Ledgett, 45 Crockett Neck Road, Kittery, gave his opinion on an approach to reach consensus on BL & BL1.

Jeff Thompson, 25 Old Post Rd, Kittery, spoke about the passing of Frank Dennett.

Vice Chair Dow read statements from the following:

Shaye Robbins, 24 Heron Point Lane, Kittery, thanked members of Council, Town Manager, Town Planner and members of the Planning Board for their professionalism at the last meeting regarding zoning concerns.

Karen Kalmar, 191 Brave Boat Harbor Rd, Kittery, commented on the BL Zone Amendment.

James Knowles, 2 Estuary Drive, Kittery, commented on the BL Zone Amendment.

Danielle Hoffman, 8 Chickadee Lane, Kittery, commented on equality and racial justice.

- b. Response to public comment directed to a particular Councilor
- c. Chairperson's response to public comments

Vice Chair Dow asked Mr. Ledgett if his reports were his personal thoughts or Planning Boards. Mr. Ledgett responded that they are all post Planning Board review.

Vice Chair Dow spoke about Frank Dennett.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. (080122-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to vote on Title 16 – Affordable Housing BL-BL1 amendments.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Donations/gifts received for Council disposition

(080122-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept a donation in the amount of \$40.00 to be deposited into the Giving Tree Fundraiser account #2063.

Moved by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Ham.
Motion carried 6-0-0

- b. (080122-5) The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint John Corgan to the Parks Commission for a three-year term.

Moved by Councilor McGuire, seconded by Councilor Clark.
Motion carried 6-0-0

- c. (080122-6) The Kittery Town Council moves to accept the resignation of Kelly Philbrook, of the Kittery Port Authority, effective August 8, 2022.

Moved by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Hamm.
Motion carried 6-0-0

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Councilor Hamm discussed BL & BL1 and shared his perspective on the matter.

Councilor Clark encouraged residents to step away from their screens and enjoy the rest of summer.

Councilor McGuire encouraged residents to continue to have faith in public institutions and to remember that people with different views can work together effectively.

Vice Chair Dow encouraged residents to review documents on BL & BL1 as it is important for our community.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a. Communications from the Chairperson
- b. Committee Reports

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor McGuire.

All were in favor.

Submitted by Jennifer Wheeler

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 refer to the video of the meeting on the Town of Kittery website.