

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL
November 28, 2022
6:00PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Spiller called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Introductory

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call Councilors present: Councilor Bragg, Councilor Dow, Councilor Clark, Councilor Hamm on Zoom, Councilor Stevens on Zoom, Vice Chair McGuire, Chair Spiller.

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Councilor Hamm moves to add New Business item f. The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule a Public Hearing on Title 4.7.38 Composition to add an additional Councilor to the Kittery Library Advisory Committee.

Chair Spiller casts one vote to accept Agenda as amended.

6. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager reported on Net Energy Billing & Encore, Getting Involved- Boards, Committees and Commissions and welcoming Jason Graham, Director of Planning and Development.

Upcoming Dates:

Property Tax Stabilization Applications Due – December 1

Kittery Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting – December 3

Holly Jolly Trolley Tour – December 9

Breakfast with Santa – December 10

Dog License Renewal – Deadline January 31

Vice Chair McGuire asked about the electronic form for Boards and Committees.
Town Manager responded.

Chair Spiller inquired about the Property Tax Stabilization Act.
Town Manager responded.

Chair Spiller inquired about a rain date for the Holiday Parade.
Town Manager responded.

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.
10. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None
11. DISCUSSION
 - a. Discussion by members of the public (three minutes per person)

Chair Spiller read an email from Candace Wheeler and Jim Stopa, 4 Tuckers Cove Rd, Kittery Point, in which they reported about electric bikes on Fort Foster paths.

Chair Spiller read an email from Susie Johnson, 13 Cromwell St, Kittery, reported on possible uses of the VFW Meeting Legion Hall Center in admiralty village, if renovated instead of tearing it down. She also reported on outside lighting at the sports field and children's play area.

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

Chair Spiller responded to bikes on Fort Foster paths and possible solutions.

Chair Spiller stated that the old VFW building is unsafe and needs to be taken down for safety purposes.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None
13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Donations/gifts received for Council disposition
- b. (110222-01) – The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the Council Rules for the ensuing year.

Move to approve by Councilor Dow, seconded by Councilor Clark.
Motion passes 7-0-0

- c. (110222-02) – The Kittery Town Council moves to approve appointments of Council members to standing and ad hoc committees.

Move to approve appointments by Councilor Dow, seconded by Councilor Clark.
Motion passes 7-0-0

d.(110222-03) – The Kittery Town Council moves to approve a pole relocation application from Central Maine Power for Dennett Road.

Move to approve by Councilor Dow, seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion passes 7-0-0

e.(110222-04) – The Kittery Town Council moves to appoint Tessa Corsetti to the Shellfish Conservation Commission, for a three-year term, to expire December 31, 2025.

Move to appoint by Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Clark.

Motion passes 7-0-0

Councilor Stevens discussed Ms. Corsetti's qualifications.

f. (110222-05) The Kittery Town Council moves to schedule a Public Hearing On January 9, 2023 to add an additional Councilor to the Kittery Library Advisory Committee under Title 4.7.3A Composition.

Chair Spiller suggests asking the Town Manager to meet with the Chairs of various committees to see their thoughts on having adding a Council member and report back to Council on their thoughts.

Councilor Dow stated that he agreed with Chair Spillers suggestion.

Vice Chair McGuire stated that he is in agreement with Chair Spiller's suggestions.

Councilor Hamm agreed to hold off on the motion for a Public Hearing until the Town Manager reports feedback from committee Chair's.

14. COUNCILOR ISSUES OR COMMENTS

Councilor Bragg stated that her thoughts and prayers are with the staff, parents, students and first responders of the Sanford High School school shooter hoax. She stated that it has brought up the need of School Resource Officers in our schools and hopes that it can be re visited again soon.

Councilor Dow thanked the staff involved in community events like Breakfast with Santa and the Holly Jolly Trolly Tour. He also stated that he is very pleased with the Get Involved Community Poster and what a simple process it is now and encouraged the community to get involved.

Councilor Clark thanked Tessa Corsetti for attending the meeting. He also discussed SRO's in our schools and the important role they play, not just with school shooters but also in detecting child abuse.

Councilor Hamm stated that the State of California has a program that combines college students in need of an affordable place to live with older home owners that may need help around the house, company or help with monthly bills. He stated that he believes given Kittery's current housing problems, he thinks it would be an innovative opportunity to adopt a similar program here in our town to help our own community.

Vice Chair McGuire agrees with Councilor Dow's comments on getting involved in the community and how important it is for people to participate in any way they can.

Chair Spiller encouraged the community to give to the many organizations we have in Town that provides a lot of assistance to residents in need. She also stated that Councilor Hamm will be going on military service in January for 90 days.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

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

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Dow at 6:38 PM, seconded by Vice Chair 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.