Kittery Town Council Approved Minutes

April 13, 2020

Regular Meeting

Remote Meeting - 6:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introductory
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Roll Call

Councilors present: Charles Denault, Jeffrey Pelletier, Jeffrey Thomson, Kenneth Lemont, Cyrus Clark, Vice Chair Matt Brock, and Chair Judith Spiller.

5. Agenda Amendment and Adoption

Under New Business - The Kittery Town Council moves to postpone the Secret Ballot and School Budget Referendum to coincide with the State Primary Election reschedule of July 14, 2020.

All were in favor.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported on: Kittery Together, State and Municipal Election/Secret Ballot, reentry plan, and the FY20 quarter 3 financial report.

- 7. All items involving the town attorney, town engineers, town employees, or other town consultants or requested offices -
- 8. DISCUSSION Discussion is limited to the matters on the agenda for this meeting.
- a. Public comments will be received via email, mail, or the Town Hall Drop Box up until noon the day of the meeting.
- b. Chairperson will read comments into the record.
- c. Chairperson's response to public comments.
- 9. New Business

The Kittery Town Council moves to postpone Secret Ballot and School Budget Referendum to coincide with the State Primary Election reschedule of July 14, 2020.

Vice Chair Brock asked the Town Manager when absentee ballots would be available.

The Town Manager replied that she believed they would be available 30 days prior to the election.

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Denault.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

10. Council Issues or Comments

Councilor Denault spoke about getting a closed sign for the Resource Recovery Facility and suspending recycling so residents would not linger too long at the facility. Councilor Denault also asked about hazard pay for police officers and firemen. Councilor Denault asked about the possibility of residents who would like to pay their taxes early, receiving a discount on their taxes.

Chair Spiller asked the Town Manager to talk about the Resource Recovery Facility concerns, social distancing and shorter hours of operation.

The Town Manager responded to Councilor Denault's comments and stated that the town would get a closed sign for the Resource Recovery Facility. The Town Manager stated that there wasn't a need to offer a discount for paying taxes early and questioned whether the town could do it legally.

Councilor Denault asked for a consensus regarding hazard pay for police officers and firemen.

Councilor Lemont was in support of hazard pay for police officers and firemen.

Councilor Thomson stated he was in support of hazard pay for police officers and firemen, but wanted to wait a couple of months.

Councilor Clark was in support of hazard pay for police officers and firemen.

Vice Chair Brock was in support of hazard pay for police officers and firemen.

Chair Spiller stated she was cautiously supportive.

11. Executive Session - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilor Thomson, seconded by Councilor Pelletier.

Motion Carried 7-0-0

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.