

Approved
Brunswick Town Council
Minutes
January 5, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Present: Richard Ellis, James Ecker, Corinne Perreault, Kim Anderson, Jennifer Hicks, Romana Thieme, Steve Weems, Kathy Wilson, and Nathan MacDonald.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: Julia Henze, Town Manager; Jay Astle, Assistant Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Sally Costello, Director of Economic; Scott Stewart, Police Chief; Julie Erdman, Director of Planning and Development; and video crew.

Clerk Smith called the meeting to order, and acknowledged the meeting was properly noticed.

1. Elections and Appointments

a. Election of Council Chair.

Clerk Smith asked for nomination for Chair for 2026.

Councilor Wilson nominated Councilor MacDonald for chair.

There were no other nominations.

Clerk Smith called the vote with nine (9) yeas to elect Councilor McDonald as chair.

b. Election of Council Vice Chair.

Chair MacDonald asked for nomination for Vice Chair for 2026.

Councilor Wilson nominated Councilor Hicks for vice chair.

There were no other nominations.

Chair MacDonald called the vote with nine (9) yeas to elect Councilor Hicks as vice chair.

c. The Town Council will appoint the Town Attorney.

Chair MacDonald moved, Councilor Weems seconded, to appoint the firm of Preti Flaherty with Kristen Collins as the lead attorney as the Town Attorney for 2026. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- d. The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to Town Boards and Committees.**

Chair MacDonald made the following appointments:

Appointments Committee

Councilor Ellis, Councilor Anderson, and Councilor Thieme

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Councilor Ecker

Brunswick Development Corporation

Councilor Perreault and Councilor Weems

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Councilor Hicks

Conservation Commission

Councilor Ecker

Finance Committee

Councilor Ellis, Councilor Ecker, and Councilor Weems

Growstown School Committee

Councilor Wilson

Hawthorne Task Force

Councilor Thieme and Councilor MacDonald

Housing Committee

Councilor Perreault and Councilor Thieme

LC4 (Landing Community Center) Committee

Councilor Ellis and Councilor Hicks

Maquoit Bay Water Quality Task Force

Councilor Hicks and Councilor Weems

Mare Brook Watershed Steering Committee

Councilor Anderson

MRRA TIF District Committee

Councilor Ecker, Councilor Hicks, and Councilor Weems

Parks & Recreation Commission

Councilor Anderson

Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission

Councilor Ellis and Councilor Wilson

Shellfish Committee

Councilor Wilson

Social Services Committee

Councilor Anderson, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor MacDonald

Sustainability Committee

Councilor Thieme

Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Councilor MacDonald

- 2. The Town Council will set the dates for the 2026 Regular Council Meetings and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk)**

Clerk Smith introduced this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Ecker seconded, to adopt the 2026 Council Meeting schedule as listed below. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

January	
	Tuesday, January 20 th (Martin Luther King Day on 21 st)
February	
	Monday, February 2 nd
	Tuesday, February 17 th (Presidents' Day on 16 th)
March	
	Monday, March 2 nd
	Monday, March 16 th
April	
	Monday, April 6 th
	Tuesday, April 21 st (Patriot's Day on 20 st)
May	
	Monday, May 4 th
	Monday, May 18 th
June	
	Monday, June 1 st
	Monday, June 15 th
July	
	Monday, July 6 th
	Monday, July 20 th
August	
	Monday, August 3 rd
	Monday, August 17 th
September	

	Tuesday, September 8 th (Labor Day on 7 th)
	Monday, September 21 st
October	
	Monday, October 5 th
	Monday, October 19 th
November	
	Monday, November 2 nd
	Monday, November 16 th
December	
	Monday, December 7 th
	Monday, December 21 st

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Utility Permit for CMP near 646 Mere Point Road

Councilor Ellis moved, Councilor Weems seconded, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Thieme seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk

January 20, 2026
Date of Approval



Council Chair