

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

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

**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