

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
Zoom # 818 7218 1556
January 3, 2022

Present: Arthur Mathews, President
Michael Molisse, Vice President
John Abbott, Councilor
Lisa Belmarsh, Councilor
Pascale Burga, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Gary MacDougall, Councilor
Greg Shanahan, Councilor

Absent: Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll. Councilor DiFazio was the sole absence, due to a family commitment.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers-President and Vice President

President

In accordance with the charter, President Mathews turned the election over to the Town Clerk.

Ms. Deree entertained a motion to opened the floor for nominations for President. The motion was moved by Councilor Molisse and seconded by Councilor Shanahan. Voted unanimously.

Councilor Molisse motioned to nominate Councilor Mathews for President of the Town Council. Councilor Shanahan seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Councilor Mathews accepted the nomination for President.

Town Clerk Deree asked if there were any other nominations; to which there were none. She

called for a motion to close the floor to nominations for President. Councilor Molisse moved the motion to close the nominations and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Councilor Molisse motioned to elect Councilor Mathews as President of the Town Council. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted.

President Mathews thanked his colleagues for their support. He looks forward to the next two years.

Vice President

Town Clerk Deree entertained a motion to opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. The motion was moved by Councilor Molisse and seconded by Councilor Kiely. Voted unanimously.

Councilor Kiely motioned to nominate Councilor Molisse for Vice President of the Town Council. Councilor Burga seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Councilor Molisse accepted the nomination for Vice President.

Councilor Kiely motioned to elect Councilor Molisse for Vice President of the Town Council. Councilor Burga seconded and it was voted unanimously. Vice President Molisse thanked the Councilors for their support and welcomed the newest members of the Council.

President Mathews reported he has distributed committee assignment request forms to the Council and would like them back as soon as possible so assignments can be filled expeditiously.

22 001- Citizens Petition to Change Zoning Ordinances-Section 120-64.7.1-Billboard Relocation Overlay District

President Mathews reported that the Council received the Citizens Petition on December 17, 2021. Vice President Molisse motioned to refer measure 22 001 to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Council President Mathews noted that because the petition requires a joint public hearing, it must be advertised twice beforehand, so he anticipates the public hearing will take place sometime in February. Voted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is Tuesday, January 18, 2022, due to the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. At 7:36 PM; there being no further business, Councilor Molisse motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by as newly elected President of the Town Council, Arthur Mathews
Voted unanimously on 7 February 2022