

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
April 1, 2019
6:30 P.M. – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Dan Jenkins, John M. Perreault, Christopher Watkinson, Jane F. Millett, James Mason, Kathy Wilson, and Dan Ankeles

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Ryan Leighton, Assistant Town Manager; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Matt Panfil, Planning and Development Director; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jay Astle, Parks and Recreation Facilities Manager/Public Works Director; Don Koslosky, Deputy Fire Chief; and TV video crew

Chair John Perreault called the meeting to order, asked for roll call, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Public Comments/Announcements: (for items not on the agenda) [*This item was discussed at 6:31 p.m.*](#)

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke regarding tax increases over time adding up. Government is supposed to represent all and an over 3% increase will cause financial damage to residents.

Rudi Smith, 7 Mast Lane, thanked all those people who have come here who have worked on the fire station project.

Bruce Myer, 521 Gurnet Road, spoke of the tax increases over the last 20 years and how it is a factor in why he is being pushed out.

Jean Johnson, 22 Arrowhead Drive, spoke on how the Council needs to do a better job of taking care of the first responders.

Deb Bridges, 64 Wildwood Drive, spoke on her concern with the clear cutting of trees that is taking place at Brunswick Landing, and how the Council needs to do something to control it.

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MANAGER’S REPORT *(This item was discussed at 6:44 p.m.)*

a) Budget Update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) 2019 Outstanding Parks Professional Jay Astle

Tom Farrell spoke on this item acknowledging and congratulating Jay Astle for winning this award.

c) Public Works Spring Clean-up

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 37. The Town Council will hear public comments on “An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase of Property For And Construction Of A New Central Fire Station With Total Project Costs Of Up To \$15,000,000, And the Issuance of Bonds of Up To \$15,000,000”, and “An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Property For And Construction Of A New Central Fire Station With Total Project Costs Of Up To \$13,500,000 And the Issuance of Bonds of Up To \$13,500,000”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) *(This item was discussed at 6:47 p.m.)***

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Chief Ken Brilliant introduced this item and provided a PowerPoint presentation. He responded to questions from Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Wilson.

Julia Henze, Finance Director, introduced the financial models of the two bond amounts. She responded to questions from Councilor Millett.

Manager Eldridge presented proposed operational costs for the new building.

Chair Perreault commented on this item and its costs.

Public comments were made by the following people:

Richard Mersereau, 236 Middle Bay Road

Nelson Moody, 90 Jordan Avenue

Jonathan Wayne, 2 Oakland Street

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street

Elizabeth Ernst, 9 Atwood Lane

Clark Labbe, 55 Pleasant Hill Road

David Jester, 8 Greenwood Street, former Firefighter

Deb Bridges, 64 Wildwood Drive

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Doug Rice, 4 Hennessey Avenue
Bruce Myer, 521 Gurnet Road
Jean Johnson, 22 Arrowhead Drive
Matt Barnes, 24 Country Lane, Firefighter
Barry Logan, 14 Columbia Avenue
Dwight Paine, 12 Cluf Bay Road
Rudi Smith, 7 Mast Lane
Tim Griffing, 667 River Road

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting on this issue tonight.

Motion #1

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt “An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase of Property For And Construction Of A New Central Fire Station With Total Project Costs Of Up To \$15,000,000, And the Issuance of Bonds of Up To \$15,000,000”.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Millett, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Watson, Councilor Jenkins, and Chair Perreault spoke regarding this motion.

Vote on Motion #1

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt “An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase of Property For And Construction Of A New Central Fire Station With Total Project Costs Of Up To \$15,000,000, And the Issuance of Bonds of Up To \$15,000,000”. The motion failed with four (4) yeas. Councilor Walker, Councilor Watkinson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Ankeles, and Councilor Mason were opposed.

Motion #2

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt “An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Property For And Construction Of A New Central Fire Station With Total Project Costs Of Up To \$13,500,000 And the Issuance of Bonds of Up To \$13,500,000”.

Councilor Millett, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ankeles, Chair Perreault, and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this motion.

Vote Motion #2

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to adopt “An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Property For And Construction Of A New Central Fire Station With Total Project Costs Of Up To \$13,500,000 And the Issuance of Bonds of Up To \$13,500,000”. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted ordinance will be attached to the official minutes.)

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- 38. The Town Council will hear public comments on amendments to the Town of Brunswick Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Section 10-26 Marijuana Licensing Ordinance, and the Zoning Ordinance, regarding marijuana definitions, to be adopted on an emergency and a regular basis and made retroactive to March 4, 2019, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:20 p.m.*](#))**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge, Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development, and Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Councilor Millett, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Walker asked questions, to which Mr. Panfil and Ms. Smith responded.

Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

There was no objection to voting on this issue tonight.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt proposed amendments to the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance and to Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinance, Business Licensing, regarding marijuana establishments, to be enacted an emergency and a regular basis, and retroactive to March 4, 2019. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Watson was opposed.

(A copy of the adopted ordinance will be attached to the official minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS

- 39. The Council will consider adding an advisory ballot question regarding the school budget amount, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:33 p.m.*](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker asked questions, to which Ms. Smith responded.

Chair Perreault spoke on this item.

Councilor Mason, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Millett, Councilor Watkinson, Councilor Ankeles, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Proposed question:

The following is a non-binding expression of opinion for the consideration of the School Board and Town Council.

Question: I find the school budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted by the Town Council to be: Too High, Acceptable, Too Low

Suggested Motion:

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to add the above question to the municipal ballot on June 11, 2019. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Mason and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

40. The Town Council will consider adopting a charge for the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:41 p.m.*](#))

Manager Eldridge and Matt Panfil introduced this item.

Mr. Panfil responded to questions from Councilor Millett and Councilor Walker.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Mason, and Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to adopt the proposed charge for the Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee, as amended, to have a total of three Councilors. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted charge will be attached to the official minutes.)

41. The Town Council will consider a request from the Fire Department for permission to apply for, and if received, to expend a Maine Municipal Association Safety Enhancement Grant for turnout gear, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:52 p.m.*](#))

Don Koslosky, Deputy Fire Chief, introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to allow the Fire Department to apply for, and if received, to expend, a Maine Municipal Association Safety Enhancement Grant for \$2,000 to purchase firefighting turnout gear. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the grant application will be attached to the official minutes.)

42. The Town Council will consider a request from the Parks & Recreation Department for permission to apply for, and if received, to expend a Maine Municipal Association Safety Enhancement Grant for a fall protection system for the Recreation Center, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 8:54 p.m.*](#))

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Jay Astle introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to allow the Parks & Recreation Department to apply for, and if received, to expend, a Maine Municipal Association Safety Enhancement Grant for \$2,000 for the purchase of a fall protection system for the Recreation Center roof. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the grant application will be attached to the official minutes.)

43. The Town Council will consider ratifying the Town Manager's appointment of Nicholas Cloutier as the Town Assessor, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:56 p.m.\)*](#)

Manager Eldridge introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Walker.

Councilor Millett and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to consent to the appointment of Nicholas Cloutier as the Town Assessor. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

44. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) [*\(This item was discussed at 8:59 p.m.\)*](#)

Councilor Mason provided the following nominations:

Davis Fund:

Alison Harris for the term expiring 6/30/2021

Sande Updegraph for the term expiring 6/30/19.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

Blaine Moore for the term expiring 6/1/2021.

Personnel Board:

Bill Locke for the term expiring 1/12/22.

Russ Wrede elevated to a full membership for the term expiring 1/12/21.

Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission:

Bill Good for a full membership term expiring 5/1/2022.

Sue Stableford for a full membership term expiring 5/1/2022.

Marine Resources Committee:

Marko Melendy elevated to a full membership for a term expiring 5/1/2022.

The Council supported the slate unanimously.

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This nomination was added after the initial vote and was supported unanimously:

Conservation Commission

Tom Rumpf for a term to expire on 5/1/2022

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS ([*This item was discussed at 9:02 p.m.*](#))

A report was given regarding the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Chair Perreault spoke regarding the success of the BHS production of Mamma Mia; a citizen request to ensure that Coffin Pond was flooded in time to stock fish; and citizen concerns with a lack of town trash bags being available.

Councilor Ankeles said citizens are still commenting on cell phone issues and he hopes to have company representatives come at a future meeting to see what can be done.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding emails on parking and the farmer's market and said there has not been outreach to Park Row businesses regarding this matter. He indicated no decision has been made and that there will be outreach prior to that.

Councilor Wilson spoke regarding a citizen's concerns with tree trimming in town and the need for more to be done. Mr. Astle responded.

CONSENT AGENDA ([*This item was discussed at 9:14 p.m.*](#))

- a) **Approval of the minutes of March 18, 2019**
- b) **Adoption of the Resolution for National Service Recognition Day**
- c) **Approval of a Utility Location Permit from Priority Real Estate Group**
- d) **Approval of a Quitclaim deed for a mobile home on land depicted as Map 051 Lot 001 Sub 000 Typ 491**

Councilor Mason moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of materials for CA-b, CA-c, and CA-d will be attached to the official minutes.)

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

[The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.](#)

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
April 7, 2019

April 16, 2019
Date of Approval

Council Chair