

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
May 13, 2019
6:30 P.M.
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; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jay Astle, Public Works Director; Ryan Barnes, Town Engineer; 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 the Agenda

Councilor Watson announced that a person is coming to Brunswick to do a documentary on Fat Boy's and they are looking to interview twelve people.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Councilor Wilson made a statement on the budget.

52. **The Town Council will consider adopting the 2019-2020 School Budget Articles, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 6:35 p.m.*](#))**

Manager Eldridge introduced and read the articles.

REGION TEN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND MERRYMEETING ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 1. Region Ten Technical High School Budget. To approve the Region Ten Technical High School budget as proposed by the Cooperative Board of Region Ten in an amount not to exceed \$2,646,348 with Brunswick's assessment as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department being an amount not to exceed \$152,697 for operating expenditures and \$0 for debt service expenditures. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 2. Region Ten Technical High School Capital Reserve Establishment. To authorize the Cooperative Board of Maine Region 10 Technical High School (“Region 10”) to transfer up to \$10,000 from undesignated fund balances to its Capital Reserve Fund; and further to authorize the Cooperative Board to expend that sum with other balances accumulated in that Fund from time to time on such specific items or types of capital improvements or equipment as the Cooperative Board may determine to be needed by Region 10. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Watson and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 3. Merrymeeting Adult Education Budget. To approve the Merrymeeting Adult Education budget in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,122 with Brunswick’s assessment as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department not to exceed \$118,964. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

PreK-12 ARTICLES

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 4. Local Contribution Required under EPS to Receive Full State Dollars; and State Subsidy. As part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To appropriate the sum of \$29,050,953 toward the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act; and as part of the \$29,050,953 to raise the sum of \$17,992,578 as the Town’s contribution toward the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688; and as part of the \$29,050,953 to accept state subsidy anticipated in the amount of \$11,058,375. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor Watson, Chair Perreault and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 5. Non-State-Funded Debt Service. As part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,030 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Jenkins and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 6. Additional Local Funds. As part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,346,629 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$8,346,629. The School Board recommends \$8,346,629 in additional local funds which amount exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$8,346,629 for the following reasons: The State’s EPS allocation in Transportation, Facilities Maintenance, Special

Education, Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular programs and instructional staffing are inadequate to fully fund the 2019-20 program approved by the school board in the proposed budget. The motion carried with five (5) yeas. Councilor Watson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 7. Other Funds. As part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To accept funds from other sources as estimated below and to appropriate the amount of \$211,349.

<u>Tuition and other charges</u>	<u>\$ 128,349</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$ 83,000</u>
	<u>\$ 211,349</u>

The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Watson was opposed.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 8. Unexpended Balances. As part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To appropriate \$2,111,364 from the existing, or estimated, unexpended balances of the Brunswick School Department. Total to appropriate \$2,111,364. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 9. Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 total Budget. To authorize the Brunswick School Department to expend \$40,034,745 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes title 20-A section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools. The motion carried with five (5) yeas. Councilor Watson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

ADULT EDUCATION AND SCHOOL NUTRITION

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Mason moved, to adopt ARTICLE 10. Adult Education. As part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate \$118,964 for adult education; with authorization to expend the herein appropriated \$118,964 and any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Watson and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

Councilor Ankeles moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 11. School Nutrition. As part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,420 in support of the Brunswick School Nutrition Program. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Jenkins moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 12. Cost Center Allocation. Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A., to authorize allocation of the school budget,

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**\$40,153,709 to the various cost centers as recommended by the Brunswick School Board
May 8, 2019 as follows:**

<u>Cost Center Summary Budget Category</u>	<u>Amount Recommended by School Board</u>	<u>Approved by Council May 13, 2019</u>
Regular Instruction	\$ 17,450,653	\$ 17,450,653
Special Education	\$ 5,981,969	\$ 5,981,969
Career and Technical Education	\$ 152,697	\$ 152,697
Other Instruction	\$ 836,135	\$ 836,135
Student and staff support	\$ 3,906,639	\$ 3,906,639
System Administration	\$ 1,108,981	\$ 1,108,981
School Administration	\$ 1,902,404	\$ 1,902,404
Transportation and Buses	\$ 2,294,811	\$ 2,294,811
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 4,823,527	\$ 4,823,527
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 1,450,509	\$ 1,450,509
Other- School Nutrition	\$ 126,420	\$ 126,420
Total to June 11 Public Referendum	\$ 40,034,745	\$ 40,034,745
Adult Education	\$ 118,964	\$ 118,964

Summary of Total Expenditures voted

By School Board May 8, 2019 \$ 40,153,709 \$ 40,153,709

**The motion carried with (5) yeas. Councilor Watson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Millett,
and Councilor Wilson were opposed.**

GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND OTHER REVENUES ARTICLE

**Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to adopt ARTICLE 13. Grants,
Donations, and other revenues. To authorize the Brunswick School Department to make
application for grants and other revenues as opportunities may become available, to
appropriate such revenues to the purpose for which received, and to authorize the
Brunswick School Department to accept and expend any grant awards, donations, or other
revenues that may be received. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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

- 53. The Town Council will consider a warrant for the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held on June 11, 2019, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed at 6:48 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, responded to questions from Councilor Mason and Councilor Wilson.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Ankeles seconded, to approve the warrant for the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held on June 11, 2019. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Jenkins were opposed.

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

54. The Town Council will consider adopting the “Resolution for the Capital Improvement Program For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 - 2024,” and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 6:54 p.m.*](#))

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt the “Resolution for the Capital Improvements Program For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 – 2024.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

55. The Town Council will consider adopting the “Budget Resolution for the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 Fiscal Year,” and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 6:57 p.m.*](#))

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Jenkins seconded, to adopt the “Budget Resolution for the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 Fiscal Year.” The motion carried with five (5) yeas. Councilor Watson, Chair Perreault, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Wilson were opposed.

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

56. The Town Council will consider adopting the “Supplemental Budget Resolution Appropriating \$902,500 from the Unassigned Balance of the General Fund to Fund Capital Projects”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 6:58 p.m.*](#))

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to adopt the “Supplemental Budget Resolution Appropriating \$902,500 from the Unassigned Balance of the General Fund to Fund Capital Projects.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

57. The Town Council will consider adopting the “Supplemental Budget Resolution Appropriating Available Tax Increment Financing Revenues for the Purpose of Funding Qualified Capital Projects and Acquisitions”, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) ([*This item was discussed at 6:59 p.m.*](#))

Councilor Watkinson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt the “Supplemental Budget Resolution Appropriating Available Tax Increment Financing Revenues for the Purpose of Funding Qualified Capital Projects and Acquisitions.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

58. **The Town Council will consider any other matters related to the adoption of the 2019-2020 Budget and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)**
(This item was discussed at 6:59 p.m.)

There were none.

Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding the lack of state revenue sharing and asked the Legislative Delegation to vote for a state budget that will restore this to the percentage required by law.

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

[The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
May 14, 2019*

May 20, 2019
Date of Approval

Council Chair