

-APPROVED-
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
May 27, 2010

Councilors Present: Chair Joanne T. King, W. David Watson, Benjamin J. Tucker, Suzan Wilson, John M. Perreault, Gerald E. Favreau, Margo H. Knight, E. Benet Pols, and Deborah R. Atwood

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: Gary Brown, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; Dave Markovchick, Director of Economic Development; Richard Rizzo, Police Chief; John Foster, Public Works Director; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kevin Schofield, Police Commander; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief; Don Koslosky, Deputy Fire Chief; and TV video crew.

Correspondence:

Councilor Knight announced the Brunswick Survey which staff hopes citizens will complete.

Councilor Pols announced an outer Pleasant Street area meeting.

Manager Brown announced the death of David Scarponi, who was the first Chairman of the Brunswick Town Council when the Town adopted this form of government.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

57. The Town Council will consider adopting the 2010-2011 School Budget Articles, and will take any appropriate action.

John Eldridge, Finance Director, explained each article as the Council went through them.

Article 1. Vocational Region Ten Budget

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to approve the Maine Vocational Region Ten budget as approved by the Cooperative Board of Maine Vocational Region Ten in the amount of \$1,914,261 with Brunswick's assessment as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department being \$765,989 for operating expenditures and \$0 for debt service expenditures. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 2. Merrymeeting Adult Education Budget

Councilor Perreault asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to approve the Merrymeeting Adult Education budget in the amount of \$700,609 with Brunswick's assessment as part of

the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department being \$101,002. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 3. Local Contribution Required under EPS to Receive Full State Dollars; and State Subsidy

Councilor Knight asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Atwood seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To appropriate the sum of \$27,908,502 toward the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act; and as part of the \$27,908,502 to raise the sum of \$15,051,960 as the Town's contribution toward the total cost of funding public education from 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 \$27,908,502 to accept state subsidy anticipated in the amount of \$12,856,542. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 4. Non-State-Funded Debt Service

Councilor Favreau asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Atwood moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$377,612 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 and minor capital 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 kindergarten to grade 12. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 5. Additional Local Funds

Councilor Pols asked a question, to which Jim Oikle, Business Manager for the School Department responded.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$258,441 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$55,523. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 6. Other Funds

Councilor Pols asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Oikle responded.

Councilor Pols moved Councilor Knight seconded, 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 \$1,174,428.

Federal School Subsidy	\$ 361,000
Tuition and other charges	638,928
Miscellaneous	174,500
	<u>\$ 1,174,428</u>

The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 7. Unexpended Balances

Councilor Perreault asked a question, to which Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent of Schools, responded.

Councilor Pols spoke on this amount and asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Chair King and Councilor Favreau asked questions, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Pols seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department, to appropriate \$3,500,000 from the existing, or estimated, unexpended balances of the Brunswick School Department. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 8. Kindergarten to Grade 12 Total Budget

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to authorize the Brunswick School Department to expend \$33,218,983 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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 nine (9) yeas.

Article 9. Adult Education

Councilor Perreault asked a question, to which Mr. Oikle and Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Knight asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Knight seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department, to appropriate \$101,002 for adult education and to raise \$70,002 as the local share; and to accept state subsidy anticipated in the amount of \$31,000; with authorization to expend the herein appropriated \$101,002 and any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 10. Cost Center Allocation

Mr. Perzanoski spoke on the freshmen sports issue, and how they will happen next year and how they will be funded.

Councilor Wilson asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Pols asked a question, to which Mr. Oikle responded.

Councilor Atwood asked a question, to which Mr. Oikle responded.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Knight seconded, Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A., to authorize allocation of the school budget, \$33,319,985 to the various cost centers as recommended by the Brunswick School Committee as follows:

Cost Center Summary Budget Category	Amount Recommended by School Committee	Amount Approved by Town Council
Regular Instruction	\$ 14,718,746	\$ 14,718,746
Special Education	3,691,499	3,691,499
Career and Technical Education	765,990	765,990
Other Instruction	681,825	681,825
Student and Staff Support	3,178,333	3,178,333
System Administration	821,792	821,792
School Administration	1,627,980	1,627,980
Transportation and Buses	1,607,612	1,607,612
Facilities Maintenance	4,262,574	4,262,574
Debt Service and Other	1,753,632	1,753,632
All Other Expenditures	210,002	210,002
Summary of Total Authorized Expenditures	\$ 33,319,985	\$ 33,319,985

The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Article 11. Grants, Donations, and other revenues

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to authorize the Brunswick School Department to make application for grants and other revenues as opportunities may become available 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.

58. The Town Council will consider a warrant for the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held on June 8, 2010, and will take any appropriate action.

Mr. Eldridge spoke on this item.

Councilor Knight and Councilor Favreau asked questions, to which Fran Smith, Town Clerk, responded.

Councilor Knight asked questions to which Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Perzanoski responded.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Election Warrant for the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held on June 8, 2010. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

59. The Town Council will consider adopting the 2010-2011 Budget Resolution for the Town, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Chair King spoke on the St. John's transportation issue and asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Atwood spoke on the transportation issue.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to adopt the Budget Resolution for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 Fiscal Year.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Atwood seconded, to amend the motion to restore the Natural Resources Planner and Deputy Public Works Director positions.

Councilor Pols spoke on the Natural Resources Planner's duties and asked a question, to which Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Atwood spoke in support of the positions.

Councilor Perreault spoke about the Natural Resource Planner, but is not going to support it since the Town needs to control its budget.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Atwood seconded, to amend the motion to restore the Natural Resources Planner and Deputy Public Works Director positions. The motion failed with three (3) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Perreault, Chair King, Councilor Favreau, and Councilor Knight were opposed.

Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Atwood seconded, to amend the motion to restore the Natural Resource Planner's position.

Councilor Atwood asked a question, to which Councilor Pols responded; she also spoke on this position.

Councilor Wilson spoke against the amendment.

Chair King spoke against this amendment.

Councilor Perreault spoke against this amendment.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Atwood seconded, to amend the motion to restore the Natural Resource Planner's position. The motion failed with three (3) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Perreault, Chair King, Councilor Favreau, and Councilor Knight were opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to adopt the Budget Resolution for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 Fiscal Year. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor Tucker, Councilor Pols, and Councilor Atwood were opposed.

60. The Town Council will consider adopting supplemental Budget Resolutions for the 2010-2011 Budget Year to fund certain projects contained in year one of the proposed 2011-15 Capital Improvement Program, and will take any appropriate action.

Mr. Eldridge explained this item.

Councilor Wilson and Councilor Perreault asked questions to which Mr. Eldridge and John Foster, Public Works Director, responded.

Councilor Watson had a question, to which Mr. Foster responded.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt a Supplemental Budget Resolution Appropriating \$207,500 from the Unassigned Balance of the General Fund to Fund Certain Capital Acquisitions and Projects. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Pols opposed.

61. The Town Council will consider any other matters related to the adoption of the 2010-2011 Budget and will take any appropriate action.

Mr. Eldridge explained there were no other matters.

Councilor Watson asked question on freshmen sports, to which Mr. Perzanoski responded.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
June 2, 2010

June 7, 2010
Date of Approval

Council Chair