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BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
February 1, 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; Dave Markovchick, Director of Economic Development; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kris Hultgren, Town Planner; Terry Goan, Police Officer; and TV video crew.

Chair King called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Public Comment:

Claudia Knox, Cumberland Street, spoke on the Longfellow Days program.

Fred Blanchard, Harpswell Road, spoke about the Loring Base redevelopment, the lack of job creation, and how this could be similar to what happens in Brunswick. He spoke of his concern with the Maine Street Station project.

Correspondence:

The Council received the resignation of Bill Ginty from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

Councilor Atwood spoke on an email from Betsy Cantrell of Merrymeeting Bay TRIAD relative to the importance of old medicine collection.

Councilor Perreault spoke on the Maine Music Education District III event.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

MANAGER'S REPORT:

(a) Council Committee Updates

There were reports given on the Downtown Master Plan Committee, the Elementary School Building Committee, and the Recycling and Sustainability Committee.

(b) Report on the New Meadows Watershed Partnership

Manager Brown gave this report.

(A copy of materials from the Natural Resources Planner will be attached to the official minutes.)

(c) Report from Spectrum Generations

Councilor Atwood introduced **Jonathan Huntington**, a Board member, who gave an overview of their services and let the public know about their new location in Topsham.

(A copy of their brochure will be attached to the official minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 9. The Town Council will consider naming the Pinette Property after the former owner per a request from the family, and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Jerry Menard, 10 Dunning Street, brother-in-law of Laurier Pinette, spoke on this item.

Councilor Favreau and Councilor Perreault asked questions to which Tom Farrell responded.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Knight seconded, to name the property on Water Street, donated by the Pinette family, “Pinette’s Landing.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of a memo from the Parks and Recreation Director will be attached to the official minutes)

- 10. The Town Council will consider accepting a Maine Department of Transportation Gateway 1 Start-Up Funding Program grant in the amount of \$29,500 to complete the Pleasant Street Improvement Project – Phase 1, and the Downtown Master Plan Update, and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Chair King asked questions of Councilor Pols, who deferred to Councilor Knight to respond.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor Watson asked questions to which Anna Breinich responded.

Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Pols seconded, to accept and expend a grant from the Maine Department of Transportation Gateway 1 Start-Up Funding Program in the amount of \$29,500 to complete the Pleasant Street Improvement Project – Phase 1 and the Downtown Master Plan Update. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of an email indicating the Town's receipt, and the grant application will be attached to the official minutes.)

11. The Town Council will consider action regarding open space property at the Great Scott Estates Subdivision, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Brown and Ms. Breinich spoke on this item.

Steve Walker, Bowdoin Street, spoke on this item.

Councilor Pols, Chair King, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor Watson spoke on this item, with responses to questions coming from Manager Brown and Mr. Farrell.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to table this item until March 1, 2010. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of a memo from the Natural Resources Planner will be attached to the official minutes)

12. The Town Council will consider approving the Property Management Agreement for the Maine Street Station Visitor Center between the Town of Brunswick and the Brunswick Downtown Association, and will take any appropriate action.

Councilor Knight spoke on this item.

Greg Farr, Executive Director of Brunswick Downtown Association, spoke on this item. He responded to Councilor Pols' question.

Councilor Perreault spoke and asked questions to which Manager Brown and Mr. Markovchick responded.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Tucker asked questions to which Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Wilson spoke on this item.

Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Atwood seconded, to approve the Property Management Agreement for the Maine Street Station Visitor Center between the Town of Brunswick and the Brunswick Downtown Association. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the signed agreement and the Property Management Agreement Division of Financial Responsibility will be attached to the official minutes)

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- 13. The Town Council will consider changes to the Council Rules of Order and Procedure relative to tabling motions, executive sessions, and notification for public meetings, and will determine if any future action is necessary.**

Manager Brown and Ms. Smith spoke on this item.

Councilor Tucker spoke and responded to Councilor Wilson's question.

Chair King, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Perreault and Councilor Atwood spoke on this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Tucker seconded, to change the Council Rules of Order and Procedure relative to tabling motions, executive sessions, and notification for public meetings. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Perreault was opposed.

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

- 14. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Pols made the following nominations to the Conservation Commission:

Reginald Elwell
Amanda Bunker

They were voted nine (9) yeas to serve on the Commission.

- 15. The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to committees, and will take any appropriate action.**

Chair King appointed the following Councilors:

Union Negotiations:

Councilor Perreault - ASCME
Councilor Favreau - Police
Councilor Wilson – Public Works

Mid-Coast Council of Governments

Councilor Favreau, Councilor Watson, Councilor Knight, Councilor Perreault and Councilor Tucker

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of the Minutes of January 21, 2010**

(b) Appointments to the Voter Registration Appeals Board

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

Executive Session: Economic Development Per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to go into executive session to discuss Economic Development Per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) relative to a tax credit enhancement agreement. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
January 22, 2010*

February 8, 2010
Date of Approval

Council Chair