

-Approved-
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
November 21, 2011
7:00 P.M.
Municipal Meeting Room
Brunswick Station
16 Station Avenue

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/Assistant to Town Manager; Richard Rizzo, Police Chief; Don Koslosky, Deputy Fire Chief; Pat Scully, Town Attorney; Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; Russ Wrede, Police Sergeant; and TV video crew.

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

Public Comment:

Rob Jarratt, 3 Meadowbrook Road, spoke about the Brunswick Public Art program and the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Mary Lou Zeeman, 3 Oliveira Lane, spoke on behalf of the Brunswick West group and their hope to keep the lines of communication open between them and the Town Council.

Steve Gorden, District 3 County Commissioner, introduced himself and said he would be available to the Council, if needed.

Karen Klatt, 32 Moody Road, expressed concern that her emails were not being forwarded to the Council and spoke on the Credit Enhancement Agreement for the Brunswick Inn, reading part of a letter from **Peter Anastos** on this subject.

Correspondence:

Councilor Perreault asked that Manager Brown respond to Ms. Klatt's email, which Manager Brown did.

Councilor Atwood congratulated Brunswick students who were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and she commented on the New York Times article about the success of the Brunswick Explorer bus; Councilor Favreau added comments, as well.

Councilor Perreault spoke about the success of the recent Brunswick High School play, Tom Jones.

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Adjustments to the Agenda:

Add #140 to add an appointment to the Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Implementation Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

(a) Financial Update

Manager Brown gave this update.

(b) Council Committee Updates

Reports were given on the following committees: Master Plan Implementation Committee, Recycling and Sustainability Committee, and the Website Committee.

(c) Permission to apply for an assistance grant from the EPA Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program (*Action Required*)

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to allow the Town to apply for an assistance grant to provide free technical assistance by the Project for Public Spaces funded through the EPA Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

(d) (ADDED) Landfill holiday hours

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

(e) (ADDED) Bouchard Drive neighborhood meeting

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

133. The Town Council will hear public comments on Alcoholic Beverage license applications, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Full-Time Spirituous, Vinous & Malt

1827 LLC

D/B/A: Captain Daniel Stone Inn

10 Water Street

Kevin Savage

Full-Time Vinous & Malt

Len's Fish and Chips

D/B/A: Len's Fish and Chips

17 Bow Street

Leonard Brancato III

Chair King opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, she closed the public hearing.

Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to approve Alcoholic Beverage license applications for the Captain Daniel Stone Inn at 10 Water Street, and Len's Fish and Chips at 17 Bow Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

134. **The Town Council will hear public comments on Special Amusement license applications, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Special Amusement

AKI, Inc

D/B/A: AKI, Inc

94 Maine Street

Tina Cigri, Laura Cigri

Valami Ly, and Bihouy Liu

Bowl New England, Inc.

D/B/A: Spare Time

276 Bath Road

David Frye

Chair King opened the public hearing.

Rob Peabody, District 1, spoke on this item.

Tina Cigri, AKI's owner, spoke on this item and responded to Council questions.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve a Special Amusement License for Spare Time at 276 Bath Road. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Perreault and Councilor Pols spoke on AKI application.

Councilor Atwood asked questions, to which Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Watson asked a question, to which Fran Smith responded.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Atwood seconded, to approve a Special Amusement for AKI, pending a favorable inspection by the Town, to have music downstairs only. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

135. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for December 5, 2011, on the proposed Fireworks Ordinance that prohibits the sale and use of fireworks in Brunswick, to be enacted on an emergency and regular basis, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Tucker)**

Councilor Tucker spoke on this item.

Pat Scully, Town Attorney, spoke on this item.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Favreau asked questions, to which staff responded.

Councilor Atwood, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Wilson, and Councilor Knight spoke on this item.

Rob Peabody, District 1, and **Hunter Johnson**, Pollard Avenue, spoke on this item.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Knight seconded, to set a public hearing for December 5, 2011, on a draft Fireworks Ordinance that prohibits their sale and use in Brunswick, to be enacted on an emergency and regular basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

136. **The Town Council will consider amending the budget, per the Town Charter Section 504, to fund the cost of a tractor for the Parks and Recreation Department in an amount of approximately \$47,000, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Councilor Perreault spoke on this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to amend the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$47,000 to authorize the purchase of a replacement tractor for the Department of Parks and Recreation and to appropriate the funds for the purchase from current unappropriated available revenues. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

137. **The Town Council will consider endorsing the Affordable Midcoast Housing Plan, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Steve Levesque, Executive Director of MRRA, spoke on this item and answered questions from Councilor Atwood and Councilor Pols.

Councilor Tucker asked questions, to which Mr. Scully and Mr. Levesque responded; Mr. Levesque also spoke on this item.

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

Scott Howard and **George Schott**, on behalf of AMH, spoke on this item and responded to questions from Councilor Wilson, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor Pols.

John Hodge, Brunswick Housing Authority, spoke on this item and brought questions forward.

Dottie Ollier, 21 Lisbon Falls Road, spoke on this item.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, that the Brunswick Town Council supports the community goals in the AMH and MRRA developed housing plan seeking to increase home ownership with affordable housing for working families while minimizing the impact on both sales and rentals; the Brunswick Town Council requests AMH and MRRA provide progress reports at least annually to the Council as to how well the community goals are being met.

Members of the Council discussed this motion and Councilor Tucker expressed an interest in tabling this item until the next meeting.

Councilor Wilson withdrew the motion.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Tucker seconded, to table this item until December 5, 2011, so language can be developed to reflect the withdrawn motion. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

138. The Town Council will consider requesting the Planning Board to review the sign ordinance to increase the allowable number of MDOT official business directional signs, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Perreault)

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to request the Planning Board review the sign ordinance to increase the allowable number of MDOT official business directional signs from two to either three or four. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

139. The Town Council will consider accepting a fire hydrant located on the grounds of Harriet Beecher Stowe School, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Councilor Favreau and Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, for the Town to accept a fire hydrant located on the grounds of Harriet Beecher Stowe School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the letter of request will be attached to the official minutes.)

140. (ADDED) The Town Council will consider appointments to the Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Implementation Committee, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Perreault)

Councilor Perreault nominated David Flaherty to the Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Implementation Committee as a Pleasant Street business owner. With no other nominations, Mr. Flaherty was appointed with a vote of nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of the Minutes of November 7, 2011
(b) Approval of games of chance for the Brunswick Lodge of Elks #2043, 179 Park Row

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

Executive session – Economic Development to discuss the MRRA TIF per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Chair King moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to table the executive session to a special meeting on December 1, 2011. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
November 28, 2011*

December 5, 2011
Date of Approval

Council Chair