

-APPROVED-
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
May 16, 2011
7:00 P.M.
Municipal Meeting Room
Maine Street 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; Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent of Schools; Jim Oikle, School Business Manager; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Marc Hagan, Police Commander; John Foster, Public Works Director; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Jeffrey Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief; Don Koslosky, Deputy Fire Chief; Brian Dancause, Economic Development Specialist; 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:

Marji Greenhut, 10 Noble Street, said the new hotel is taller than is allowed and blocks part of her view.

Peter Footer, 261 Old Bath Road, said it is not the time to build a police station.

Correspondence:

Councilor Atwood spoke on the Destination Imagination Team and an upcoming fundraiser for them.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

(a) Financial Update

Manager Brown gave this update.

(b) Council Committee Updates

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A report was given on the Elementary School Building Committee new school tour.

(c) Recognition of Commander William Fitzgerald

Councilor Tucker and Councilor Favreau presented a resolution and a sign that named the newly acquired conservation property off Old Bath Road after Captain Fitzgerald.

Captain Fitzgerald spoke, thanking the Council and the community.

(d) Approval of Nathaniel Davis Fund Committee's recommendations (Action Required)

David Knight, Chair of the Committee, spoke on this recommendation and on the committee.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to accept the recommendations for the Davis Fund's 2011-2012 allocations as recommended by the Committee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the Committee's recommendations will be attached to the official minutes.)

(e) Letter of Intent for Communities for Maine Future grant for a parking deck

Brian Dancause, Economic Development Specialist, spoke about this grant.

Councilor Knight and Councilor Favreau spoke on this item.

Councilor Pols, Councilor Atwood, and Councilor Perreault asked questions, to which Manager Brown responded.

(A copy of the memo from Brian Dancause and a draft Letter of Intent will be attached to the official minutes.)

(f) Update on LD 69 regarding the Brunswick/Harpswell border issue

Manager Brown and Councilor Tucker spoke on this item, explaining that the bill was voted out of Committee "ought not to pass."

Chair King and Councilor Wilson thanked those involved, including Councilor Tucker and Mark Latti.

(g) Update on BDC action on properties on Pleasant/Stanwood Streets

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Councilor Perreault asked a question, to which Chair King responded.

- (h) (ADDED) **Margo Knight receives the Maine Association of Planner – Citizen Planner of the Year**

Councilor Knight received this award for her work on the Downtown Master Plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 41. The Town Council will hear public comments on applications for Special Amusement Licenses, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

**Byrnes Irish Pub LLC
D/B/A: Byrnes Irish Pub
16 Station Ave**

Joe Byrnes

**Columbus Club, Inc.
D/B/A: Knights of Columbus, Sekenger Council #1947
2 Columbus Drive**

Douglas Phinney, G.K.

Chair King opened the public hearing.

Marji Greenhut spoke on her concerns about outdoor noise.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Knight seconded, to approve the Special Amusement Licenses for Byrnes Irish Pub, located at 16 Station Avenue, and the Knights of Columbus, located at 2 Columbus Drive. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Tucker abstained since his law firm represents Byrnes Irish Pub.

- 42. The Town Council will hear public comments on the Municipal Budget for 2011-2012 and CIP, and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Brown gave an overview of additional reductions.

Chair King opened the public hearing.

Pem Schaeffer, 32 Crestview Drive, spoke on his concerns with the school budget.

Alisa Coffin, owner of Great Impasta, spoke in support of the Brunswick Downtown Association (BDA) funding.

Jane Millett, 10 Franklin Street, spoke in support of the school budget since excellent schools bring people to this community.

Mathew Klinge, 10 Iroquois Circle, requested there be no additional cuts in the school budget.

Louise Rosen, 15 High Street, agreed with the previous two speakers and spoke in support of preschool education.

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Fred Horch, 44 Pleasant Street, spoke in support of keeping the budget where it is and said the next budget cycle is going to be more difficult than this one.

Steve Perkinson, 6 Page Street, spoke about great teachers and how great teachers are being lost.

Ed Hatrick, 4 Micmac Lane, spoke in support of the school budget as is and said part of the reason he came to Brunswick is because of the good schools.

Marji Greenhut, 10 Noble Street, spoke against cutting summer Math and English programs, and the need to put money toward education.

Bob Healing, 41 West Marginal Road, spoke in support of the BDA.

Jeff Pelletier, 29 Union Street, said he moved to Brunswick in part due to the excellent schools and he is concerned with the cuts.

Chris Ledwick, 4 High Street, said he would like to see less cuts in the school budget and asked not to cut it further.

Jeff Piampiano, 3 High Street, thanked the Council and School Board. He said people move to Brunswick because of the strong school system and they drive the future of the town. He supported the budget and would like to see more in it.

Dorothy Hassfeld, 271 Mere Point Road, asked how the BDC (Brunswick Development Corporation) operates.

Peter Footer, 261 Old Bath Road, spoke on his concerns with the teachers unions in the country being a large part of the issue. He also wanted an additional \$400,000 taken from the school budget and have the benefit packets for school and town staff reviewed.

Bill Patterson, Melden Drive, spoke in support of the school budget.

Laura Lienert, 10 High Street, moved to Brunswick six years ago. She wants others to also come, and there is a need for a strong school system.

Karen Klatt, 32 Moody Road, spoke on stopping the expenditure for the property for the police station. She recommended BDC be dissolved and use its funds to offset the budget.

Linda Knowles, Maquoit Road, gave thanks for the good job the School Board and Council did. She questioned if the town needed the new school and spoke in support of the police station.

Chair King closed the public hearing.

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Chair King responded that BDC funds are not town and there is a total separation from Town government.

Manager Brown also spoke on the funding of the BDC.

Manager Brown responded to questions on the municipal budget and the further reductions.

Several Councilors asked questions, to which Mr. Perzanoski and Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Atwood, Councilor Pols, Councilor Knight, Councilor Favreau, Councilor Tucker Councilor Watson and Chair King indicated they would support the budget as proposed.

Councilor Perreault said he would like to see a few more cuts on the municipal side but supports the School's budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- 43. The Town Council will consider a request for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways for outdoor seating and alcohol sales within the seating area for O'Shea's Irish Restaurant & Cantina at 94 Maine Street, and will take any appropriate action.**

George Glover, 65 Willow Grove, owner of property across the street, spoke of noise and other concerns with O'Shea's.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to table this item. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 44. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 6, 2011, to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add the use "parking facility" to the MU2, MU3, MU4, and MU6 districts, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for June 6, 2011, to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add the use "parking facility" to the MU2, MU3, MU4, and MU6 districts. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

Votes were taken on the following nominations:

John Donovan to serve on the Housing Authority. He was appointed with nine (9) yeas.

Charles Frizzle to serve on the People Plus Board. He was appointed with nine (9) yeas.

Dann Lewis to serve on the Planning Board. He was appointed with nine (9) yeas.

David Barbour to serve on the Sewer District Board of Trustees. He was appointed with nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of the minutes of April 25, 2011
- (b) Approval of extended Registrar's Hours for the June 7, 2011 Election
- (c) Appointment of the Warden and Deputy Wardens for the June 7, 2011 Election
- (d) Approval of games of chance and beano for Knights of Columbus

Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 9:25 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
June 1, 2011*

June 6, 2011
Date of Approval

Council Chair