

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
January 22, 2013

Councilors Present: Chair Suzan Wilson, W. David Watson, Benjamin J. Tucker, John M. Perreault, Gerald E. Favreau, Margo H. Knight, Sarah E. Brayman, and John Richardson, Jr.

Councilors Absent: Councilor Benet Pols

Town Staff Present: Gary Brown, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mark Waltz, Police Captain; Dan Devereaux, Marine Patrol Officer; and TV video crew

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked the Town Clerk for Roll Call.

Public Comment:

Claudia Knox, Cumberland Street, and **Annie Robinson** spoke regarding the work being done for the downtown to be designated as the Brunswick Downtown Historical District.

Kathy Wilson, 144 Pleasant Street, spoke on snow plowing on Pleasant Street and issues with a business plowing into town areas.

Jackie Sartoris, Bowdoin Street, spoke in support of creating a Citizen Advisory Committee for Brunswick base redevelopment.

Correspondence:

Councilor Brayman introduced the two artists, **Hati Modr** and **Maria Castellano-Usery**, who have provided the art work in the Council Chamber. She also spoke about the beautiful outdoor lighting in the downtown area.

Chair Wilson spoke about a public forum put on by the School Board regarding their budget.

Councilor Perreault spoke about the blasting and sewer line damage at the new police station site; Manager Brown and Chair Wilson responded to his questions.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

(a) Financial Update

Manager Brown provided this update.

(b) Report on the preliminary estimated effect of the Governor's budget on the Town

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Manager Brown spoke regarding this item and responded to a question from Councilor Richardson.

(A copy of a memo from the Finance Department will be attached to the official minutes.)

(c) Council Committee Updates

A report was given on the Downtown Master Plan Implementation Committee.

(d) Report on the hiring of a lobbying team to represent the Town in legislative issues

Manager Brown provided this report.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Richardson seconded, to affirm Town Council support for hiring a lobbying team. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(e) Update on public benefit conveyances

Manager Brown provided this update.

(A copy of an updated memo will be attached to the official minutes.)

(f) Update on railroad quiet zones

Manager Brown provided this update and responded to questions from Councilor Perreault.

(g) Reminder of renewal of dog licenses

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, provided this reminder.

(h) Announcement of CIP workshop for February 7, 2013

Manager Brown made this announcement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3. The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the following Alcoholic Beverage license, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

**Full-Time Spirituous, Vinous & Malt
Little Saigon LLC of Maine
D/B/A: Little Saigon Restaurant
44 Maine Street**

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

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Knight seconded, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage license for Little Saigon, located at 44 Maine Street. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

4. **The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the following Special Amusement license, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Special Amusement

Brunswick Lodge of Elks #2043

Angela Brackett

D/B/A: Brunswick Lodge of Elks

179 Park Row

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

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to approve the Special Amusement license for Brunswick Lodge of Elks, located at 179 Park Row. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

5. **The Town Council will hear public comments on parking ordinance changes in the downtown area, as recommended by the Downtown Master Plan Implementation Committee's Parking Subcommittee, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Knight and Councilor Perreault)**

Councilor Knight spoke regarding this item.

Chair Wilson opened the public hearing.

The following people spoke regarding this item:

Deborah King, Executive Director of BDA

Newell Augur, 3 Colonial Drive

Kathy Wilson, Pleasant Street

Chair Wilson closed the public hearing.

Councilor Brayman and Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Captain Waltz responded.

Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to adopt parking ordinance changes in the downtown area, as recommended by the Downtown Master Plan Implementation Committee's Parking Subcommittee, with the all day parking permit requirement at the Municipal lot removed from the original proposal. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. **The Town Council will discuss the nominee selection process for the MRRRA Board, and will determine if any action is necessary. (Chair Wilson and Councilor Knight)**

Councilor Knight spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Brayman, Councilor Tucker, and Councilor Richardson spoke regarding this item.

7. **The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to the following:**
- **Trust Fund Advisory Committee (previously Pols)**
 - **Midcoast Council of Governments -5 Councilors needed**
 - **Union Negotiating Committee -1 Councilor needed for AFSCME (previously Perreault), Public Works (previously Wilson)**
 - **Citizens Initiative Clarity Board (previously Pols and Knight)**

Chair Wilson made the following appointments:

Councilor Pols to the Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Councilor Richardson, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Watson, Councilor Knight and Councilor Pols to the Midcoast Council of Governments

Councilor Brayman to the AFSCME Union Negotiating Committee

Councilor Perreault to the Public Works Union Negotiating Committee

Councilor Pols and Councilor Knight to the Citizens Initiative Clarity Board

8. **The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee-2012)**

Councilor Favreau nominated John Bouchard to serve on the Water District Board of Trustees. With no other nomination presented, a vote was taken with eight (8) yeas supporting Mr. Bouchard's appointment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) **Approval of the Minutes of January 7, 2013**
- (b) **Approval of the Minutes of December 17, 2012**
- (c) **Appointment of Voter Registration Appeals Board**
- (d) **Appointment of Fran Smith as the Town's Public Access Officer**
- (e) **Approval of a tax abatement for American Ballroom Dance Academy**

- (f) Approval of Quitclaim Deed for property known as Map 051 Lot 001 Sub 000
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(A copy of materials for CA-E and CA-F will be attached to the official minutes.)

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Executive session – Consultation with legal counsel M.R.S.A. per §405(6)(E)

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to go into executive session for a consultation with legal counsel per M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) and to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the executive session. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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*Frances Smith
Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager
January 28, 2013*

February 4, 2013
Date of Approval

Council Chair