

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
April 7, 2014
6:30 P.M. - Executive Session
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: Chair Benet Pols, W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Suzan Wilson, John M. Perreault, Gerald E. Favreau, Jane F. Millett, Sarah E. Brayman, and John Richardson, Jr.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John Eldridge, Finance Director/Interim Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager; Donald Koslosky, Deputy Fire Chief; Linda Smith, Business Development Manager; Dan Devereaux, Marine Warden; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; and TV video crew

Chair Pols called the meeting to order, and asked the Clerk for Roll Call.

Executive Session: consultations with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation [1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)]

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to go into executive session for consultations with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E). The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Millett and Councilor Wilson arrived after the vote.

Chair Pols resumed the meeting, acknowledged that meeting was properly noticed, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Allison Harris, 38 Cumberland Street, read an email she sent to the Council regarding comments that were made at the March 24, 2014 meeting about her.

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

Correspondence

Chair Pols spoke regarding Molly Bogart, from the Bath- Brunswick Branch of the American Association of University Women of Maine, and her article on Pay Parity for Women in 2014.

Councilor Richardson spoke regarding an opportunity for a solar project on top of the new Recreation Building.

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Councilor Perreault said it was nice to see the vendor on the Mall.

Councilor Walker thanked Public Works for work done on Sumac Drive. He inquired if the Town plans to better mark the speed bumps on Maine Street; Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Favreau asked that an email from Emily Boochever regarding the layover facility be part of the record.

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

Council Committee Updates

Councilor Brayman spoke on the BDC and Teen Center fundraiser at Gelato Fiasco.

Adjustments to the Agenda None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) **Permission to apply for MMA Safety Enhancement Grant to assist with the purchase of turnout gear for the Fire Department (*Action Required*)**

Deputy Fire Chief Don Koslosky spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to apply for, and, if received, expend a MMA Safety Enhancement Grant to assist with the purchase of two sets of turnout gear for the Fire Department in an amount up to \$3,592. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of Deputy Chief Koslosky's memo will be attached to the official minutes.)

- b) **Permission to apply for MMA Safety Enhancement Grant to assist with the purchase of a chemical air purifier for Town Hall (*Action Required*)**

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to apply for, and, if received, expend a MMA Safety Enhancement Grant to assist with the purchase of a chemical air purifier for the new Town Hall in the amount \$600. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of a memo from Jessica Factor, along with grant information, will be attached to the official minutes.)

- c) **Report on MMA seeking nominations for their Executive Committee and Vice President**

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

- d) **Update on Route 24 re-signing**

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Margo Knight, Chair of Master Plan Implementation Committee, and **Anna Breinich**, Director of Planning and Development, spoke regarding this item.

(A copy of supporting materials will be attached to the official minutes.)

(e) (ADDED) Status on new Town Hall

Mr. Eldridge gave this update.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 39. The Town Council will hear public comments for amendments to the Chapter 11 “Marine Activities, Structures and Ways – Article III Shellfishing” relative to increasing the conservation credit points for commercial harvesters from 10 to 20 per year, to be enacted on an emergency and regular basis, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker and Councilor Wilson)**

Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Chair Pols opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt amendments to Chapter 11 “Marine Activities, Structures and Ways – Article III Shellfishing” relative to increasing the conservation credit points for commercial harvesters from 10 to 20 per year, along with changes adding definitions for American Oysters, European Oysters, and Razor Clams, to be enacted on an emergency and regular basis. The motion carried nine (9) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 40. The Town Council will consider writing a letter to the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) supporting the Brunswick West Neighborhood Coalition’s request that the FRA conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of NNEPRA’s proposal to build a maintenance and layover facility at the Brunswick West site, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Perreault and Councilor Millett)**

Councilor Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to write a letter to the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) supporting the Brunswick West Neighborhood Coalition’s (BWNC) request that the FRA conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of NNEPRA’s proposal to build a maintenance and layover facility at the Brunswick West site.

The following people spoke in support of sending a letter:

Robert Morrison, 37 Bouchard Drive

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Nicole Vinal-Harvie, 60 Hennessey Avenue

Pete Worthington, 5 Spring Street

Patrick Rael, 15 Bouchard Drive

John Mackillop, 38 Bouchard Drive

Fabian Rueger, 61 Hennessey Drive

Ed Chambers, 52 Willow Grove Road

Fred Horch, 44 Pleasant Street

Richard Papetti, 8 Scott Avenue

Bob Judd, 11 Lincoln Street

Charles Wallace, 501 Mere Point Road

Pem Schaeffer, 32 Crestview Lane

Marybeth Burbank, 11 Cumberland Street

The following people spoke against sending a letter:

Margo Knight, 22 Page Street

Jason Coombs, 16 Growing Bear Drive

Jeff Reynolds, 36 Redwood Lane

Herbert Richter, 80 Union Street

Emily Boochever, 10 Pleasant Hill Road

Karl Saila, 5 Meadowbrook Road

Kathy Wilson, 144 Pleasant Street

This item came back to the Council for discussion.

The following Councilors spoke on this issue: Councilor Millett, Chair Pols, Councilor Watson, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Favreau, and Councilor Brayman.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to write a letter to the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) supporting the Brunswick West Neighborhood Coalition's (BWNC) request that the FRA conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of NNEPRA's proposal to build a maintenance and layover facility at the Brunswick West site. The motion failed with four (4) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Favreau, and Councilor Richardson were opposed.

41. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for April 28, 2014, on a CDBG grant application for Greater Brunswick Housing Corporation, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Councilor Perreault

John Hodge, Greater Brunswick Housing Corp, responded to questions from Councilor Brayman.

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Councilor Millet recused herself from participation on this item since others in her firm had listed some of the properties on the list.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for April 28, 2014, on a CDBG grant application for Greater Brunswick Housing Corporation. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Millett abstained.

- 42. The Town Council will consider selecting a firm to undertake the Town Manager search, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Pols, Councilor Richardson, and Councilor Millett)**

Chair Pols spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Favreau spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Watson, Councilor Brayman, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, that the Town of Brunswick will engage the services of MMA to provide services in support of its search, recruitment, and contract negotiations for a new Town Manager. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the MMA proposal will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 43. The Town Council will consider requesting the Planning Board review section 604.7 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to eliminating the sixty day restriction for political signs, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Pols)**

Chair Pols spoke regarding this item.

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to request the Planning Board review of section 604.7 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to eliminating the sixty day restriction for political signs being allowed. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

Councilor Favreau nominated **William Guindon** to move up to the full member slot on the Personnel Board. The vote was nine (9) yeas.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of March 17, 2014
- b) Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2014
- c) Approval of quit claim deeds for property depicted as Map U37, Lot 029, Sub 000 Typ 000 and a mobile home located depicted on Map U051, Lot 001, Sub 000 Typ 353

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:05p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE ACTION MINUTES. THE ENTIRE MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.BRUNSWICKME.ORG.

*Frances Smith
Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager
April 24, 2014*

April 28, 2014
Date of Approval

Council Chair