

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
March 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
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, and Sarah E. Brayman

Councilors Absent: Councilor John Richardson, Jr.

Town Staff Present: John Eldridge, Finance Director/Interim Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Dan Devereaux, Marine Resources Officer; Linda Smith, Business Development Manager; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; Terry Goan, Police Officer; and TV video crew

Chair Pols called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked the Clerk for Roll Call. He noted the meeting had been properly noticed.

Public Comment:

Kathy Wilson spoke regarding the Black Bridge and her concerns about it being demolished. She asked if something could be done to keep it from being torn down. Councilor Perreault spoke on the work done by MDOT.

Correspondence:

Councilor Perreault spoke regarding a person who is interested in putting a town newsletter forward on either a weekly or monthly basis. He asked Councilors to get back to him on the issue.

Councilor Brayman received a compliment about Public Works' good work on the roads and the thought that they are in better shape than other communities'.

Council Committee Updates

A report was given on the Town Manager Search Subcommittee.

Chair Pols appointed Councilor Perreault, Councilor Wilson, and Councilor Watson to the MRRA TIF Subcommittee.

Adjustments to the Agenda None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Report on a grant through the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund for the Captain William Fitzgerald Recreation and Conservation Area Sandplain Grassland Restoration Project**
(Action required)

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Favreau, Chair Pols, Councilor Brayman, and Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item. Councilor Brayman also asked a questions, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to ratify approval of applying for a grant through the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund for the Captain William Fitzgerald Recreation and Conservation Area Sandplain Grassland Restoration Project. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- b) Recognition of vehicle purchase from the Sewer District**

Mr. Eldridge spoke on this item.

Councilor Perreault and Councilor Favreau spoke regarding this item.

- c) Appointment of representatives to the Midcoast Council of Government/MidCoast Economic Development District** *(Action required by Chair)*

Chair Pols appointed Mr. Eldridge and Linda Smith to the Midcoast Council of Government/MidCoast Economic Development District.

- d) Report on vacant positions**

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

- e) Update on the new Town Hall (McLellan Building) renovation**

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

- f) Report relative to the removal of the Black Bridge**

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item. Councilor Brayman asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Chair Pols and Councilor Favreau spoke regarding this item.

(A copy of a letter from MDOT will be attached to the official minutes.)

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g) (ADDED) MRRA Board nominations

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

h) (ADDED) Route 24 resigning meeting

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

**Columbus Club of Brunswick, Inc
D/B/A: Columbus Club of Brunswick
2 Columbus Drive**

Rick Lewis

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

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve a special amusement license for Columbus Club of Brunswick, 2 Columbus Drive. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

- 20. The Town Council will consider creating the River and Coastal Waters Commission, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Wilson and Councilor Walker)**

Councilor Wilson and Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Brayman asked questions, to which Councilor Wilson responded.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to create the River and Coastal Waters Commission (RCWC) as an advisory committee to the Town Council, with the attached charge and membership, with suggested amendments, not requiring, but recommending, citizen members representing different geographic areas, and having staggered terms for citizens. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(Copies of a memo from Councilor Wilson and Councilor Walker and the draft charge will be attached to the official minutes.)

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21. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for March 24, 2014, on amendments to Chapter 11 “Marine Activities, Structures and Ways - Article 1 Harbor, Coastal Tidal and Navigable Fresh Waters” relative to the Harbormaster’s authority and mooring requirements, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Wilson and Councilor Walker)**

Chair Pols spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Wilson and Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Chair Pols asked a question, to which Officer Devereaux responded.

Attorney Langsdorf spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to set a public hearing for March 24, 2014, on amendments to Chapter 11 “Marine Activities, Structures and Ways - Article 1 Harbor, Coastal Tidal and Navigable Fresh Waters” relative to the Harbormaster’s authority and moorings. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

22. **The Town Council will consider a request from the Brunswick Downtown Association for use of the Lower Mall for the Taste of Brunswick Event, to be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Chair Pols spoke regarding this item.

Debora King, BDA Executive Director, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to approve the BDA’s request for the Taste of Brunswick event to be held on June 14, 2014. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to permit the sale of alcohol at the Taste of Brunswick Event on June 14, 2014. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

23. **The Town Council will consider the following requests for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways on the Brunswick Mall, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

**Farmer’s Market
The Crabby Lobster**

**Danny’s Dogs
Wrappers**

ACTION

Chair Pols spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to approve licenses for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways for the Brunswick Mall for the Farmer’s Market, Danny’s Dogs, The Crabby Lobster, and Wrappers. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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- 24. The Town Council will consider a request for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways for outdoor seating, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

**Bombay Mahal, 99 Maine Street
Flipside, 111 Maine Street
Gelato Fiasco, 74 Maine Street
Shere Punjab, 46 Maine Street**

Chair Pols spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item and asked questions, to which Fran Smith responded.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to approve licenses for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways on a Sidewalk for Flipside, 111 Maine Street; Gelato Fiasco, 74 Maine Street; Bombay Mahal, 99 Maine Street; and Shere Punjab, 46 Maine Street. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 25. The Town Council will consider authorizing the submittal of a Letter of Intent for a housing assistance grant on behalf of the Greater Brunswick Housing Corporation, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Marty Szydowski, Greater Brunswick Housing Corporation, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Millet recused herself from participation on this item since she might be involved in a real estate transaction with the grant applicant.

Councilor Perreault and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item and asked questions, to which Chair Pols and Mr. Szydowski responded.

Councilor Favreau asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Brayman moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the submittal of a Letter of Intent for a housing assistance grant on behalf of Greater Brunswick Housing Corporation relative to a multi-unit dwelling located at 57 Pleasant Street, or other location. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Millett abstained.

(Copies of a narrative on the project from John Hodge, Executive Director of the Brunswick Housing Authority, and the letter of intent, will be attached to the official minutes.)

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

Councilor Favreau made the following nominations:

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Charles Priest to serve on the Sewer District. Mr. Priest was appointed with eight (8) yeas.

Gary Massanek to serve on the Village Review Board

Laura Leinert to serve on the Village Review Board

Councilor Perreault nominated Sande Updegraph to serve on the Village Review Board.

Councilor Millett and Councilor Perreault spoke.

Gary Massanek received seven (7) yeas.

Laura Leinert received seven (7) yeas.

Since both nominees received over five votes, no vote was necessary for Ms. Updegraph. Mr. Massanek and Ms. Leinert were appointed to the Village Review Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2014

Councilor Millett asked for a correction to page one about her train comments.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the requested correction on page one. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.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

March 15, 2014

March 24, 2014
Date of Approval

Council Chair