

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
June 16, 2014
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; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; and TV video crew.

Chair Pols called the meeting to order, asked the clerk for the roll call and acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed.

Public Comment *(Time item discussion began was 7:00 p.m.)*

Richard Fisco, Lincoln Street, spoke regarding the Town Manager search process and concerns that there will not be adequate public input in the process.

Correspondence *(Time item discussion began was 7:03 p.m.)*

Councilor Perreault spoke regarding the Coastal Humane Society's big adoption event, where they hope to achieve over 844 pet adoptions in order to win \$100,000 for the organization.

Councilor Walker spoke regarding possibly changing to some overnight parking on Longfellow Avenue. He also spoke regarding the upcoming MDOT meeting regarding the New Meadows Bridge replacement.

Council Committee Updates *(Time item discussion began was 7:08 p.m.)*

Reports were given on the Sidewalk Committee, Rivers and Coastal Waters Committee, and Town Manager Search Committee.

Adjustments to the Agenda None

MANAGER'S REPORT

(a) Financial Update *(Time item discussion began was 7:15 p.m.)*

Mr. Eldridge provided this update.

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(b) Recycling and trash pick-up for July 4th Holiday (*Time item discussion began was 7:19 p.m.*)

Mr. Eldridge provided this update.

(c) Update on idling trains in Brunswick (*Time item discussion began was 7:19 p.m.*)

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Chair Pols.

Councilor Millett and Councilor Richardson spoke regarding this item.

MOTION

Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to authorize the Town Manager and Councilor Perreault to attend the June 23, 2014 NNEPRA meeting and also write a letter requesting NNEPRA install a commercial power supply plug at Cedar Street.

Chair Pols, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Watson, Councilor Millett, Councilor Favreau spoke after the motion was made.

The following people spoke regarding this issue:

- **Mary Heath**, 10 Cedar Street
- **Sabrina Foreman**, 16 Cedar Street
- **Chris St John**, 14 Cedar Street

VOTE ON MOTION

Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to authorize the Town Manager and Councilor Perreault attend the June 23, 2014, meeting and also write a letter of request for NNEPRA to install a commercial power supply plug at Cedar Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

(d) Update on the Graham Road landfill issues (*Time item discussion began was 7:45 p.m.*)

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item. He responded to questions from Chair Pols, Councilor Millett, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Favreau, and Councilor Walker.

Councilor Wilson and Chair Pols spoke regarding this item.

(A copy of Mr. Eldridge's memo will be attached to the official minutes.)

(e) Nomination to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee and ideas for legislation (*Action possible*) (*This item is returning from June 2nd meeting*) (*Time item discussion began was 8:17 p.m.*)

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Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

No nominations were made.

(f) (ADDED) Report on the Frank Wood Bridge *(Time item discussion began was 7:14 p.m.- prior to other Manager's report items.)*

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

PUBLIC HEARING

72. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following Special Amusement License, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (Time item discussion began was 8:18 p.m.)

**Special Amusement
Maine & Noble LLC**

**D/B/A: Brunswick Hotel and Tavern (New Name)
4 Noble Street**

J. Hilary Rockett

HEARING/ACTION

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

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to approve a Special Amusement License for Brunswick Hotel and Tavern, located at 4 Noble Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

73. The Town Council will consider adopting a "Resolution Amending the 2013-14 Budget to Appropriate an Additional \$150,000 for the Purpose of the Designing, Renovating, Equipping and Occupancy of the McLellan Building for Municipal Use," and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (Time item discussion began was 8:20 p.m.)

Chair Pols and Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Perreault, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Favreau spoke regarding this item.

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt the "Resolution Amending the 2013-14 Budget to Appropriate an Additional \$150,000 for the Purpose of the Designing, Renovating, Equipping and Occupancy of the McLellan Building for Municipal Use." The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

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74. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for July 7, 2014, on the Zoning Ordinance amendments relative to eliminating the restriction for pre-election and post-election removal of political signs, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Pols) (Time item discussion began was 8:24 p.m.)**

Chair Pols introduced this item.

Charles Frizzle, Chair of the Planning Board, spoke regarding this item.

Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney, spoke regarding this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Millett and Chair Pols.

Councilor Richardson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for July 7, 2014, on Zoning Ordinance amendments relative to eliminating the restriction for pre-election and post-election removal of political signs. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

75. **The Town Council will consider executing the Common Area Maintenance Agreement with MRRA, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (Time item discussion began was 8:35 p.m.)**

Steve Levesque, Executive Director of MRRA, spoke regarding this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Perreault, Councilor Richardson, and Councilor Brayman.

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

Chair Pols, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to execute “JOINDER TO ROAD AND COMMON FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT” between the Town of Brunswick and Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

76. **The Town Council will consider accepting and expending funds from the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust (BTLT) in an amount up to \$11,000 for the purpose of developing maps and other materials in support of applications to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) seeking permits to construct trails within the Kate Furbish Preserve, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (Time item discussion began was 8:54 p.m.)**

Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, spoke regarding this item.

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Brad Babson, President of Brunswick Topsham Land Trust, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to accept and expend funds from the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust in the amount of \$11,000 to pay the costs associated with a proposal from Stantec Consulting Services for natural resource survey and environmental permitting work at the Kate Furbish Preserve. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Walker abstained as he is on the board of the Land Trust.

(Copies of a memo and proposal for services from Stantec will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 77. The Town Council will consider action on the HOME Consortium renewal agreement, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (Time item discussion began was 9:03 p.m.)**

Mr. Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Brayman and Councilor Richardson asked questions, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to execute documents required for Brunswick's continued participation in the HOME Consortium.

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn, with the item to return at the June 23, 2014, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA *(Time item discussion began was 9:10 p.m.)*

- a) Approval of Games of Chance for the Brunswick Lodge of Elks, B.P.O. Elks #2043, 179 Park Row**

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

(A copy of the letter for CA-A will be attached the official minutes.)

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Frances Smith
Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager
June 21, 2014

July 7, 2014
Date of Approval

Council Chair