

Town Manager Final Candidates – Public Input Opportunity
Council Chambers – 85 Union Street
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. - Open House
7:15 P.M. – 8:15 P.M. – Question and Answer Period
September 4, 2014 – James Bennett
September 8, 2014 – John Eldridge

The Town of Brunswick invites its citizens to meet with and question the finalists seeking the position of Town Manager. On separate nights, we will host an informal open house and social hour to be followed by a televised question and answer period for each candidate. Our employment consultant, David Barrett of the Maine Municipal Association, will moderate the Q&A session.

On Thursday September 4, 2014, we will introduce James A. Bennett to the community. Mr. Bennett has been the City Manager in Presque Isle, Maine since 2010.

On Monday September 8, 2014, we will introduce John Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge has been serving as Brunswick's Interim Town Manager since February 2014; he has been our Finance Director for the last 26 years.

The same format will be followed both evenings. An open house will begin at 6:00 PM in council chambers at Town Hall, 85 Union Street. Townspeople will have an opportunity to meet and chat with the candidates. Refreshments will be served.

Beginning at 7:15 citizens will have an opportunity to ask direct questions in a more formal setting. The Q & A will be broadcast on TV-3 so that those unable to attend in person can hear from the candidates. Mr. Barrett will moderate to ensure that questions are within the bounds of current employment law and best practices.

Priority will be given to those who attend in person but we welcome written submissions from those unable to attend. Questions may be submitted to jfactor@brunswickme.org; they will be used to the extent time is available. We expect the Q & A to run for about one hour.

We invite Brunswick residents and taxpayers, representatives of neighborhood groups, civic and cultural organizations, the business community, and other institutional citizens to join us. We hope your input informs the process and makes the evening more meaningful.

More important we hope for your feedback. In the end the Town Manager must have the confidence of the townspeople, not just its elected officials.