

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Agenda – Special Meeting**  
**October 27, 2014**  
**6:00 P.M. – Executive Session**  
**Workshop to Follow Special Meeting at 7:00**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Town Hall**  
**85 Union Street**

Roll Call

Acknowledgment that meeting was properly noticed

**Executive session – Personnel matter regarding Town Manager negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)**

*\*Immediately following the end of the executive session, the Council will have the option of taking action on an employment agreement for the Town Manager.*

124. The Town Council will consider entering into an employment agreement with John Eldridge as Brunswick Town Manager, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Pols)

**ACTION**

125. The Town Council will consider committing \$1,000 as the Town’s contribution and providing a letter of support for the Woodward Cove Wetland Project as part of a grant process, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker)

**ACTION**

**Workshop to follow special meeting at 7:00 p.m.:**

Item 1 – Presentation by the Town Attorney regarding FOAA/Conflict of Interest

**INDIVIDUALS NEEDING AUXILIARY AIDS FOR EFFECTIVE  
COMMUNICATION SHOULD CONTACT  
THE TOWN MANAGER’S OFFICE AT 725-6659 (TDD 725-5521)**

**Brunswick Town Council Agenda  
October 27, 2014  
Council Notes and Suggested Motions**

**Executive session – Personnel matter regarding Town Manager negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)**

*Suggested Motion:*

Motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding Town Manager negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

124. The Town Council will consider entering into an employment agreement with John Eldridge as Brunswick’s Town Manager, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Pols)

At the conclusion of the executive session the Council will have the option to take action on this item.

125. This item is sponsored by Councilor Walker and is requesting the Council commit \$1,000 as the Town’s contribution, and to provide a letter of support for the Woodward Cove Wetland Project as part of a grant process. This grant through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grant Program is a joint effort among the Town, Maine Coast Heritage Trust and the Brunswick/Topsham Land Trust. A copy of memo from Councilor Walker is included in your packet.

*Suggested Motion:*

Motion to commit \$1,000 as the Town’s contribution and to provide a letter of support for the Woodward Cove Wetland Project as part of a grant process through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grant Program.

*Suggested Motion:*

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Workshop to follow special meeting:**

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ITEM 123

BACK UP MATERIALS

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Town Council  
Town of Brunswick, Maine

FROM: Steve Walker  
Councilor – District Two

DATE: October 17, 2104

RE: Woodward Cove Wetland Project  
North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants Program

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This is a request to the Town of Brunswick to support the combined efforts of the Maine Coast Heritage (MCHT) Trust and the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust (BTLT) in their efforts to acquire approximately 25 acres of upland forest in the Woodard Cove area of Brunswick. MCHT and BTLT are requesting a \$1,000 contribution and letter of support of the above-referenced grant application. A copy of the proposed letter is attached.

Woodward Cove is one of the most important shellfish flats in the town, and from a natural diversity standpoint, offers some of the most varied intertidal wetland habitat and remains one of the longest stretches of undeveloped shoreline in East Brunswick. MCHT and BTLT have been working with the Universalist Unitarian Church of Brunswick for more than a year to acquire a 25-acre property long used as a walk-in access site for local shellfish harvesters. Just recently, the church contacted BTLT and agreed to sell at appraised value. Given wildlife habitat values, the property is a strong candidate for funding through the US Fish and Wildlife Service North American Wetland Conservation Act Programs. BTLT and MCHT are in the process of applying for funds that would cover 50% of the purchase price. The remaining amount needed would be raised through similar applications for state water access funding, and private foundations. Proposals considered in the USFWS application review process score higher based on the number of actively contributing partners behind each project. A commitment of funding by the town, proposed at \$1,000, will increase chances of proposal funding significantly.

The deadline for the grant application is November 7, 2014. I appreciate the Town Council's consideration.

attachment

October 20, 2014

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants Program  
Rodecia Mcknight  
Small Grants Program Coordinator  
4401 North Fairfax Drive  
MBSP-4075  
Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Ms. McKnight,

On behalf of the Town of Brunswick I would like to express enthusiastic support for the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust's proposal to the North American Wetlands Conservation Small Grants Program, *Woodward Cove Wetlands Project*, which would acquire 25-acres of upland forest and a diversity of wetland communities for the benefit of wildlife, water quality, and public recreational access needs in eastern Brunswick.

The Town is committed to contributing \$1,000 towards the successful completion of this effort in the 2015 calendar year. The anticipated source of funding is non-federal in origin and will be provided specifically for fee acquisition of the subject property.

In addition, the town is committed to assisting Maine Coast Heritage Trust and the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust secure the necessary match amount needed to successfully complete this project. Woodward Cove and its rich saltmarsh and intertidal mudflat communities support an important component of Brunswick's natural diversity and marine resource heritage. Protection of the 25-acre project area will bolster the town's on-going efforts to protect coastal resources and provide citizens and visitors with a variety of accessible outdoor experiences.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I could be of any further assistance during the review of the above reference proposal.

Sincerely,

John S. Eldridge, Acting Town Manager