

**Approved**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**December 15, 2014**  
**6:00 P.M. – Council Photos**  
**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, Town Manager; Elin M. Gould, Deputy Town Clerk; Linda Smith, Business Development Manager; Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; John Foster, Public Works Director; Terry Goan, Police Officer; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; and TV video crew

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

Chair Pols explained the reason for the executive session that was on the agenda. There was no motion to go in to executive session so a recess was called. A memo from the Town Attorney regarding the advertised executive session topic was provided to the public in attendance.

Chair Pols resumed the meeting at 6:58 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**     *(This item was discussed at 7:00 p.m.)*

**Claudia Knox**, 36 Cumberland Street, spoke about the Downeaster and its effect on economic development, citing examples in Biddeford/Saco.

**Joyce “Jay” McCreight**, new State House Representative from District 51, representing East Brunswick, Harpswell, and West Bath, introduced herself and spoke about some of the issues to be addressed in the upcoming legislative session.

**Correspondence**     *(This item was discussed at 7:13 p.m.)*

Councilor Favreau and Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced **Mariah Reading**, a Bowdoin College student, and **Susan Weems**, both of whom worked on the Arts Around Town Health and Fitness art project and murals featured at the Recreation Center at Brunswick Landing. A short Power Point presentation highlighted the new art created by students at all grade levels.

Councilor Millett said she had received emails from Page Street residents regarding parking of out of state cars on the street, and an email regarding the proposal to house 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the junior high school and the effect of housing younger and older students together.

Chair Pols spoke about the excellent musicians at Brunswick High School and the level of commitment of the teachers, such as Mr. Scarponi, who go above and beyond while working with the students. He said the poinsettias in the Council Chamber were from last week's concert and were donated.

**Adjustments to the Agenda** *(This item was discussed at 7:22 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge asked to add to the Consent Agenda a Quitclaim deed giving property back to owner due to the payment of taxes owed.

**Council Committee Updates** *(This item was discussed at 7:24 p.m.)*

Councilor Brayman said that last week's Finance Committee meeting was rescheduled for tomorrow.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**a) Financial Update** *(This item was discussed at 7:25 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

Councilor Favreau asked a question, to which Manager Eldridge and Councilor Brayman responded.

**b) Holiday trash and recycling pick-up schedule** *(This item was discussed at 7:29 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

**c) Town Office holiday closures Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon and Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** *(This item was discussed at 7:30 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge requested that the Town Hall Offices be closed starting at noon on Christmas Eve to reopen on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councilors Perreault, Richardson, Favreau and Millett asked questions, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

**Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to close the Town Offices on Wednesday, December 24th beginning at noon and Friday, December 26th all day. 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 salary adjustments for nonunion Town employees**  
*(This item was discussed at 7:37 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge gave a short explanation of the history of this issue and said a proposal will be brought back to the Council in January.

**e) Update on METRO bus service to Brunswick** *(This item was discussed at 7:40 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Richardson and Chair Pols spoke regarding this item.

*(A copy of a memo from Manager Eldridge, including Brunswick Explorer ridership and budget information, will be attached to the official minutes.)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**146. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for January 20, 2015, regarding an application for a CDBG grant under the MicroEnterprise Program for Blue Dog Daycare for a project at Brunswick Landing, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 7:48 p.m.)***

Linda Smith, Business Development Manager, made the request for the Council to set a public hearing.

Councilors Perreault and Millet asked questions, to which Linda Smith responded.

Councilor Richardson spoke about the MicroEnterprise program.

**Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for January 20, 2015, for the MicroEnterprise application on behalf of Blue Dog Daycare. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of a letter of invitation will be attached to the official minutes.)*

**147. The Town Council will consider approving a proposed Sewer District Charter amendment to increase the Sewer District's debt limit from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 7:57 p.m.)***

**Leonard Blanchette**, Brunswick Sewer District, explained the process and the reason for the proposed increase in the debt limit.

**Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the proposed Sewer District Charter amendments to increase the Sewer District's debt limit from**

**\$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000, so that it can be considered by the Legislature and then the Sewer District voters.**

Councilors Brayman, Perreault, Richardson, Millett, and Chair Pols, made comments and asked questions, to which Mr. Blanchette answered.

Town Attorney Steve Langsdorf also asked questions and made comments on the subject.

Councilor Pols withdrew his motion. Councilor Wilson withdrew her second of the motion.

**Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the proposed Sewer District Charter amendments to increase the Sewer District's debt limit from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000, so that it can be considered by the Legislature and then the Sewer District voters.**

Councilors Millett and Favreau spoke on the issue and Councilor Walker asked a question, to which Mr. Blanchette responded.

**Vote on the motion:**

**Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the proposed Sewer District Charter amendments to increase the Sewer District's debt limit from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000, so that it can be considered by the Legislature and then the Sewer District voters. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Richardson was opposed.**

*(A copy of two memos from the Sewer District will be attached to the official minutes.)*

- 148. The Town Council will consider permitting CGI Communications to produce a video about the Town of Brunswick at no charge, by having the Town provide a letter of introduction to its businesses to solicit interest in purchasing CGI Communications video production services, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (This item was discussed at 8:35 p.m.)**

Linda Smith, Business Development Manager, spoke about this item, responding to questions posed by Councilors at a previous meeting.

Councilor Millett asked a question, to which Ms. Smith responded.

Town Attorney Langsdorf said the proposed contract is acceptable.

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to allow the Town Manager to move forward with a no-cost Agreement with CGI Communications for video activities and products for the Town of Brunswick for the late spring/early summer 2015.**

Councilor Watson spoke about the contract and Councilor Brayman commented about what she would like to see in the production.

**Vote on the motion:**

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to allow the Town Manager to move forward with a no-cost Agreement with CGI Communications for video activities and products for the Town of Brunswick for the late spring/early summer 2015. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Brayman was opposed.**

*(A copy of a memo from Linda Smith will be attached to the official minutes.)*

The Council took a brief recess at 8:45 p.m.

**149. The Town Council will consider filing a request to participate as an Intervenor regarding the NNEPRA's layover facility application with DEP, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Pols) (This item was discussed at 8:51 p.m.)**

Chair Pols explained his reason for putting the item on the agenda.

Attorney Langsdorf summarized the ways the Town can participate in the process.

Chair Pols, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Richardson asked questions, to which Mr. Langsdorf responded.

**Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to have the Town of Brunswick file a request to participate as a State, Federal, Municipal, or other Governmental Agency Participant in the DEP public hearing for the train layover facility.**

Councilor Perreault, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Millett and Councilor Favreau asked questions, to which John Foster, Public Works Director, and Manager Eldridge responded.

**Vote on the motion:**

**Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to have the Town of Brunswick file a request to participate as a State, Federal, Municipal, or other Governmental Agency Participant in the DEP public hearing for the train layover facility. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the Notice Regarding Filing of Requests to Participate in Public Hearing as an Intervenor and a memo from the Town Attorney will be attached to the official minutes.)*

Mr. Langsdorf said he will take all steps necessary to get the Town on the Distribution list.

**150. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) (This item was discussed at 9:21 p.m.)**

On behalf of the Appointments Committee, Councilor Favreau nominated the following uncontested applicants:

Mike Lyne for appointment to the Recreation Commission  
Brooks Stoddard for re-appointment to the Village Review Board

Hearing no other nominations, the Council voted unanimously to appoint the nominees.

Councilor Walker thanked Councilor Favreau for his leadership on the Appointments Committee this past year.

**CONSENT AGENDA** *(This item was discussed at 9:22 p.m.)*

- a) **Approval of the Minutes of December 1, 2014**
- b) **Approval of Games of Chance for Knights of Columbus, 2 Columbus Drive**
- c) **Approval of Quitclaim Deed Map 045 Lot 003 Sub 000 Typ 169**
- d) **Approval of Quitclaim Deed Map 029 Lot 003 Sub 00A Typ 000**

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

*(A copy of the application for item CA-b and the Quit Claim deeds for item CA-c and CA-d will be attached to the official minutes.)*

***Recognition of outgoing Councilors*** *(This item was discussed at 9:23 p.m.)*

Councilors Wilson and Perreault presented plaques to outgoing Councilor Favreau and Chair Pols for their years of exemplary service to the Town of Brunswick.

Councilor Favreau thanked town staff and talked about his admiration for the people of Brunswick.

Chair Pols appreciated the kind words and wished the Council good luck.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Elin M. Gould  
Deputy Town Clerk  
December 16, 2014

January 20, 2015  
Date of Approval

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Council Chair