

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2015
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Suzan Wilson, John M. Perreault, Daniel E. Harris, Jane F. Millett, Sarah E. Brayman, Katherine E. Wilson, and John Richardson, Jr.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief; Don Koslosky, Deputy Fire Chief; Linda Smith, Business Development Manager; Terry Goan, Police Officer; and TV video crew

Chair Brayman called the meeting to order, asked the Clerk for roll call, acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Chair Brayman took general public comments on the budget.

Ed Cowan, Sunshine Too owner, spoke about his disappointment with the increase in taxes over the years. He also commented on the lack of cuts made by the School Board.

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, said he will continue working to make the Town more fiscally responsible.

57. The Town Council will consider adopting the 2015-2016 School Budget Articles, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (This item was discussed at 7:11 p.m.)

REGION TEN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND MERRYMEETING ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. Region Ten Technical High School Budget.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve the Region Ten Technical High School budget as approved by the Cooperative Board of Region Ten in an amount not to exceed \$2,053,751 with Brunswick's assessment as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department being an amount not to exceed \$785,399 for operating expenditures and \$0 for debt service expenditures. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

ARTICLE 2. Merrymeeting Adult Education Budget.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to approve the Merrymeeting Adult Education budget in an amount not to exceed \$700,439 with Brunswick's assessment as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department not to exceed \$121,399. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

K-12 ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3. Local Contribution Required under EPS to Receive Full State Dollars; and State Subsidy.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To appropriate the sum of \$26,771,389 toward the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act; and as part of the \$26,771,389 to raise the sum of \$16,945,308 as the Town's contribution toward the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688; and as part of the \$26,771,389 to accept state subsidy anticipated in the amount of \$9,826,081. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

ARTICLE 4. Non-State-Funded Debt Service.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To appropriate the sum of \$199,612 and to raise the sum of \$199,612 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Jim Oikle, School Department Business Manager, spoke regarding this item.

ARTICLE 5. Additional Local Funds.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,990,346 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$5,405,938.

The School Board recommends \$5,990,346 in additional local funds which amount exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$5,405,938 for the following reasons: The State's EPS allocation in Transportation, Facilities Maintenance, Special Education, Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular programs and instructional staffing are inadequate to fully fund the 2015-16 program approved by the school board in the proposed budget. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor K. Wilson, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Mr. Oikle responded.

ARTICLE 6. Other Funds.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To accept funds from other sources as estimated below and to appropriate the amount of \$195,000

Tuition and other charges	102,000
Miscellaneous	93,000
	\$ 195,000

The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

ARTICLE 7. Unexpended Balances.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To appropriate \$3,067,309 from the existing, or estimated, unexpended balances of the Brunswick School Department, and to appropriate \$119,800 in unused bond proceeds and other funds remaining from the Harriet Beecher Stowe construction project. Total to appropriate \$3,187,109. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Mr. Oikle explained this item and responded to a question from Councilor Perreault.

ARTICLE 8. Kindergarten to Grade 12 total Budget.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to authorize the Brunswick School Department to expend \$36,343,456 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes title 20-A section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

ADULT EDUCATION AND FOOD SERVICE

ARTICLE 9. Adult Education.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate \$121,399 for adult education; with authorization to expend the herein appropriated \$121,399 and any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

ARTICLE 10. Food Service.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, as part of the total appropriation to the Brunswick School Department: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,000 in additional local dollars in support of the Brunswick School Nutrition Program, and to authorize expenditure of the herein appropriated \$61,000 for the stated purpose. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

ARTICLE 11. Cost Center Allocation.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A., to authorize allocation of the school budget, \$36,525,855 to the various cost centers as recommended by the Brunswick School Board May 27, 2015 as follows:

Cost Center Summary Approved by Budget Category	Amount Recommended by School Board	Amount Town Council
Regular Instruction	\$ 15,676,015	\$ 15,676,015
Special Education	\$ 4,927,035	\$ 4,927,035
Career and Technical Education	\$ 785,399	\$ 785,399
Other Instruction	\$ 727,959	\$ 727,959
Student and staff support	\$ 3,486,944	\$ 3,486,944
System Administration	\$ 903,920	\$ 903,920
School Administration	\$ 1,484,215	\$ 1,484,215
Transportation and Buses	\$ 1,892,812	\$ 1,892,812
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 4,569,917	\$ 4,569,917
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 1,889,240	\$ 1,889,240
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total to June 9 Public Referendum	\$ 36,343,456	\$ 36,343,456
Food Service	\$ 61,000	\$ 61,000
Adult Education	\$ 121,399	\$ 121,399
Summary of Total Expenditures voted By School Board May 27, 2015	\$ 36,525,855	\$ 36,525,855

The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Watson asked a question, to which Mr. Oikle responded.

Councilor Millett wanted to make a commitment to work with the school department to share information and understand costs.

GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND OTHER REVENUES ARTICLE

ARTICLE 12. Grants, Donations, and other revenues.

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to authorize the Brunswick School Department to make application for grants and other revenues as opportunities may become available, to appropriate such revenues to the purpose for which received, and to authorize the Brunswick School Department to accept and expend any grant awards, donations, or other revenues that may be received. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted articles and cost centers will be attached to the official minutes.)

58. **The Town Council will consider a warrant for the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held on June 9, 2015, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (This item was discussed at 7:34 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve the Election Warrant for the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held on June 9, 2015. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

59. **The Town Council will consider adopting the “Budget Resolution for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Fiscal Year,” and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (This item was discussed at 7:36 p.m.)**

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt the “Budget Resolution for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Fiscal Year.”

Councilor Millett asked questions, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

AMENDMENT 1

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Harris seconded, to amend the motion to remove \$10,000 for MidCoast Hunger from the proposed budget.

Councilor Harris, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Millett, spoke regarding this item.

AMENDMENT 1 VOTE

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Harris seconded, to amend the motion to remove \$10,000 for MidCoast Hunger from the proposed budget. The motion failed with three (3) yeas. Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson, Councilor S. Wilson, Councilor Perreault, Councilor K. Wilson and Councilor Richardson were opposed.

AMENDMENT 2

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Harris seconded, for the funds for MidCoast Hunger prevention to be used only for the Backpack program for school age children.

Ethan Minton, Program Director, spoke regarding this program, and responded to questions from Chair Brayman and Councilor Watson.

Councilor Millett asked a question, to which Councilor Perreault responded.

Councilor S. Wilson, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor K. Wilson also spoke to this.

AMENDMENT 2 (Withdrawn)

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Harris seconded, for the funds for MidCoast Hunger prevention to be used only for the Backpack program for school age children.

AMENDMENT 3

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Richardson seconded, for the funds for MidCoast Hunger prevention to be used to feed the children from Brunswick.

Chair Brayman and Councilor K. Wilson spoke regarding this item.

VOTE AMENDMENT 3

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Richardson seconded, for the funds for MidCoast Hunger prevention to be used to feed the children from Brunswick.

The motion failed with two (2) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Walker, Councilor S. Wilson, Chair Brayman, Councilor Harris, Councilor K. Wilson, and Councilor Millett were opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adopt the “Budget Resolution for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Fiscal Year.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

60. The Town Council will consider adopting the “Resolution for the Capital Improvements Program for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 - 2020,” and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 8:04 p.m.)*

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to adopt the “Resolution for the Capital Improvements Program For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 – 2020.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

61. The Town Council will consider adopting the “Supplemental Budget Resolution Appropriating \$50,000 from the Unassigned Balance of the General Fund to Fund the Third and Final Payment for the 2013-14 Town-wide Telephone System,” and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 8:06 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Perreault.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to adopt the “Supplemental Budget Resolution Appropriating \$50,000 from the Unassigned Balance of the General Fund to Fund the Third and Final Payment for the 2013-14 Town-wide Telephone System.” The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

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- 62. The Town Council will consider any other matters related to the adoption of the 2015-2016 Budget and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (This item was discussed at 8:08 p.m.)**

There were no other matters to be addressed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
June 2, 2015*

June 15, 2015
Date of Approval

Council Chair