

**Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
May 4, 2015
7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting
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; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; Linda Smith, Business Development Manager, 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.

Adjustments to Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of the minutes of April 16, 2015**
- (b) Approval of the minutes of April 27, 2015**
- (c) Appointment of Fran Smith as Warden and Elin Gould, Sara King, and Joe Zrioka as Deputy Wardens for the June 9, 2015 Election**
- (d) Proclamation recognizing Town Commons Day**

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

Public Comments (*This item was discussed at 7:07 p.m.*)

Pem Schaefer, Crestview Lane, spoke regarding the NNEPRA.

(*A copy of his statement will be attached to the official minutes.*)

Frank Strickland, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troup 648, spoke on behalf of several members of his troop in the audience, who were working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit badge.

Correspondence (*This item was discussed at 7:16 p.m.*)

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Councilor Perreault questioned why the Pine Street extension had to be paved, to which Manager Eldridge responded it was relative to ADA accessibility.

Chair Brayman said she would be holding office hours Saturday from 10:00 am. to 12:00 noon at Wild Oats.

Councilor K. Wilson congratulated the Brunswick High School softball team, which ended its lengthy losing streak with a recent win.

Committee Reports *(This item was discussed at 7:18 p.m.)*

Reports were given regarding the Finance Committee and Teen Center fund raiser.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

(a) Report from the Memorial Day Committee *(This item was discussed at 7:19 p.m.)*

Tasha Connors, Chair of the Brunswick-Topsham Memorial Day Committee, spoke regarding this item.

(b) Report from the Brunswick Development Corporation *(This item was discussed at 7:24 p.m.)*

Linda Smith, Business Development Manager, spoke regarding this item.

(A copy of Ms. Smith's memo with supporting materials will be attached to the official minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS

48. The Town Council will consider the issue of trains idling in Brunswick, and take any appropriate action. (Councilor Perreault and Councilor Millett) *(This item was discussed at 7:27 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Perreault introduced this item.

Councilor Millett also provided information on this item. She spoke about citizen concerns.

Patricia Quinn, spoke regarding this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Perreault Councilor Millett, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Harris.

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MAIN MOTION 1:

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Millett seconded, that the Town of Brunswick encourage NNEPRA to investigate, purchase, and install a wayside power station, to include power, battery charging, air compressor, and other components required to allow for a shut-down of the locomotives when the air temperature exceeds 45 degrees.

Those for, against, and neither for nor against, were each allowed a total of fifteen minutes to speak, followed by a time provided for rebuttals.

In support of motion

Sandra Buckles, 14 Bouchard Drive

Charles Wallace, 501 Mere Point Road (who also provided a rebuttal after both sides had spoken)

Dan Sullivan, 24 Bouchard Drive

(A copy of the above statements or presentations will be attached to the official minutes.)

In opposition to motion

Margo Knight, 22 Page Street

Claudia Knox, 36 Cumberland Street

Bruce Sleeper, representing TrainRiders Northeast

Fred Wigand, 12 Larrabee Farm Road

Jeff Reynolds, 36 Redwood Lane

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

Spoke neither for nor against

Jim Oikle, Princes Point Road

Beverly Schwab, 16 Bouchard Drive

Senator Gerzofsky spoke about his LD regarding a prohibition on train idling.

Council questions

Councilor Walker and Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Ms. Quinn responded.

Council Discussion

The following Councilors spoke regarding this item and motion: Councilor Perreault, Councilor Walker, Councilor Millett, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Harris, Councilor K. Wilson, Councilor S. Wilson, and Chair Brayman.

AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION 1

Councilor Harris moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to amend the motion to say the Town of Brunswick wants NNEPRA to employ the best available technology to minimize idling of its trains in Brunswick.

Councilor Richardson, Councilor K. Wilson, Councilor Millett, Councilor Walker, Councilor S. Wilson, and Chair Brayman spoke on this amendment.

AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION 1

Councilor Harris moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to amend the motion to say the Town of Brunswick wants NNEPRA to employ the best available technology to minimize idling of its trains in Brunswick. The motion failed with four (4) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor S. Wilson, Chair Brayman, Councilor K. Wilson, and Councilor Richardson were opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION 1:

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Millett seconded, that the Town of Brunswick encourage NNEPRA to investigate, purchase, and install a wayside power station, to include power, battery charging, air compressor, and other components required to allow for a shut-down of the locomotives when the air temperature exceeds 45 degrees. The motion failed with four (4) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor S. Wilson, Chair Brayman, Councilor K. Wilson, and Councilor Richardson were opposed.

TABLING MOTION:

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Millett second, to table the second motion that was proposed in the Council notes.

After discussion, the tabling motion was withdrawn and there was no further action on this item.

(A copy of the sponsoring Councilors' memo, along with supporting photos and materials, NNEPRA provided information on both a yard power cost estimate dated July 2014, and a previously drafted Brunswick Train Idling Committee report, as well as Manager Eldridge's letter to NNEPRA dated June 23, 2014, will be attached to the official minutes.)

A short recess was called and the meeting resumed 9:46 p.m.

- 49. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for May 18, 2015, on ordinance amendments to Chapter 13 "Solid Waste" of the Brunswick Municipal Code regarding disposal fees for Town contracted residential curbside collection, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 9:46: p.m.)***

Manager Eldridge introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Perreault and Councilor S. Wilson.

Councilor S. Wilson moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to set a public hearing for May 18, 2015, on ordinance amendments to Chapter 13 “Solid Waste” of the Brunswick Municipal Code regarding disposal fees for Town contracted residential curbside collection. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

50. The Town Council will consider giving the Town permission to apply for a Coastal Communities grant from the Maine Coastal Program (a program of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry), and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker) *(This item was discussed at 9:54 p.m.)*

Councilor Walker introduced this item.

Councilor Richardson spoke regarding this item and asked a question, to which Councilor Walker responded.

Councilor S. Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to give the Town permission to apply for a Coastal Communities grant from the Maine Coastal Program (a program of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry.) The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

51. 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 10:05 p.m.)*

Councilor Millett made the following nominations:

Conservation Commission

Amanda Bunker for reappointment for a term to expire on 05/01/2018

Kurt Stinson for reappointment for a term to expire on 05/01/2018

Frederic Stott for appointment for the balance of a term to expire on 05/01/2017

Downtown and Outer Pleasant Street Implementation Committee

Paul Dostie for reappointment as a resident downtown for a term to expire 12/01/2017

Marine Resource

Mark Latti for reappointment as a recreational license holder member for a term to expire on 05/01/2018

Darcie Couture for appointment as a non-license holder member for a term to expire on 05/01/2018

Recycling and Sustainability Committee

Caron Grich for reappointment for a term to expire on 01/12/2018

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The Council supported the nominations with nine (9) yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

May 8, 2015

May 18, 2015

Date of Approval

Council Chair