

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda

August 3, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

Town Hall

85 Union Street

Roll Call of Members

Acknowledgement of Meeting Notice

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of July 20, 2015
- b) Approval of a Quitclaim Deed for property depicted at Map U15 Lot 124 Sub 000 Typ 000

Public Comments

Correspondence

Committee Reports

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Nomination papers availability
- b) Update on train idling and layover facility
- c) Solarize Brunswick RFP online and webpage active

NEW BUSINESS

83. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for August 17, 2015, regarding "An Ordinance Authorizing the Planning, Design and Completion of Repairs to the Brunswick Junior High School and the Coffin Elementary School, the Acquisition of a 12 Classroom Modular Unit, and Site Work and Related Improvements, with Total Project Costs Not to Exceed Twelve Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$12,550,000), Plus Other Authorized Costs, and Further Authorizing Issuance of Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed Twelve Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$12,550,000), Plus Other Authorized Costs," and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

ACTION

84. The Town Council will consider accepting and expending a Safe Routes to School Crossings MDOT Grant in the amount of \$100,000, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

ACTION

85. The Town Council will consider accepting and expending the 2016 Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Award in the amount of \$15,900.00 for the Brunswick Mooring Field Opportunities project, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor S. Wilson and Councilor Walker)

ACTION

86. The Town Council will consider accepting and expending a Coastal Community Grant for the Mare Brook Watershed and Community Engagement Project in the amount of \$47,925.00, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker)

ACTION

87. The Town Council will consider accepting ownership of property at Bay Bridge Landing from the MDOT, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Watson)

ACTION

88. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee)

ACTION

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

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Council Notes and Suggested Motions

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of July 20, 2015: A copy of the minutes is included in your packet.
- b) Approval of a Quitclaim Deed for property depicted at Map U15 Lot 124 Sub 000 Typ 000: This item is to deed back property to the owner, who has paid owed taxes. A copy of the deed is included in your packet.

The Council has the option to remove any item from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Suggested motion:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilors with information on the Committees they are involved with will share information with the Council and public.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Nomination papers availability: Nomination papers for Town Council and School Board are available and need to be returned no later than Friday, September 4th. Districts 3 and 4, and one of the At-Large seats for both the Town Council and School Board will be up for election in November.
- b) Update on train idling and layover facility: This item is to update the Council and public on the installation of the auxiliary power unit and the status of the facility. A copy of a memo from Manager Eldridge is included in your packet.
- c) Solarize Brunswick RFP online and webpage active: This item is to inform the Council and public that the RFP for Solarize Brunswick is available on the Town's website, which has a link on the home page to all their pages.

NEW BUSINESS

- 83. At the request of the School Board, this item asks the Council to set a public hearing regarding this bond ordinance in the amount of \$12,550,000 for school repairs. As outlined in the Town Charter, after the Council holds the public hearing, the Council can either vote on the ordinance or place it on the November ballot. If the latter were to occur, the Council will need to do so by your September 8th meeting in order for ballots to be prepared in time to make absentee deadlines. Copies of the draft bond ordinance and various reports provided by the School Department about the scope of the project are included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Motion to set a public hearing for August 17, 2015, regarding “An Ordinance Authorizing the Planning, Design and Completion of Repairs to the Brunswick Junior High School and the Coffin Elementary School, the Acquisition of a 12 Classroom Modular Unit, and Site Work and Related Improvements, with Total Project Costs Not to Exceed Twelve Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$12,550,000), Plus Other Authorized Costs, and Further Authorizing Issuance of Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed Twelve Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$12,550,000), Plus Other Authorized Costs.”

84. This item asks the Council to consider accepting and expending a Safe Routes to School Crossings MDOT Grant. In 2012, the Town applied for this grant as part of a recommendation from the Safe Routes to School Committee. Originally, funds were expected to be available in 2014, but were delayed due to state shortfalls, with funding available now. The grant will be used to fund the installation of a pedestrian activated crosswalk flashing beacon system at four crosswalks to improve overall bike and pedestrian safety for children walking or biking to school. Copies of a memo from the BBPAC and the map with locations of beacons are included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Motion to accept and expend a Safe Routes to School Crossings MDOT Grant in the amount of \$100,000, with an additional town match of \$25,000.

85. This item asks the Council to consider accepting and expending the 2016 Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Award in the amount of \$15,900.00 for the Brunswick Mooring Field Opportunities project. The Council approved applying for this grant in April. It was requested by the Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission, who believe this grant would assist the Town to conduct a feasibility study to provide deep water mooring access to inland residents of the Town. The work done through this grant will allow the Commission to report back to the Council in 2016 on the feasibility of a mooring field. The Town’s 25% match comes from the use of the knowledge and experience of the Town Harbormaster, and the expertise of grant preparation by Sue Stableford and Bill Good, RCWC Members. Copies of the letter of award and the agreement to accept are included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Motion to accept and expend the 2016 Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Award in the amount of \$15,900.00 for the Brunswick Mooring Field Opportunities project.

86. This item, sponsored by Councilor Walker, is for the Council to consider accepting and expending a Coastal Community Grant from the Mare Brook Watershed and Community Engagement Project in the amount of \$47,925.00. The match requirement will be met as an in-kind contribution (volunteer hours) from town committees, citizens, Friends of Casco Bay, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and other entities participating on the technical advisory committee. The Council granted the Town permission to apply for this grant in May, and recently received a letter indicating it had been awarded. The purpose of the grant would be to fund work

necessary to complete a Mare Brook Watershed Based Management Plan. The goal of the plan will be to:

- 1) To develop, facilitate and engage an action-oriented stakeholder group and technical advisory team to advise and oversee watershed assessments and the development of a 10 year implementation plan.
- 2) To conduct detailed watershed assessments including a stream corridor assessment and a green infrastructure reconnaissance inventory.
- 3) To produce a detailed and user-friendly watershed based management plan that will outline a course of action to bring the stream into class B attainment levels.

Suggested motion:

Motion to accept and expend a Coastal Community Grant in the amount of \$47,925.00 for the Mare Brook Watershed and Community Engagement Project.

87. This item, sponsored by Councilor Watson, asks the Council to consider accepting ownership of property at the Bay Bridge Landing. As part of the construction of the Merrymeeting Bridge, the Maine Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) was required to construct a wetlands mitigation project. MDOT chose to create a wetland area near the vicinity of Bay Bridge Estates. The Town expressed an interest in creating an interpretive park and trails in the wetland project, and MDOT agreed to construct trails and parking to create the park. In return the Town became a party to a conservation easement. At the time the easement was executed, it was assumed that the Town would eventually assume ownership of the parcel. MDOT has offered to deed the property to the Town. Copies of a memo from Manager Eldridge providing additional information, along with the conservation easement and draft Governor’s Deed for the property, are included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Motion to accept ownership of the property, as described in the attached Governor’s Deed, at the Bay Bridge Landing, from the State of Maine.

88. At this time the Appointments Committee will make nominations to fill vacancies on Town Boards and Committees. Copies of the report and applications are included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Nominations will be made, with no seconds required, and the Council will then vote on the nominations.

Suggested motion:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.