

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
August 3, 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; Elin M. Gould, Deputy Town Clerk; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; Dan Devereaux, Marine Warden; 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.

Adjustments to Agenda: To take up Item #83 after Item #88

CONSENT AGENDA *(This item was discussed at 7:01 p.m.)*

- 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**

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

(A copy of the Quitclaim Deed for Item CA-(b) will be attached to the official minutes.)

Public Comments *(This item was discussed at 7:02 p.m.)*

There were no public comments.

Correspondence *(This item was discussed at 7:03 p.m.)*

Councilor K. Wilson received an email with concerns about bicyclists not obeying the rules of the road. She also received a concern about the condition of the pavement on Westminster Avenue; Manager Eldridge said the Public Works Director has responded to that person.

Councilor Walker has received concerns about the shabby condition of the split rail fence at the Town Commons and the playground on Longfellow Avenue. Manager Eldridge said they are waiting for an insurance payment from a fire that occurred at the playground.

Committee Reports *(This item was discussed at 7:07 p.m.)*

Councilor Perreault reported on the Social Services Policy Task Force.

Councilor Watson reported on the recent dedication of American Legion Post 20.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a) Nomination papers availability (*This item was discussed at 7:12 p.m.*)

Manager Eldridge gave a reminder that nomination papers are due by September 4, 2015.

b) Update on train idling and layover facility (*This item was discussed at 7:13 p.m.*)

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

(A copy of a memo from Manager Eldridge will be attached to the official minutes.)

c) Solarize Brunswick RFP online and webpage active (*This item was discussed at 7:14 p.m.*)

Manager Eldridge announced the online presence of Solarize Brunswick.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 83 was taken up after Item 88.

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)
(This item was discussed at 7:40 p.m.)

Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent of Schools, and **Paul Caron**, School Department Director of Facilities, gave a PowerPoint Presentation about the needs that led to the proposed Bond Ordinance.

Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects, talked about the age and state of the buildings.

After a short recess, the meeting resumed at 8:18 p.m.

A lengthy discussion followed the presentation. All nine Councilor asked questions and made comments. Responses were provided by Lyndon Keck, Architect, Paul Caron, Director of Facilities, School Board Chair William Thompson, and School Board member Rich Ellis.

Chair Brayman opened the floor to public comments.

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke against sending this bond ordinance to public hearing at this time.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, 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.”

Councilor Perreault gave his reasons for supporting the School Board’s decision to move forward with this proposal.

Councilor Millett, Councilor Harris, Councilor K. Wilson, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson, Councilor S. Wilson, and Chair Brayman all gave their reasons against the proposal and setting a public hearing on it at this time.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, 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.”
The motion failed with one (1) yea. Opposed: Councilor Watson, Councilor Walker, Councilor S. Wilson, Councilor Brayman, Councilor Harris, Councilor Millett, Councilor K. Wilson, and Councilor Richardson.

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) (This item was discussed at 7:15 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge explained this item.

Rich Cromwell, Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Co-Chair, spoke about the process.

Councilor K. Wilson moved, Councilor S. Wilson seconded, 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.

Councilor Perreault listed the four intersections that will be addressed by the grant.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Councilor K. Wilson moved, Councilor S. Wilson seconded, 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. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of a letter and map from the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be attached to the official minutes.)

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

Councilor S. Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, 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.

Councilor S. Wilson explained the background of this project and grant.

Councilor Perreault asked about the cost of the project. Councilor Wilson responded that the cost will not exceed the amount received from the grant.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Councilor S. Wilson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, 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. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the Harbor Planning Grant Award letter and Agreement to Purchase Services will be attached to the official minutes.)

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) (This item was discussed at 7:23 p.m.)**

Councilor Walker explained this grant and the in-kind only match by the Town.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor S. Wilson seconded, to accept and expend a Coastal Community Grant in the amount of \$47,925.00 for the Mare Brook Watershed and Community Engagement Project. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the Coastal Community Grant award letter and project proposal will be attached to the official minutes.)

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)** *(This item was discussed at 7:27 p.m.)*

Councilor Watson gave the background and history of the property.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to accept ownership of the property, as described in the attached Governor's Deed, at the Bay Bridge Landing, from the State of Maine.

Councilor Millett, Councilor K. Wilson, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor Walker asked questions, to which Councilor Watson and Manager Eldridge responded.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to accept ownership of the property, as described in the attached Governor's Deed, at the Bay Bridge Landing, from the State of Maine. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Opposed: Councilor Perreault.

(A copy of a memo from Manager Eldridge, the previously recorded Deed of Conservation Easement, and the Governor's Deed, will be attached to the official minutes.)

88. **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 7:38 p.m.)*

Councilor Millett made the following nominations:

Cable TV Committee

David Carpenter – reappointment for a term to expire 9/6/2018

Marine Resource Committee

Scott Hawkes – appointment as Commercial Harvester representative for a term to expire 5/1/2018

The Council supported the nominations with (9) yeas.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

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Elin M. Gould
Deputy Town Clerk
August 4, 2015

September 8, 2015

Date of Approval

Council Chair

