

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
September 8, 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, and Katherine E. Wilson

Councilors Absent: John Richardson, Jr.

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Elin M. Gould, Deputy Town Clerk; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; Cathy Jamison, Assessor; Dan Devereaux, Marine Resources Officer/Harbor Master; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Linda Smith, Business Development Manager; Jessica Factor, Human Resources Manager; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief; Don Koslosky, Deputy Fire Chief; Lynn Doucette, 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: none

CONSENT AGENDA: *(This item was discussed at 7:02 p.m.)*

- a) **Approval of the minutes of August 3, 2015**
- b) **Abatement of personal property taxes that were assessed in error**
- c) **Approval of an Utility Location Permit and Utility Easement for Maine Natural Gas on a section of Town Hall Place and its parking lot**
- d) **Permission to apply for, and if received, to expend, a MMA Safety Grant for two new office chairs**
- e) **Permission to apply for, and if received, to expend, a MMA Safety Grant for fire safety clothing**
- f) **Permission to apply for, and if received, to expend, the Emergency Management Planning Grant for 2015**

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(A copy of a memo from the Assessor regarding CA-b, a memo from the Public Works Director, an easement, application, and map regarding CA-c, a memo from the Human Resources Manager regarding CA-d, a memo from Deputy Fire Chief Don Koslosky regarding CA-e, and a memo from the Fire Chief regarding CA-f, will be attached to the official minutes.)

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

Sarah Brown, Curtis Memorial Library, invited the Council and the public to the second annual How-To Festival and Block Party on Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 10-3. A portion of Middle Street will be closed during that time.

Correspondence *(This item was discussed at 7:06 p.m.)*

- Letter from the School Superintendent regarding repair project for Coffin Elementary and Brunswick Junior High School

Chair Brayman made comments reflecting the Council's support of quality education in Brunswick and addressing facilities issues.

- Memo regarding a special permit issued by the Planning Board for the Grace Reformed Baptist Church

Manager Eldridge explained this item.

Councilor Millett said she received a letter regarding speeding on Federal Street and the loss of parking on that street.

Councilor Perreault said he received comments about speeding on Hacker Road and about the treatment of waste cans by Pine Tree Waste.

Chair Brayman, on behalf of Brunswick Public Art, announced the placement of two new pieces of public art, at the Dog Park and at Coffin School.

Chair Brayman received correspondence from a local realtor who remarked about the slow, steady improvement in the real estate market.

Councilor Watson congratulated the Brunswick Dragons football team for winning the first game of the season.

Councilor Millett announced there will be an Arts are Elementary fundraiser on September 25th.

(A copy of the letter from the School Superintendent and one from the Director of Planning and Development will be attached to the official minutes.)

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

Councilor Perreault said the Social Services Committee has a final policy draft ready to go to the full Council.

Councilor Wilson announced the Teen Center 10th anniversary year kick-off Open House event on September 17th.

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Councilor Walker gave a report on the Recycling and Sustainability Committee meeting about Solarize Brunswick. Councilor Wilson asked a question, to which Linda Smith, Business Development Manager, responded.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Millett commented on the number of people associated with the recent air show who were from Brunswick.

Chair Brayman appointed Councilor Millett to the Trust Fund Advisory Committee.

Chair Brayman reported on the Finance Committee meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Recognition of donation of a granite bench in honor of Numa and Jean McDuff** *(This item was discussed at 7:27 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge thanked the family for the donation and said the bench will be located at the Mill Street canoe portage.

(A copy of a memo from the Parks and Facilities Manager/Town Arborist will be attached to the official minutes.)

- b) Recognition of Brunswick's designation of a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists** *(This item was discussed at 7:28 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge made this announcement.

(A copy of an article from the Portland Press Herald will be attached to the official minutes.)

- c) Update on Pine Street Gate access to Brunswick Landing** *(This item was discussed at 7:32 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

Councilor K. Wilson commented on the importance of this access for children going to the Recreation Center.

- d) Update on Downtown Brunswick being considered for a Commercial Historic District nomination by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission** *(This item was discussed at p.m.)*

Claudia Knox extended an invitation to an informational meeting at Curtis Memorial Library on September 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Perreault, Councilor Millett, and Chair Brayman asked questions, to which Claudia Knox, and Debora King of the Brunswick Downtown Association, responded.

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(A copy of a letter from the Brunswick Downtown Association will be attached to the official minutes.)

e) Update on Zoning Rewrite Process *(This item was discussed at 7:45 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

Councilor Walker asked a question, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

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

f) Report on the repeal of Thomas Point Closure *(This item was discussed at 7:47 p.m.)*

Marine Resources Officer/Harbor Master Dan Devereaux made this report.

Councilor Harris, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Walker asked questions and made comments, to which Dan Devereaux responded.

Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney, offered a suggestion.

Councilor Perreault and Councilor S. Wilson made comments on the issue.

Mark Latti, Marine Resource Committee Chair, spoke on the issue.

Councilor K. Wilson and Councilor Millett asked questions, to which Mark Latti responded.

Councilor Watson commented on the issue.

Darcy Couture, Marine scientist, talked about the issue.

(A copy of a letter from the Marine Resource Officer/Harbor Master will be attached to the official minutes.)

g) Update on 3 Lincoln Street *(This item was discussed at 8:19 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge gave this update.

h) Notice of property tax bills being mailed *(This item was discussed at 8:20 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge said the tax rate will be \$28.36 and bills will go out this week.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

89. The Town Council will hear public comments on an application for Special Amusement License, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 8:22 p.m.)*

Special Amusement

Bowdoin College

D/B/A: Bowdoin Dining Services – Magee’s Pub

David Saul Smith Union

S. Catherine Longley

Chair Brayman opened the public hearing.

Deputy Town Clerk Elin Gould spoke on the item.

Chair Brayman closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Special Amusement License for Bowdoin College Magee’s Pub. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

90. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for September 21, 2015, for “An Ordinance Authorizing the Replacement and Upgrade of the Boiler and Domestic Hot Water System at Brunswick High School, With Total Project Costs Not to Exceed \$575,000 (plus any other costs authorized hereunder), and Further Authorizing Issuance of Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed \$575,000 (plus cost of issuance), plus any Additional Appropriation Authorized Hereunder,” and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 8:23 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge explained this item.

Paul Caron, School Department Facilities and Transportation Director, made a presentation.

Councilor Harris, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Paul Caron and **Mike O’Brien** from Siemens, responded.

Chair Brayman opened the floor for public comments.

Jim Trusiani, 6 Pleasant Street, commented on the lack of funds set aside for projects such as this.

Joe Ciarrocca, 532 Harpswell Road, had several comments about current maintenance and the reliability of the proposed system.

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, said he is suspicious of requirements recommended by the School Department.

Councilor S. Wilson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to set a public hearing for September 21, 2015, on “An Ordinance Authorizing the Replacement and Upgrade of the Boiler and Domestic Hot Water System at Brunswick High School, With Total Project Costs Not to Exceed \$575,000 (plus any other costs authorized hereunder), and Further Authorizing Issuance of Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed \$575,000 (plus cost of issuance), plus any Additional Appropriation Authorized Hereunder.”

Councilor Millett and Councilor Harris made suggestions on the topic. Chair Brayman and Manager Eldridge responded.

Councilor Watson asked a question, to which Paul Caron responded.

Vote on the Motion:

Councilor S. Wilson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to set a public hearing for September 21, 2015, on “An Ordinance Authorizing the Replacement and Upgrade of the Boiler and Domestic Hot Water System at Brunswick High School, With Total Project Costs Not to Exceed \$575,000 (plus any other costs authorized hereunder), and Further Authorizing Issuance of Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed \$575,000 (plus cost of issuance), plus any Additional Appropriation Authorized Hereunder.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(Copies of a memo from the Town Manager and the School Superintendent, as well as a proposal from Siemens, and the proposed ordinance, will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 91. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for September 21, 2015, for “An Ordinance Authorizing the Funding and Completion of the Reappraisal and Revaluation of All Taxable Real Property and All Tax-exempt Real Property Located Within the Town of Brunswick With Total Project Costs Not to Exceed \$400,000 (plus any other costs authorized hereunder), and Further Authorizing Issuance of Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed \$400,000 (plus cost of issuance), plus any Additional Appropriation Authorized Hereunder,” and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 8:56 p.m.)***

Manager Eldridge reviewed the history of this project.

Cathy Jamison, Assessor, spoke about where the Town is currently with its values.

Councilor S. Wilson requested that the Assessor and Town Manager have explanations about revaluation and its benefits available at the public hearing.

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

Councilor S. Wilson asked a question, to which Cathy Jamison responded.

Chair Brayman opened the floor for public comment.

Jim Trusiani, 6 Pleasant Street, said it is time for Brunswick to have a revaluation done.

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, said this is a good thing.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for September 21, 2015, on “An Ordinance Authorizing the Funding and Completion of the Reappraisal and Revaluation of All Taxable Real Property and All Tax-exempt Real Property Located Within the Town of Brunswick With Total Project Costs Not to Exceed \$400,000 (plus any other costs authorized hereunder), and Further Authorizing Issuance of Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed \$400,000 (plus cost of issuance), plus any Additional Appropriation Authorized Hereunder.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(Copies of memos from the Town Manager and the Assessor, the relevant page from the CIP, and Capital Outlay Project Summary, as well as the proposed ordinance and bond amortization schedule, will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 92. The Town Council will consider accepting a Department of Environmental Protection Stream Crossing Infrastructure Improvement Project conditional contract award in the amount of \$93,800 for culvert work on River Road, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (This item was discussed at 9:11 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge explained this item.

Councilor Walker asked a question, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with the State of Maine in the amount of \$93,800 to be used to fund a culvert on River Road. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(A copy of a memo from the Town Manager and a letter from DEP will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 93. The Town Council will consider appointments to the Brunswick/Topsham Water District, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) (This item was discussed at 9:14 p.m.)**

Councilor Millett nominated Richard Moll for appointment and David Ivery for reappointment to the Brunswick Topsham Water District Board of Trustees for terms to expire on 9/13/2018.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the nominations.

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Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Elin M. Gould
Deputy Town Clerk
September 9, 2015

September 21, 2015
Date of Approval

Council Chair

