

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Agenda
November 2, 2015
Executive Session – 6:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Roll Call of Members

Acknowledgement of Meeting Notice

Executive Session: Disposition of real property [1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)]

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 19, 2015

Public Comments

Correspondence

Committee Reports

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- a) Report from School Department regarding the school project
- b) Election reminder

PUBLIC HEARING

- 108. The Town Council will hear public comments on amendments to the General Assistance Maximums, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

HEARING/ACTION

NEW BUSINESS

- 109. The Town Council will consider adopting a “Resolution Amending the 2015-16 Budget to Appropriate \$136,481 for the Purpose of Funding the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Funds,” and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

ACTION

110. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for November 16, 2015, regarding amendments to the Harbor Ordinance concerning setting mooring fees in the amount of \$50 for residents, commercial, and public field moorings, and \$100 for non-resident moorings, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Walker and Councilor S. Wilson)

ACTION

111. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for November 16, 2015, regarding amendments to the Code of Ordinances that would establish a Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

ACTION

112. 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**

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Council Notes and Suggested Motions**

Executive Session: Disposition of real property [1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)]

Suggested Motion:

Motion to go into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) to discuss the disposition of real property.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 19, 2015: A copy of the minutes is included in your packet.

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) Report from School Department regarding the school project: Paul Perzanoski will provide the Council and public with a brief update on the status of the proposed project.
- b) Election reminder: This is a reminder that voting for municipal offices, the Sewer District question, and the state general election will take place on Tuesday, November 3rd at Brunswick Junior High School, 65 Columbia Avenue. The polling hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

108. This item is the required public hearing to change the current General Assistance maximums, as required by state law. This is the annual adoption of the limits, with changes to GA overall and housing maximums. Copies of a memo and current and proposed Overall Maximum levels are included in your packet.

Option for the Council if they choose to vote this evening - suggested motion:

Motion to suspend the Council Rules to allow the Council to vote on this item at this meeting.

Suggested motion:

Motion to adopt amendments to the General Assistance Maximums as included in the agenda packet and attached to the official minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

109. This item is for the Council to consider adopting this budget amendment, a “Resolution Amending the 2015-16 Budget to Appropriate \$136,481 for the Purpose of Funding the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Funds.” The funding is provided through a refund from Maine PERS. The charter requirements regarding budget amendments have been satisfied, so it is appropriate to adopt the resolution at this time. Copies of memos from Manager Eldridge and the draft resolution are included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Motion to adopt a “Resolution Amending the 2015-16 Budget to Appropriate \$136,481 for the Purpose of Funding the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Funds.”

110. This item, sponsored by Councilor S. Wilson and Councilor Walker, is for the Council to consider setting a public hearing for November 16, 2015, on amendments to the Harbor Ordinance regarding setting mooring fees in the amount of \$50 for residents, commercial and public fields, and \$100 for non-residents. At your October 5th meeting, the Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission recommended mooring fees in the amount of \$25 for resident, private, commercial, or rental moorings, and \$50 for nonresidents. A resident mooring owner is defined as someone who lives in Brunswick more than six months a year, pays Brunswick real estate property taxes, or is a registered voter in Brunswick. In addition, there is a provision for someone who installs a helix mooring in an eel grass habitat to pay no fees for this mooring for five years. Several Councilors suggested increasing the fees, and Manager Eldridge met with Mr. Worthing, RCWC chair, and Officer Devereaux. A new proposed schedule has been created that increases the fee for those mooring belonging to residents, whether located near their property or in either a commercial or public mooring field, to \$50 per year. Nonresident moorings increased to \$100 annually, with the helix mooring provision remaining as originally proposed. Copies of a memo from Manager Eldridge, surveys of other municipalities, and the proposed language are included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Motion to set a public hearing for November 16, 2015, regarding amendments to the Harbor Ordinance concerning setting mooring fees in the amount of \$50 for residents, commercial, and public field moorings, and \$100 for non-resident moorings.

111. This item is for the Council to consider setting a public hearing for November 16, 2015, for amendments to the Code of Ordinances to establish of a Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees, and Fines. For some time, staff has been working on amending the Municipal Code of Ordinances to remove these references from the body of each Code section they are mentioned in. Instead, those sections would reference a table that would be an appendix to the Municipal Code. Creating such a table would facilitate a more timely review of those revenues. Copies of a memo from Manager Eldridge, along with the proposed schedule and affected sections of ordinances, are included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Motion to set a public hearing for November 16, 2015, regarding amendments to the Code of Ordinances that would establish a Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines.

112. At this time the Appointments Committee will make nominations to fill vacancies on Town Boards and Committees. Copies of the Appointment Committee's 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.