

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda

October 19, 2015

7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting

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 October 5, 2015

Public Comments

Correspondence

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Report from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- b) Report from MPIC regarding their support of a Multi Family Building inspection program

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Financial update
- b) Recognition of Tom Farrell for being selected for a 2015 “Helping Hand” award from Access Health
- c) Notice of MDOT public meeting on proposed replacement of the New Meadows Bridge
- d) Announcement of Captain Fitzgerald Recreation and Conservation Area prescribed burn
- e) Election and absentee ballot reminder

PUBLIC HEARING

- 105. The Town Council will public comments on a “Resolution Amending the 2015-16 Budget to Appropriate \$136,481 for the Purpose of Funding the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Funds,” and may take action at least 10 days after the hearing. (Manager)

HEARING

TABLED ITEM

- 100. The Town Council will discuss the draft “Social Services Funding Policy,” and determine if any future action is required. (Councilor Perreault, Councilor Harris, and Councilor K. Wilson)

DISCUSSION

NEW BUSINESS

106. The Town Council will hear a report regarding a single use bag fee and a ban on Styrofoam containers, and will determine if any future action is required. (Councilor K. Wilson and Councilor Walker)

DISCUSSION

107. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for November 2, 2015, on amendments to the General Assistance Maximums, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

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 October 5, 2015: A copy of the minutes is included in your packet.

Suggested motion:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilors with information on the Committees they are involved with will share information with the Council and public. There will be two Committee reports given as listed below.

- a) Report from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: The committee has requested to present a report to the Council, highlighting their activities over the past year.
- b) Report from MPIC regarding their support of a Multi Family Building inspection program: The Committee will indicate their endorsement of this inspection program, to be included in the FY2017 Fire Department budget request.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Financial update: Manager Eldridge will update the Council on the Town's financial picture to date for the current fiscal year. Copies of financial reports are included in your packet.
- b) Recognition of Tom Farrell for being selected for a 2015 "Helping Hand" award from Access Health: This item is to recognize Mr. Farrell for receiving this award. State Representative Ralph Tucker presented this award at a recent Recreation Commission meeting for Mr. Farrell's work to update and strengthen the tobacco free parks resolution to include all e-cigarette products.
- c) Notice of MDOT public meeting on proposed replacement of the New Meadows Bridge: This item is to inform the public of this meeting to be held on October 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Brunswick Town Hall. A copy of the MDOT notice is included in your packet.
- d) Announcement of Captain Fitzgerald Recreation and Conservation Area prescribed burn: This item is to let citizens know that this burn will occur sometime in the next four weeks, when weather conditions permit. Tom Farrell will provide additional information at your meeting.
- e) Election and absentee ballot reminder: Town Clerk Fran Smith will remind citizens that absentee ballots are now available for the November 3rd Election. They will be available upon request or to vote in person up to Thursday, October 29th, with the office open until 7:00 p.m. that evening. All voting on Election Day will be at the junior high school, 65 Columbia Avenue, with the polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

105. This item is the required public hearing on 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 coming from a refund from Maine PERS. Action cannot be taken at this meeting, and it will come back at your next meeting. Copies of memos from Manager Eldridge and the draft resolution are included in your packet.

(Town Charter, Section 504 Adoption and amendment of the budget states the following regarding budget amendments: “Upon the recommendation of the Town Manager, the Town Council may amend the budget. The Council shall hold a public hearing at least 10 days prior to the adoption of any amendment. Any amendment that seeks to increase the amount of the total budget appropriations for the year shall only be made from unappropriated available revenue.”)

Suggested motion:

No action can be taken on this item until at least ten days after the public hearing, as required by the Town Charter.

TABLED ITEM

100. This item was tabled at your last meeting due to the late hour. It is for the Council to discuss the draft “Social Services Funding Policy,” as prepared by the Social Services Committee, consisting of Councilor Perreault, Councilor Harris, and Councilor K. Wilson. They have met several times and drafted a policy and application for the Council’s feedback. The Committee chose to recommend limiting grant funds to agencies that provide food, clothing, or shelter. With the difficult fiscal times, they also recommend that funding be limited to a total of \$20,000 per fiscal year. Copies of a memo, the draft policy, and application are included in your packet.

Suggested Motion:

This is a discussion item, with the Council providing guidance for future action, if any.

NEW BUSINESS

106. This item is sponsored by Councilor K. Wilson and Councilor Walker and is for the Council to hear a report regarding a single use bag fee and a ban of Styrofoam containers. The report was prepared by the Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) group and was presented to the Recycling and Sustainability Committee on September 24. There is no expected action at this time, but a chance for the Council to hear the information for possible future Council action. A copy of the report is included in your packet.

Suggested Motion: No motion is required as this is a discussion item.

107. This item is to set a public hearing for November 2, 2015, 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.

Suggested motion:

Motion to set a public hearing for November 2, 2015, on amendments to the General Assistance Maximums.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.