

**Approved**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**October 19, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting**  
**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; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; Jeff Emerson, Deputy Fire Chief; Terry Goan, Patrol 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 move Item #105 before the public hearing.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**a) Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 2015**

**Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

**Public Comments** (*This item was discussed at 7:01 p.m.*)

**Deb King** spoke regarding the upcoming BDA Silent Auction.

**Richard Fisco**, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke regarding the high school boiler and his concerns with how this issue has been handled, as well as options other than replacing the boiler.

**Correspondence** (*This item was discussed at 7:12 p.m.*)

Chair Brayman spoke about a rock on Mars that has been named after Joshua Chamberlain.

Councilor Perreault gave an update on the success of the Brunswick High School football team.

Councilor K. Wilson spoke regarding a citizen's concern about a dog in a parked car and that person's dissatisfaction with the police department's response. Councilor Wilson hopes such issues can be managed better in the future.

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

Councilor Harris gave a report on the County Finance Committee. He responded to questions from Councilor Walker.

- a) Report from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** *(This item was discussed at 7:21 p.m.)*

**William Wilkoff**, Chair of Committee, made this presentation.

- b) Report from MPIC regarding their support of a Multi Family Building inspection program** *(This item was discussed at 7:39 p.m.)*

**Margo Knight**, MPIC Chair, spoke regarding this item. She responded to questions from Chair Brayman, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Walker.

Councilor Millett and Councilor K. Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

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

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a) Financial update** *(This item was discussed at 7:57 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

- b) Recognition of Tom Farrell for being selected for a 2015 "Helping Hand" award from Access Health** *(This item was discussed at 7:58.)*

Manager Eldridge recognized Mr. Farrell for this award.

- c) Notice of MDOT public meeting on proposed replacement of the New Meadows Bridge** *(This item was discussed at 8:01 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

- d) Announcement of Captain Fitzgerald Recreation and Conservation Area prescribed burn** *(This item was discussed at 8:02 p.m.)*

Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation, spoke regarding this item.

- e) Election and absentee ballot reminder** *(This item was discussed at 8:04 p.m.)*

Ms. Smith, Town Clerk, spoke regarding this item.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 105. The Town Council will hear 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) (This item was discussed at 9:18 p.m.)**

*Councilor S. Wilson left the meeting at this time.*

Chair Brayman opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Perreault and Councilor Watson.

Julie Henze also responded to Councilor Watson’s questions.

**Richard Fisco**, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Brayman closed the public hearing.

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

*(A copy of Manager Eldridge’s memo will be attached to the official minutes.)*

**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) (This item was discussed at 9:31 p.m.)**

Councilor Perreault and Councilor K. Wilson introduced this item.

Councilor Millett asked questions, to which Councilor Harris, Councilor Perreault, and Manager Eldridge responded.

Chair Brayman, Councilor Walker, Councilor Millett, and Councilor K. Wilson spoke on this item.

**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) (This item was discussed at 8:06 p.m.)**

*Done prior to item 105.*

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Councilor Walker and **Alex Anesko**, Chair of Recycling and Sustainability Committee, introduced this item. Mr. Anesko read a statement from a resident, *Jamie Ecker*, on the harm caused by the plastic bags.

**Marsha Harrington**, Bring Your Own Bag group, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Perreault asked questions, to which Ms. Harrington responded.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Walker each asked a question, to which Mr. Anesko responded.

**Heather Archer**, Topsham resident, spoke against this item.

Councilor K. Wilson, Councilor Harris, Councilor S. Wilson, Councilor Millett, and Chair Brayman spoke regarding this item.

*(A copy of a report from the Committee will be attached to the official minutes.)*

**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) (This item was discussed at 9:56 p.m.)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

**Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for November 2, 2015, on amendments to the General Assistance Maximums. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith  
Town Clerk  
October 24, 2015*

November 2, 2015  
*Date of Approval*

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*Council Chair*