

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Agenda
December 21, 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

Recognition of U12 Girls Soccer team

Recognition of outgoing Councilor Richardson

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2015
- b) Approval of Games of Chance for Knights of Columbus, 2 Columbus Drive
- c) Permission for Town offices to close at noon on Christmas Eve

Public Comments

Correspondence

Committee Reports

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Financial Update
- b) Report on the solar project at Recreation Center
- c) Report on River Road resident's concerns on vibration
- d) Report on NNEPRA layover facility
- e) Report on Growstown School repairs
- f) Report on Maine Natural Gas rate increase case
- g) Report on Cable TV Franchise negotiations
- h) Report on holiday trash and recycling pick-up schedule

PUBLIC HEARING

121. The Town Council will hear public comments on an application for a special amusement license, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Special Amusement

Brunswick Lodge of Elks #2043
D/B/A: Brunswick Lodge of Elks
179 Park Row

Ms. Angela Brackett

HEARING/ACTION

NEW BUSINESS

122. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for January 19, 2016, for amendments to Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of Ordinance regarding changing the domestic chicken licensing period from one to two years at a fee of \$30 per license and requiring only an initial coop inspection, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Brayman and Councilor Walker)

ACTION

123. The Town Council will considering establishing a Race and Gender Task Force to review and make recommendations regarding race and gender issues, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Brayman)

Executive Session: Union Negotiations [1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)]

**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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilors with information on the Committees they are involved with will share information with the Council and public.

Recognition of U12 Girls Soccer team

This item is to recognize this team for winning the Soccer Maine State Championship in November. A resolution will be provided on Friday afternoon via email, to allow for a surprise for the girls.

Recognition of outgoing Councilor Richardson

This item is to recognize and thank Councilor Richardson for his service to the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2015: A copy of the minutes is included in your packet.
- b) Approval of Games of Chance for Knights of Columbus, 2 Columbus Drive: This is the semi-annual approval of games of chance. A copy of their application is included in your packet.
- c) Permission for Town offices to close at noon on Christmas Eve: This item is to request authorization to close Town Hall and the Public Works Department offices at noon on Thursday, December 24th. The practice for at least three years has been to close these offices. Those with negotiated contracts will be paid, while others will either take vacation or work the remainder of the day. A copy of a memo from Manager Eldridge is included in your packet.

The Council has the option to remove any item from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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) Report on the solar project at Recreation Center: This item is an update on the December 7th Council action directing staff to continue work towards analyzing data and evaluating recommendations on the proposed solar project on the Recreation Center Building. Based on the financial assumptions provided by ReVision Energy, it appears that the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with a buyout option in year 7 produces the best financial outcome for the Town. Staff continues to working on developing information prior to any final recommendation. A copy of a memo from Manager Eldridge is included in your packet.

Items MR-C through MR-H have one memo summarizing them and is included in your packet.

- c) Report on River Road resident's concerns on vibration: This will update the Council and public about vibration concerns on River Road. The Town continues to work on solutions to resolve this issue, prior to requesting MDOT review the speed limit, as that could result in an increased limit vs a decreased one.
- d) Report on NNEPRA layover facility: This item is to update the Council and public on the meeting held on December 12th that looked to address the concerns of neighbors about noise and excessive vibration coming from the construction site.
- e) Report on Growstown School repairs: This will update the Council and public on Public Works' completion of work at the school, including installing a catch basin and underdrain along the Woodside Road frontage. Planning work continues on the long term solution for foundation/crawl space issues.
- f) Report on Maine Natural Gas rate increase case: This will update the Council and public on this case. The Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has scheduled to deliberate this rate case on Tuesday, December 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Additional information is outlined in Manager Eldridge's memo, including the potential impacts on Brunswick.
- g) Report on Cable TV Franchise negotiations: This will update the Council and public on where the negotiations stand, with the Town readying a list of items to be discussed. Negotiations will begin after the new year.
- h) Report on holiday trash and recycling pick-up schedule: Public Works announced in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day there will be no curbside collection of trash or recycling materials on Friday, December 25th and Friday, January 1st. Pine Tree Waste will run a make-up collection on Saturday, December 26th and January 2nd.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 121. This item is the required public hearing on a renewal application for a special amusement license for the Brunswick Lodge of Elks. They are requesting occasional DJs or small bands from either 5 to 9 p.m. or 7 to 11 p.m. Staff recommends approval. Copies of the public hearing notice and application are included in your packet.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve a renewal application for a special amusement license for the Brunswick Lodge of Elks, located at 179 Park Row.

NEW BUSINESS

- 122. This item, sponsored by Chair Brayman and Councilor Walker, is for the Council to consider setting a public hearing for January 19, 2016, for amendments to Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of Ordinance regarding changing the domestic chicken licenses from one to two years at a fee of \$30 per license and requiring only an initial inspection. The changes to the 2009 ordinance will reduce staff time and simplify the process for homeowners. A copy of a memo from Fran Smith, Town Clerk, is included in your packet.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to set a public hearing for January 19, 2016, for amendments to Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of Ordinance regarding changing the domestic chicken licensing period from one to two years at a fee of \$30 per license and requiring only an initial inspection of the coop.

123. This item, sponsored by Chair Brayman, is for the Council to consider establishing a Race and Gender Task Force to address race and gender issues. This stems from a meeting of community leaders held on December 2nd and now it is time to consider the next steps. Copies of a memo from Chair Brayman and a draft charge are included in your packet.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to establish the Race and Gender Task Force and adopt the proposed charge.

Executive Session: Union Negotiations [1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)]

Suggested Motion:

Motion to go into executive session to discuss Union Negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Suggested Motion:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.