

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
December 7, 2015
Executive Session – 6:45 P.M.
Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
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, Katherine E. Wilson, and John Richardson, Jr.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; Derek Scrapchansky, Assistant Town Manager; Richard Rizzo, Police Chief; Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Linda Smith, Business Development Manager; Terry Goan, Police Officer; and TV video crew

Chair Brayman called the meeting to order, asked the Clerk for roll call, and acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Chair Brayman moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to go into executive session to discuss acquisition of real property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Chair Brayman resumed the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to Agenda - None

CONSENT AGENDA *(This item was discussed at 7:05 p.m.)*

- a) **Approval of the Minutes of November 16, 2015**
- b) **Acceptance of Forfeited Asset in the form of a 1988 Ford F150**

Chief Rizzo responded to questions from Councilor Perreault and Councilor Millett.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve item CA-b. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve item CA-a. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Chair Brayman abstained since she was not at the November 16th meeting.

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Public Comments *(This item was discussed at 7:08 p.m.)*

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke regarding the high school boiler and previous inspections, which contradicted what Paul Caron, Facilities Director of the School Department, stated at an earlier Council meeting.

Councilor Harris, Councilor Millett, Councilor K. Wilson, and Councilor Walker spoke regarding Mr. Fisco's comments and expressed their desire to get additional information on this subject.

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

Councilor Millett spoke regarding comments from Sandy Buckle indicating there had been no meeting for the layover facility construction as promised by NNEPRA and there are still noise issues. There will be a meeting this upcoming Saturday.

Councilor Perreault said that **Bernie Coombs** is willing to donate \$500 for Growstown School and is asking others to do so with the hope of fundraising for the bigger project. Second, **Paula Kappel** of River Road spoke with him about vibrations resulting from dump trucks on the road. This is causing damage to her foundation. The Town may need to reduce the speed limit to reduce the vibration.

Councilor Walker said a resident of Chestnut Road thanked the town for having Public Works repair and resolve a drainage problem on their road. Councilor Walker also said he continues to get questions regarding the street light pilot program.

Committee Reports *(This item was discussed at 7:22 p.m.)*

Reports were given from the Master Plan Implementation Committee, BPAC, River and Coastal Waters Commission, Cable TV Committee, and Finance Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Update on Growstown School repairs *(This item was discussed at 7:34 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided this update and thanked Public Works for the repairs they made.

Wayne Thibodeau, 17 McLellan Street, spoke regarding this item.

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

b) Introduction of Derek Scrapchansky, Assistant Town Manager *(This item was discussed at 7:31 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge introduced Mr. Scrapchansky as the new Assistant Town Manager, who spoke briefly.

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- c) **(Added) Maine Natural Gas Rate increase case** *(This item was discussed at 7:38 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided an update on this case. He and Attorney Langsdorf responded to questions from Councilor Millett.

- d) **(Added) Executed Sales and Purchase Agreement for old Cumberland Farms** *(This item was discussed at 7:42 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

- e) **(Added) Community Leader Meeting last week** *(This item was discussed at 7:44 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge reported on this meeting and responded to questions from Councilor Harris and Councilor Millett.

Councilor Millett and Councilor Walker spoke regarding this issue.

PUBLIC HEARING

116. **The Town Council will hear public comments on an application for an alcohol license, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager)** *(This item was discussed at 7:53 p.m.)*

**Full-Time Spirituous, Vinous & Malt
Brunswick Pie, LLC
D/B/A: Portland Pie Company
92 Maine Street**

Chair Brayman opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, spoke on this item.

Mike Jerome, 13 Meredith Drive, owner of Portland Pie, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Brayman closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Harris seconded, to approve an application for an alcohol license for Portland Pie Company, 92 Maine Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

117. **The Town Council will consider enacting a ban on polystyrene foam in consumer packaging, and will determine if any future action is necessary. (Councilor Walker and Councilor K. Wilson)** *(This item was discussed at 7:55 p.m.)*

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Councilor Walker introduced the item.

Alex Anesko, Recycling and Sustainability Committee, spoke regarding this item.

Punnie Edgerton, Recycling and Sustainability Committee, made a presentation on this item.

There was a discussion among Council and Ms. Edgerton, with questions from Councilor Perreault, Councilor Walker, and Councilor S. Wilson.

Councilor Richardson, Councilor Millett, Councilor Harris, Councilor Perreault, Councilor K. Wilson, and Attorney Langsdorf spoke regarding this item.

Chair Brayman opened the floor to public comments:

An audience member asked those who were there to support the ban to please stand up and many did so.

Phoebe Oehmig, 11 Boody Street, spoke regarding this item.

Ruth and Wayne Thibodeau, 17 McLellan Street, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to direct staff to review the draft ordinance for its applicability to Brunswick and to answer questions that originated from the Council discussion of the proposal. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the Ms. Edgerton's presentation will be attached to the official minutes.)

118. The Town Council will consider a solar project at the Brunswick Recreation Center, and will determine if any future action is necessary. (Councilor Richardson and Councilor Walker) (This item was discussed at 8:37 p.m.)

Councilor Richardson introduced this item.

Manager Eldridge provided additional information.

Manager Eldridge and Councilor Richardson responded to questions from Councilor Watson, Councilor S. Wilson, and Councilor Walker.

Councilor Perreault asked a question, to which Manager Eldridge and Julie Henze, Finance Director, responded.

Steve Hinchman, representing ReVision Energy, responded to questions from Councilor Perreault, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Harris.

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

Alex Anesko, Recycling and Sustainability Committee, spoke regarding this item.

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

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to direct staff to continue analyzing data and evaluating recommendations on this proposed solar project on the Recreation Center Building. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and Committee's memo will be attached to the official minutes.)

119. **The Town Council will consider amending the "Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees Appointment Policy" to limit the boards included under Conflict of Interest Section 16(a), and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) (This item was discussed at 9:42 p.m.)**

Councilor Millett introduced this item and responded to a question from Councilor Walker.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to amend the "Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees Appointment Policy" to limit the boards included under the Conflict of Interest Section 16(a) to the following: Planning Board, Village Review Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessment Review Board, and Marine Resource Committee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Richardson was not present at the time of the vote.

(A copy of the adopted amendments will be attached to the official minutes.)

120. **The Town Council will consider appointments to the Town's Boards and Committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Appointments Committee) (This item was discussed at 9:47 p.m.)**

Councilor Millett presented the following uncontested slate of nominations:

Cable TV Committee

Charles Priest– reappointment for a term to expire on 09/06/2018

Recycling and Sustainability Committee

Alex Anesko – reappointment for a term to expire on 01/01/2019

Holly Greene - reappointment for a term to expire on 01/01/2019

Michael Wilson - reappointment for a term to expire on 01/01/2019

The Council approved the appointments with eight (8) yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
December 10, 2015

December 21, 2015
Date of Approval

Council Chair