

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
November 16, 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, Katherine E. Wilson, and John Richardson Jr.

Councilors Absent: Chair Sarah E. Brayman

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development, Julie Henze, Finance Director; Terry Goan, Police Officer; and TV video crew

Vice Chair Walker 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: None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Approval of the Minutes of November 2, 2015**
- b) **Approval of Brunswick Lodge of Elks #2043 renewal of games of chance and request for card games**
- c) **Permission to apply for, and, if received, expend Maine Bureau of Highway Safety Grant to conduct OUI enforcement details in 2016**

Councilor Perreault requested Item CA-c be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Harris seconded, to approve Consent Agenda Items a and b. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas,

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to approve Consent Agenda Item c. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Perreault abstained since his wife works for the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety.

Public Comments (*This item was discussed at 7:05 p.m.*)

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke regarding his concerns about the high school boilers and the warranty.

Councilor Millett, Councilor Harris, and Councilor K. Wilson spoke regarding Mr. Fisco's comments.

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Sandy Buckles, Bouchard Drive, spoke regarding the construction of the layover facility and her concern about early morning noise and the six day work week. They have health issues and they can no longer enjoy their backyard. Councilor Perreault responded to this comments.

(A copy of Ms. Buckles' comments will be attached to the official minutes.)

Charles Wallace, 501 Mere Point Road, provided information regarding the wayside station and his concern with the misleading information provided by NNEPRA.

(A copy of Mr. Wallace's comments will be attached to the official minutes.)

Cathy Leonard, 269 Church Road and Growstown School committee member, spoke regarding concerns with the school's structural issues and the need to fix them. Information on quotes has been provided to the Town Manager and Ms. Leonard hopes repairs will begin soon. She responded to questions from Councilor Walker and Councilor Millett.

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

Councilor Richardson asked a question, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

Joanne Bollinger, AAUW member representing Growstown School, spoke of the many students who have participated in the program at the school and its value to the students and the community.

Correspondence *(This item was discussed at 7:29 p.m.)*

Councilor Millett spoke regarding a letter from Comcast stating they will provide internet service free to the schools and the library, which has a value of more than \$3,500. Comcast is also offering other programs for students. Councilor Millett also spoke about a letter from Moe Bisson regarding NNEPRA not being a good neighbor.

Councilor Perreault spoke about the success of the High School sports teams, with the girls cross country winning Eastern Maine and the football team winning Class B Eastern Maine. He also discussed the upcoming high school play.

Committee Reports *(This item was discussed at 7:34 p.m.)*

Reports were given from the Finance Committee, Municipal Solar Committee, Recycling and Sustainability Committee, and Cable TV Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Financial Update *(This item was discussed at 7:40 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

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b) Update on Zoning Ordinance Rewrite *(This item was discussed at 7:43 p.m.)*

Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development, provided this update and responded to questions from Councilor Walker and Councilor Millett.

c) (ADDED) No curbside trash pick-up on Thanksgiving *(This item was discussed at 7:44 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided information on this item.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 113. The Town Council will hear public comments 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)** *(This item was discussed at 7:46 p.m.)*

Councilor Walker opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge introduced the item.

Mark Worthing, Chair of Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission, spoke regarding this item and responded to a question from Councilor K. Wilson.

Councilor Walker closed the public hearing.

Councilor S. Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Millett asked a question, to which Manager Eldridge responded.

There was unanimous consent to waive the Council rules to vote on this item tonight.

Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt 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 someone who installs a helix mooring in an eel grass habitat will pay no fees for this mooring for five years.

Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Councilor Walker and Councilor S. Wilson responded.

Councilor Harris and Councilor Millett spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker responded to a question from Councilor Harris.

Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt 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 someone who installs a helix mooring in an eel grass habitat will pay no fees for this mooring for five years. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(Copies of adopted language will be attached to the official records.)

114. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding amendments to the Code of Ordinance that would establish a “Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines,” and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 8:04 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker opened the public hearing.

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

Councilor Millett and Councilor Richardson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker closed the public hearing.

Councilor Harris spoke and asked a question, to which Councilor Richardson responded.

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Richardson seconded, to suspend the Council Rules to allow the Council to vote on this item at this meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

MAIN MOTION

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to adopt amendments to the Code of Ordinance to establish a “Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines” to amend it to include the mooring fees adopted in item #113.

AMENDMENT

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor Richardson seconded, to state that the intention is to have this apply to any and all fees currently contained in Municipal Code of Ordinance. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

Councilor Millett moved, Councilor K. Wilson seconded, to adopt amendments to the Code of Ordinances to establish a “Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines” as amended to include the mooring fees adopted in item #113 and the intention is to have this apply to any and all fees currently contained in Municipal Code of Ordinance. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 115. The Town Council will declare the official results of the November 3, 2015 Sewer District Election, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) *(This item was discussed at 8:14 p.m.)***

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Richardson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to declare the official results of the November 3, 2015 Sewer District Election as follows:

Do you favor changing the debt limit of the Brunswick Sewer District from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000? Yes: 1,799 No: 635 Blanks: 52. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
November 18, 2015*

December 7, 2015
Date of Approval

Council Chair