

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Agenda
October 21, 2019
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
Executive session after business meeting
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Roll Call of Members/Acknowledgement Notice

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to Agenda

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda)

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Financial Update
- b) Absentee Ballots
- c) Stormwater at Brunswick Landing and Airport
- d) Air Control Tower at Brunswick Executive Airport
- e) Maine Street Pool Table
- f) Village Review Guidelines

PUBLIC HEARING

138. The Town Council will hear public comments on amendments to the General Assistance Maximums, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)

HEARING/ACTION

139. The Town Council will hear public comments on “An amendment to the Municipal Tax Increment Financing Development Program for the District Known As The “Mölnlycke Manufacturing Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District” (to be renamed “Seahawk Omnibus Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District”), and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)

HEARING/ACTION

NEW BUSINESS

140. The Town Council will consider a shared parking agreement for sections of the Recreation Center’s parking lot on Neptune Drive with the YMCA and the building’s owner at 24 Venture Avenue, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge)

ACTION

141. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for November 4, 2019, for “An Ordinance Establishing the Compensation of the Town Council of the Town of Brunswick, Maine”, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Jane Millett)
- ACTION**
142. The Town Council will consider adopting a resolution publicly supporting the Recycling Reform for Maine project of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Dan Ankeles)
- ACTION**
143. The Town Council will consider adopting a “Resolution Against the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons”, and will take any appropriate action. (Councilor Jane Millett)
- ACTION**

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 7, 2019
- b) Adoption of “Small Business Saturday” Proclamation
- c) Approval of a Cribbage license for the Elks #2043

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

Executive Session: Personnel Matter per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

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**Brunswick Town
Council Agenda
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Council Notes and Suggested Motions**

MANAGER’S REPORT

A memo from Town Manager Eldridge with more details about Manager’s Report items is included in the packet.

- a) **Financial update:** Copies of the financial reports are included in the packet.
- b) **Absentee Ballots:** Town Manager Eldridge will give this reminder.
- c) **Stormwater at Brunswick Landing and Airport:** Town Manager Eldridge will update the Council and the public this item. A copy of a letter from Brunswick Area Citizens for a Safe Environment to the Department of the Navy is included in your packet.
- d) **Air Control Tower at Brunswick Executive Airport:** Town Manager Eldridge will give this update.
- e) **Maine Street Pool Table:** The Town Council Workshop on improvements to the Maine Street “Pool Table” will be Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 6:30 pm at Town Hall, Council Chambers.
- f) **Village Review Guidelines:** The Village Review Board will be bringing their re-write of the Village Review guidelines to the Council in November.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

138. **Notes:** This is the required public hearing regarding changes to 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.

Recommended Option for the Council if they choose to vote this evening – suggested motion:

Motion to suspend the Council Rules to allow the Council to vote on this item at this meeting.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to adopt the annual General Assistance Maximums, as required by state law.

139. **Notes:** The Town Council will hear public comments on an amendment to the Mölnlycke Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to rename the district and add omnibus capacity, which allows for additional credit enhancement agreements (CEAs) to attract new business and encourage business expansion, and to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a new CEA with Natural Selection Inc. (Wild Oats). TIF revenues are one of several economic development incentives that Wild Oats needs for the

proposed project to proceed. The proposed CEA agreement for Wild Oats is consistent with the Mölnlycke CEA that is tied to job creation, but is a 10-year agreement rather than a 20-year agreement in the Mölnlycke CEA, and retains an iconic Brunswick business, creates jobs, fulfills an expressed master plan element for Brunswick Landing, and generates additional real property tax revenue while sheltering the District's property tax revenue, thereby minimizing decreases in state aid to education and municipal revenue sharing, and increases in county tax assessment. A copy of a memo from Sally Costello, Director of Economic and Community Development, and John Eldridge, Town Manager, along with the public hearing notice and the Seahawk TIF application, are included in the packet.

Suggested Motion: Motion to approve “An amendment to the Municipal Tax Increment Financing Development Program for the District Known As The “Mölnlycke Manufacturing Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District” (to be renamed “Seahawk Omnibus Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District”).

NEW BUSINESS

140. **Notes:** The YMCA is currently leasing a building at 24 Venture Avenue, and is in the process of purchasing it. Financing is complicated because the YMCA doesn't have adequate parking on its own site. The Town has negotiated a shared parking agreement with the YMCA and the building's owner, which allows the YMCA the non-exclusive right to park behind the Town's Recreation Center in exchange for reimbursement for maintenance of the lot. A copy of a memo from Town Manager John Eldridge, along with the parking license agreement, map and insurance information is included in the packet.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve a shared parking agreement involving use of sections of the Recreation Center parking lot on Neptune Drive with the YMCA and the owner of its building at 24 Venture Avenue.

141. **Notes:** The Town Council's annual compensation has not been adjusted since 1980, and since that time wages and prices have increased substantially. The current annual compensation for councilors is \$2,000 for each member and \$2,500 for the Council chair, and the suggested compensation is \$4,000 per councilor and \$5,000 for the Council chair. Section 208 (a) of the Town Charter provides that the Council may determine its compensation by ordinance, but the new level of compensation shall apply to the Council in office as of the first Monday in January, 2020. The Town Council is asked to set a public hearing for November 4, 2019, to hear public comments on this ordinance. A copy of the draft ordinance, Council minutes from 1979, and a chart showing inflation adjustment for Council pay are included in the packet.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to set a public hearing for November 4, 2019, for “An Ordinance Establishing the Compensation of the Town Council of the Town of Brunswick, Maine”.

142. **Notes:** This resolution, supporting Recycling Reform for Maine, a project of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, was one of the recommendations from the Recycling & Sustainability Committee when they appeared before Council on September 16, 2019 regarding curbside recycling. Recycling Reform for Maine is promoting proposed state legislation to extend producer responsibility and to financially assist Maine municipal recycling programs. The result is an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law that is more effective, sustainable and equitable for Maine taxpayers because producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less wasteful packaging. A copy of the resolution is included in the packet.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to adopt a “Resolution Supporting Recycling Reform for Maine”.

143. **Notes.** The Town Council is asked to adopt a “Resolution Against the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons”, sponsored by Councilor Jane Millett. This resolution seeks and supports efforts to reduce the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons in all nations. A copy of the draft resolution is included in the packet.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to adopt the “Resolution Against the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons”.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilors will provide brief updates on recent committee activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Approval of the Minutes of October 7, 2019:** A copy of the minutes is included in the packet.
- b) **Adoption of “Small Business Saturday” Proclamation:** This annual proclamation is part of a nationwide event to support local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods. The date for the event this year is November 30, 2019. A copy of the proclamation is included in your packet.
- c) **Approval of a Cribbage license for the Elks #2043:** The Elks Club is requesting annual approval for a cribbage license, which would cover January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. A copy of their application is included in the 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.

Executive Session: Personnel Matter per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

Notes: The Town Council may vote to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A), and will adjourn the meeting when finished.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to adjourn.