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BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
January 3, 2005
Municipal Meeting Facility

7:00 p.m. Posting of Colors: Brunswick Police/Fire Department Honor Guard – Officer Terry Goan, Officer Greg Mears, Capt. Harold Emerson, and FF. Greg Payson.

Manager Donald Gerrish called the meeting to order and asked James Ashe, Superintendent of Schools, to lead the audience in the pledge to the flag.

Invocation: Reverend Stephen F. Concannon of St. Charles Borromeo Church offered the invocation.

Councilors-Elect Sworn to Office: Town Clerk Fran Smith led the oath for the following Town Councilors: Jacqueline A. Sartoris, Louise V. Ansari, Ralph L. Tucker, and Forrest Lowe.

School Board Members-Elect Sworn to Office: Town Clerk Fran Smith led the oath for the following School Board members: Eileen B. Murphy, Corinne A. Perreault, William J. Dana, and Malcolm C. Andrews.

Entertainment: The Brunswick High School Brass Quintet, consisting of Jason Davis, Carl Elsaesser, Allison Kemmerle, Ben Raker, and Steve Slovenski.

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Jacqueline A. Sartoris, Robert A. Galloupe, Douglas A. Rice, Louise V. Ansari, Barbara A. Desmarais, Ralph L. Tucker, Forrest Lowe, and Joanne T. King.

School Board Members Present: Becky J. Martin, Dugan C. Slovenski, Eileen B. Murphy, Corinne A. Perreault, William J. Dana, Janet C. Connors, Gail K. Lowe, Malcolm C. Andrews, and Allen L. Springer.

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Patricia Harrington, Assistant Town Manager; Cathy Donovan, Town Assessor; James Ashe, Superintendent of Schools; Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Geoffrey Hole, Town Attorney; Clark Labbe, Acting Fire Chief; Greg Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Stanley Gerzofsky, State Representative – District 66; Carol Grose, State Representative – District 65; Betheda Edmonds, State Senator – District 10; several citizens and TV video crew.

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1. Elections and Appointments

a. Election of Council Chair

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, opened the organizational meeting and asked for nominations for Council Chair.

Councilor Desmarais nominated Councilor Lowe to be Council Chair for 2005.

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to cease nominations for Council Chair. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The Council voted nine (9) yeas to elect Councilor Lowe as the 2005 Brunswick Town Council Chair.

Chair Lowe spoke on his vision for the Council in 2005. He felt that finances are going to be the order of the day for the first six months. With all the work that the Legislature is doing on tax reform, there will be an impact on Brunswick and the Council will need to make priorities based on the town's needs. The second half of the year, he sees the Council making a decision on what to do with the old high school.

b. Election of Council Vice Chair

Chair Lowe asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Councilor Desmarais nominated Councilor Galloupe as Council Vice Chair for 2005.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair Lowe called for a vote of the Council.

The Council voted nine (9) yeas to elect Councilor Galloupe as the 2005 Brunswick Town Council Vice Chair.

c. The Town Council will appoint the Town Attorney.

Chair Lowe moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to appoint the firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson as the Town Attorney. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

d. The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to the following:

- i. Appointment Sub-Committee – 3 councilors [previously Desmarais, Galloupe and Rice]**

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor Tucker, Councilor Sartoris and Councilor King to serve on the Appointments Sub-Committee.

- ii. Brunswick Development Corporation [Council Chairperson]**

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Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed himself, as Council Chair, to serve on the Brunswick Development Corporation.

iii. Brunswick Economic Development Corporation [previously King and Lowe]

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor King and himself to serve on the Brunswick Economic Development Corporation.

iv. Cable Television Committee [previously Priest]

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor Ansari to serve on the Cable Television Committee.

v. Growstown School Committee [Councilor from District 3, Galloupe]

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor Galloupe, as the Councilor from District 3, to serve on the Growstown School Committee.

vi. Recycling Committee [previously King]

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor Ansari to serve on the Recycling Committee.

vii. Trust Investment Advisory Committee [previously McCausland]

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor Galloupe to serve on the Trust Investment Advisory Committee.

viii. Mid-Coast Business Development and Planning – 5 councilors [previously Watson, Galloupe, Priest, Sartoris, and King]

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor Watson, Councilor Galloupe, Councilor Sartoris, Councilor King and Councilor Desmarais to serve on Mid-Coast Business Development and Planning.

ix. Times Record Committee (new)

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor Galloupe, Councilor Tucker, and Councilor Sartoris to serve on the Time Record Committee.

x. Union Negotiating Committee

Chair Lowe, without objection of the Council, appointed Councilor King, Councilor Galloupe, Councilor Tucker, and himself to serve on the various union negotiating committees.

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Chair Lowe listed other committees that Councilors are serving on, including the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, Mere Point Boat Launch Committee, the Fire Station Committees, and Maine Street Station Design Committee.

- 2. The Town Council will set the meeting dates for the second Council meeting in January, February, and April, and for the first Council meeting in July and September, as follows:**

January 17th is Martin Luther King Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, January 18, 2005)

February 21th is President's Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, February 22, 2005)

April 18th is Patriot's Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, April 19, 2005)

July 4th for Independence Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, July 5, 2005)

September 5th is Labor Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, September 6, 2005)

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Desmarais seconded, to set the meeting dates for the second Council meeting in January, February and April and the first meeting in July and September as stated above. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. A TAPE RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
January 4, 2005*

January 10, 2005

Date of Approval

Council Chair