

**-- APPROVED --**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 6, 2009**  
**Municipal Meeting Facility**

**Councilors Present:** Chair Hallie Daughtry, W. David Watson, Benjamin J. Tucker, Karen J. Klatt, Gerald E. Favreau, Margo H. Knight, E. Benet Pols, Deborah R. Atwood, and Joanne T. King.

**Councilors Absent:** None.

**Town Staff Present:** Gary Brown, Acting Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Pat Scully, Town Attorney; Steve Levesque, Executive Director of MRRA; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; Craig Worth, Deputy Public Works Director; Bob Rocheleau, Property Manager for MRRA; Peter Baecher, Parks and Recreation Facilities Manager; Dan Devereaux, Marine Warden; and TV video crew.

Chair Daughtry called meeting to order and asked for roll call.

**Executive Session:** Consultations between a body or agency and its attorney concerning its legal rights and duties per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E)

**Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to go into executive session to have a consultation between the Town Council and its attorney concerning its legal rights and duties per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**MEETING RESUMES:**

Chair Daughtry resumed the meeting and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:**

**Steve Weems**, 44 Thompson Street, thanked Mike Ouellet for his services on the BEDC.

**John Perreault**, 295 Hacker Road, felt the Code of Conduct should be followed by the Council and that Mr. Ouellet should be given an apology by the Council.

**Colleen Shaw**, 13 Barrows Street; **Christine Camacho**, 29 Union Street; **Kristi Hatrick**, 4 Micmac Lane; and **Jennifer Hughes**, 154 Mere Point Road, all thanked the Council for saving the Town's preschool program.

**Landon St. Peter**, resident, said the Council should publicly rescind remarks that were made at the Council workshop and provide an apology to Mr. Ouellet.

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**Tom Fusco**, 66 Board Road, spoke on conflict of interest and how a perception of a conflict of interest is a conflict of interest. There needs to be more transparency.

**Julie Poole**, Moody Road, spoke on the workshop with other communities' Economic Development groups. She felt it was a good workshop with good ideas to consider.

**Ted Crooker**, Storer Road, spoke on the lack of a conflict of interest when it comes to the BEDC and how it is an honor to serve on the BEDC.

**Mike Ouellet**, 35 Botany Place, spoke about his service on the BEDC, and said he is proud of the positive steps they have taken. He said he did not need an apology. There has not been a conflict of interest. He wants the Town and BEDC to continue working on its goals. The BEDC can continue to improve transparency.

**Bernard Coombs**, Merryman Lane, said there should be an apology given to Mr. Ouellet.

**Art Boulay**, 32 Federal Street, said Mr. Ouellet has shown leadership. He is happy the Council Chair is finally listing rules of decorum and asks for leadership in the future.

Pat Scully, Town Attorney, spoke on conflict of interest and how to determine one and how to set policy.

### **Correspondence:**

Councilor King spoke about not closing the preschool.

Letter of resignation from the BEDC from Mike Ouellet.

*(A copy of the letter will be attached to the official minutes.)*

Councilor King, Councilor Atwood, Councilor Knight, and Councilor Favreau thanked Mr. Ouellet for his service on the BEDC and to the community.

Letter from Harpswell regarding meeting with them on the boundary issue.

*(A copy of the letter will be attached to the official minutes.)*

The Council requested a letter be sent stating that Brunswick is not interested in meeting with them since Brunswick is happy with the 1989 decision.

Chamber of Commerce awards have gone to JHR Development and the Town for the Maine Street Station Project; Sig Knudsen received the Lifetime Achievement Award; and Art Boulay received the small business of the year.

### **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

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Manager's Report A and B were done before public comments.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**(a) Report from the Base Commander**

*This item was done before Public Comment.*

Captain Fitzgerald, Naval Air Station Commander, gave this report.

Councilor Knight, Councilor Favreau, Councilor King, and Councilor Klatt spoke on this item.

**(b) Report from a State Legislator on Higher Education**

*This item was done before Public Comment.*

Senator Gerzofsky; Glen Cummings, from the Entrepreneurial Center of Southern Maine Community College; Dr. James O. Ortiz, President of Southern Maine Community College; Janet Sortor, Vice President & Dean of Academic Affairs; and Dana Humphrey, Dean, College of Engineering at UMO, all spoke about the Maine Advanced Technology and Engineering Campus to be located at the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Favreau, and Chair Daughtry spoke on this item.

**Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to write a letter of support for the proposed bond package, which would include funding for the Maine Advanced Technology and Engineering Campus project, and determine if members of the Council need to go to Augusta to support it. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**(c) Council Committee Updates**

Updates were given on the Appointments Subcommittee, with a listing of current board vacancies and on the Teen Center, which raised over \$2,000 at a recent fundraiser.

**(d) Budget Progress Update**

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

**(e) Report on Sand/Salt Shed Bid**

Manager Brown reported on this item.

Councilor Watson spoke on this item.

**(f) Report on Spring Clean-Up**

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Manager Brown spoke on this item.

**(g) Request to apply for Project Canopy Grant (Action Required)**

Manager Brown presented this item.

**Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor King seconded, to allow the Town to apply for the 2009 Project Canopy Grant to be used to rejuvenate the tree plantings in the Municipal Parking Lot on Bank Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of a memo from Peter Baecher will be attached to the official minutes.)*

Councilor Pols and Councilor Watson spoke on this item.

**(h) Report on Moorings at Mere Point Boat Launch**

Manager Brown presented this item. There will be no moorings at the launch this year.

Councilor King and Councilor Tucker spoke on this item.

**(i) (ADDED) Letter of Inquiry for the Quality of Place Grant**

Manager Brown presented this item.

Councilor King, Councilor Watson, Councilor Knight, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Klatt, and Chair Daughtry spoke on this item.

**(j) (ADDED) MDOT proposed Biannual Work Plan with six projects for Brunswick**

Manager Brown presented this item.

**(k) (ADDED) Tour of the BNAS**

Manager Brown presented this item.

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**51. The Town Council will consider adopting Council priorities relative to economic development, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Atwood and Councilor King presented this item.

Councilor Tucker, Councilor Watson, Councilor Klatt, and Chair Daughtry spoke on this item.

**Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Tucker seconded, to adopt the Brunswick Town Council Economic Development Goals for 2009, as amended. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 52. The Town Council will discuss allowing the Maine Street Station Oversight Committee to negotiate a lease for the Maine Street Station Train Station, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Knight, Councilor Tucker, and Councilor Atwood presented this item.

Councilor Pols, Councilor Klatt, Chair Daughtry, and Councilor Favreau spoke on this item.

Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development, spoke on this item.

Marji Greenhut, 10 Noble Street, spoke on this item.

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to authorize the members of the Maine Street Station Oversight Committee and Town Manager to begin negotiations with JHR Development of Maine on a lease for the Maine Street Station Train Station space. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Klatt was opposed.**

- 53. The Town Council will consider discontinuing a portion of Armory Street as part of the new elementary school project, and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Brown presented this item.

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to discontinue a portion of Armory Street as described in the attached Discontinuance Order. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the Discontinuance Order will be attached to the official minutes.)*

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- (a) Minutes of March 23, 2009
- (b) Appointment of Jeff Hutchinson as Codes Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector with a term to expire on 05/03/2010
- (c) Appointment of Carl Adams as alternate Codes Officer and alternate Local Plumbing Inspector with a term to expire on 05/03/2010
- (d) Approval of games of chance for the St. John the Baptist Parish Bazaar on June 19, 2009, and June 20, 2009

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Chair Daughtry separated the Consent Agenda into two votes.

**Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda Items A and D. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Knight seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda Items B and C. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Klatt was opposed.**

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Klatt seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE ACTION MINUTES. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.**

*Frances M. Smith*

*Town Clerk*

*April 10, 2009*

April 27, 2009

*Date of Approval*

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*Council Chair*