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BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes
April 4, 2011
6:00 P.M.
Municipal Meeting Room
Maine Street Station
16 Station Avenue

Councilors Present: Chair Joanne T. King, W. David Watson, Benjamin J. Tucker, John M. Perreault, Gerald E. Favreau, Margo H. Knight, E. Benet Pols, and Deborah R. Atwood

Councilors Absent: Councilor Suzan Wilson

Town Staff Present: Gary Brown, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Richard Rizzo, Police Chief; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Marc Hagan, Police Commander; Terry Goan, Police Officer; and TV video crew.

Chair King called the meeting to order, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

29. The Town Council will hear a report on municipal facilities' needs, and will take any appropriate action.

- **Longfellow School – McLellan building**
- **Police Station**
- **Former Times Record building**
- **Shooting range facility at NASB**
- **Recreation Field House at NASB**
- **Recreation Facility on Federal Street**
- **Central Fire Station**
- **Public Works Facilities**
- **Curtis Memorial Library**
- **Parking Facility**

Manager Brown made a presentation.

(Copies of Manager Brown's report, a matrix of the facilities, a letter from Bowdoin College, and a memo outlining the police department project will be attached to the official minutes.)

Council questions:

Longfellow School/McLellan Building

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Councilor Favreau, Councilor Knight, Councilor Pols, Councilor Perreault, and Councilor Tucker asked questions relative to these buildings, to which Manager Brown responded.

Catherine Longley, representing Bowdoin College, responded to a question concerning their planned uses for Longfellow; she indicated plans had not yet been finalized.

Councilor Favreau spoke on this item.

Police Station

Chair King noted the Police Station Committee members present.

Councilor Pols asked a question, to which Manager Brown responded.

Chair King spoke on having Brunswick Development Corporation (BDC) fund the purchase of this property.

Councilor Favreau and Councilor Tucker spoke in support of this idea.

Councilor Knight asked a question, to which Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Favreau asked a question, to which Manager Brown and Chair King responded.

Former Times Record Building

Chair King supported the idea of the building going to the School Department.

Manager Brown spoke on this item and what is being proposed. He also said buses may be seen there sooner than the building being transferred.

Councilor Favreau asked a question about buses for both school districts, to which Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Knight, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Perreault spoke on this item.

Councilor Pols asked a question, to which Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Watson spoke on this item.

Shooting Range

Chair King and Councilor Tucker spoke on this item.

Councilor Knight and Councilor Tucker asked questions, to which Manager Brown responded.

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Recreation Field House

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

Councilor Pols and Councilor Knight asked questions, to which Manager Brown responded.

Central Fire Station

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

Parking Facility

Councilor Watson spoke on this item.

Chair King read a letter from The Great Impasta's owner supporting the parking facility.

Councilor Knight spoke on this item and asked a question, to which Manager Brown responded.

Chair asked for public comments:

Louise Rosen, 16 High Street, spoke on the presentation. She felt it was good to have these ideas shared and liked the idea of reusing and recycling. She questioned how the list of properties was developed for the Police Station and also expressed concerns with the proposed location and size of the building.

Manager Brown responded to a traffic question.

Mike Ouellet, Botany Place, asked if funding for the property from BDC would be a loan or an outright gift. As to the shooting range, he asked if the federal government would expand the parameters from police to more public use to help pay the cost.

Chair King responded how the funding may work with reimbursement funds coming from the sale of the municipal building, but nothing has been decided.

Manager Brown said the Federal government is not willing to change the use of the shooting range.

Dottie Hassfeld, 271 Mere Point Road, thanked those involved for the time spent working on the Police Station issue. She inquired about the BDC membership and other properties they have purchased. She supported the Police Station at the base.

Manager Brown and Chair King responded to her questions.

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Louise Ansari, 19 Riverview Drive, spoke about properties on the base and that there were too many unknowns that were clearly stated in the report. She also said the Police Department was very clear on their space requirements.

Stephanie Slocum, Executive Director of BDA, spoke in support of the McLellan/Longfellow swap and a parking structure to allow for more parking in the downtown area.

Peter Mason, Botany Place, spoke on the Police Station and its cost. He is also concerned with the loss of the recreation facility downtown and recommended satellite parking for employees working in the downtown.

Claudia Knox, 36 Cumberland Street, spoke on the need to have a facilities plan and spoke in support of the Pleasant Street site for the Police Station. She sees it as community and economic development. Mill Street should become a scenic boulevard. The fire station building needs to be preserved, but the station should be moved.

Judy Warren, 9 Longfellow Avenue, supported the Longfellow/McLellan swap, and said the Police should stay where they are and expand the building.

Newell Augur, 3 Colonial Drive, spoke in support of the Police Station at the proposed location and the process the Council went through. The building needs to reflect the sacrifice the Police Officers make and it needs to be safe. He spoke about transitional zoning at that intersection and the need to do something with the Pleasant/Stanwood Street area.

Chair King closed the public comment section of the meeting.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to make a formal request to the BDC to fund the purchase of the property on the corner of Stanwood and Pleasant Streets to be used for a Police Station.

Councilor Perreault said he supports a Police Station. At this point he will not support the purchase of the site, but will support the discussion with the BDC.

Councilor Pols and Councilor Knight spoke on the police station project.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to make a formal request to the BDC to fund the purchase of the property on the corner of Stanwood and Pleasant Streets to be used for a Police Station. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to have the Planning Board review the zoning ordinance amendment to the Longfellow property so it will be zoned for an appropriate College Use (excluding student residential use.) The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Frances Smith

Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager

April 15, 2011

April 25, 2011

Date of Approval

Council Chair