

-- APPROVED --
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
August 18, 2003
5:00 p.m.
Municipal Meeting Facility

5:00 P.M. Chair Priest called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge to the Flag.

Councilors Present: Chair Charles R. Priest, W. David Watson, Jacqueline A. Sartoris, Robert A. Galloupe, Douglas A. Rice, Nancy E. Randolph, and Joanne T. King.

Councilors Absent: Forrest Lowe and Stephen H. McCausland

Others Present: Patricia Harrington, Assistant Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; John Foster, Public Works Director, and TV video crew.

140. The Town Council will consider awarding a three-year contract for refuse collection within the Town and will take any appropriate action.

Pat Harrington, Assistant Town Manager, gave a history of this item. Privatization of garbage collection resulted from the high cost related to worker's compensation for the one man trucks. After looking at different options, the privatization seemed to be the best.

John Foster, Public Works Director, said that Pine Tree Waste, Inc. was the low bidder at an annual cost of one hundred ninety-nine thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$199,875). This is a three (3) year contract, with the possibility of extending it for two (2) years with an increase based on the cost of living index. Responding to Councilor Rice's question, Mr. Foster said the current schedule for pick-up and holidays will remain the same under the contract.

(A copy of Mr. Foster's memo and fiscal note will be attached to the official minutes.)

Ms. Harrington said, responding to Councilor King's question, the cost savings to worker compensation will not be reflected for three (3) years due to how the cost is determined.

Councilor Sartoris expressed concern about allowing enough time when bidding out the contract to allow research to be done on cost effectiveness of privatization of this service.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Randolph seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with Pine Tree Waste, Inc. in the amount of one hundred ninety-nine thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$199,875) per year to provide trash collection for the Town of Brunswick. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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Councilor Randolph moved, Councilor King seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

August 19, 2003

September 2, 2003

Date of Approval

Council Chair