

**-- APPROVED --**  
**SPECIAL BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2006**  
**Municipal Meeting Facility**

- 5:00 P.M.** Chair King called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilors Present:** Chair Joanne T. King, W. David Watson, Hallie Daughtry; Jeffery A. Schneider, Louise V. Ansari, Ryan E. Ewing, Newell A. Augur, and Forrest Lowe.
- Councilors Absent:** Jacqueline A. Sartoris.
- Town Staff Present:** Donald H. Gerrish, Town Manager; Elin M. Gould, Deputy Town Clerk; Patricia Harrington, Assistant Town Manager; Mat Eddy, Director of Economic Development.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting:** None.
- Public Comment:** None.
- Correspondence:** None.
- Manager's Report:** None.
- Adjustments to Agenda:** Chair King added a short discussion of an organizational workshop at the end of the agenda.

**3. The Town Council will hear public comments regarding making an application for a CDBG grant from the State to assist with the Jordan Avenue project, and take any appropriate action.**

Mat Eddy, Director of Economic Development, said this grant would be to assist with drainage repairs to Jordan Avenue from the railroad bridge down. The amount is \$500,000 and would be a portion of the \$1.7 million dollar project, the rest of which the community will be paying through a bond approved in the CIP last year. He said there is currently a question surrounding Brunswick's eligibility for the grant as Jordan Avenue is seen as a through street and the grant is for low/moderate income neighborhoods. Mr. Eddy has provided traffic studies showing that Jordan Avenue primarily serves the surrounding neighborhood, and he is awaiting a determination of eligibility.

Councilor Ansari received clarification from the Manager that the project is for the full length of Jordan Avenue. She also asked how it is determined what area is served by Jordan Avenue.

Mr. Eddy responded that he considered the total housing units in the neighborhood and the car trips which would likely come from those neighborhoods, which far exceed the

traffic counts, and then made a calculation and concluded confidently that the neighborhood is the primary user of Jordan Avenue.

Mr. Eddy said, responding to Councilor Augur's question, the State is slowing down funding on transportation projects, but, although the federal CDBG program did go down in funding, as well, there is still money to be dispersed around the state.

Chair King confirmed with Mr. Eddy that there is little the public can do at this point to influence the decision regarding the grant.

Chair King opened the public hearing.

**Roy Peddle**, 4 Lori Drive, said the Jordan Avenue project cannot be put off any longer and he is for any grant money that will help. He said the power poles from Federal Street to the railroad bridge should be repositioned, the Town should look into the status of the railroad bridge, and the intersection with Bath Road should have a traffic light.

Chair King closed the public hearing.

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to apply for a CDBG grant from the State to assist with the Jordan Avenue project. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

*(A copy of the public hearing notice and the grant application will be attached to the official minutes.)*

**1(d) (Postponed from January 3, 2006 meeting) The Town Council will appoint Council representatives to the following:**

**i. Appointment Sub-Committee – 3 Councilors (previously King, Sartoris and Watson)**

Chair King appointed Councilors Watson, Schneider, and Augur to be the Appointment Sub-Committee.

**ii. Brunswick Development Corporation (Council Chairperson)**

Chair King appointed herself to serve on the Brunswick Development Corporation.

**iii. Brunswick Economic Development Corporation (previously King and Lowe)**

Chair King appointed herself and Councilor Lowe to serve on the Brunswick Economic Development Corporation.

**iv. Brunswick Teen Center Board (previously Sartoris)**

Chair King appointed Councilor Sartoris to serve on the Teen Center Board.

**v. Cable Television Committee (previously Ansari)**

Chair King appointed Councilor Daughtry to serve on the Cable Television Committee.

**vi. Capital Improvement Plan Dev. Com. (previously Ansari, Galloupe and Lowe)**

Chair King appointed herself, Councilor Ansari, and Councilor Ewing to serve on the Capital Improvement Plan Development Committee.

**vii. Growstown School Committee (Councilor from District 3)**

Chair King appointed Councilor Daughtry to serve on the Growstown School Committee.

**viii. Recycling Committee (previously Ansari)**

Chair King appointed Councilor Ewing to serve on the Recycling Committee.

**ix. Trust Fund Advisory Committee (previously Galloupe)**

Chair King appointed Councilor Lowe to serve on the Trust Fund Advisory Committee.

**x. Mid-Coast Business Development and Planning – 5 Councilors (previously Watson, Galloupe, Desmarais, Sartoris and King)**

Chair King appointed Councilors Watson, Sartoris, Daughtry, Schneider, and Ansari to serve on Mid-Coast Business Development and Planning.

Chair King also said Councilor Sartoris will carry on for former Councilor Desmarais on Sagadahoc Region Rural Resources, an offshoot of MCBDP.

**xi. Union Negotiating Committee – 1 Councilor needed**

Chair King appointed Councilor Augur to the Union Negotiating Committee.

Chair King said the Comprehensive Plan and Maine Street Station Committees are nearing completion so former Councilor Desmarais and Councilor Sartoris will stay on the Comprehensive Plan Committee; and former Councilor Desmarais, as Chair, and Councilor Lowe, will remain on the Maine Street Station Committee. She also said the Citizens Advisory Committee regarding the Mere Point Boat Launch is on hiatus right now, and the fate of the Times Record Committee will be determined in the near future so appointments will be postponed until that time.

**4. The Town Council will consider amending the Council's Rules of Order and Procedure regarding the starting time of regular Town Council meetings, and take any appropriate action.**

Chair King said it is sometimes arduous to have meeting that go until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. and the intent of this motion is to avoid that this year.

Manager Gerrish explained the process for changing the Council Rules of Order and Procedure. The item cannot be acted upon at the meeting in which it is initially brought up so no action can be taken tonight.

Councilor Ansari thought it was a good move to start at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m., that the public could stop by on their way home from work instead of going back out, and it would be good for older citizens who can not be out late.

Councilor Ewing thought it was a fine idea but wanted to be sure the meetings end earlier, not just go on longer, and that an earlier time would work for all the Councilors.

Councilor Augur said 7:00 p.m. would be better for him and he wondered if it would be a more logical and more convenient time since most other municipal meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Manager Gerrish said until the past couple of years the Council met at 7:30 p.m., and then changed to 7:00 p.m. Workshops have always been at 7:00 p.m. About a year and half ago the City of Bath Council meetings changed to 6:00 p.m., and he has no information on other municipalities. He also noted that the Brunswick Planning Board meetings start at 7:15 p.m.

Councilor Lowe expressed concerns about people with families and children having time to get home and have dinner if the meetings were to start at 6:00 p.m. At times it may be difficult for him to make the meetings, as well. He prefers 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Daughtry agreed that working families would find it hard to be at meetings at 6:00 p.m., she said 7:00 p.m. would be easier for her personally, as well, and she suggested an ending time for meetings, perhaps 10:00 p.m., holding over items to another night or another meeting.

Chair King said at times items have been tabled; however, the Council usually muddles through the whole agenda. She also said it is not her intent to change the time of Council workshops since they usually end about 9:00 or so anyhow. She suggested the possibility of a 6:30 p.m. start time as a compromise.

Councilor Schneider likes the 6:00 p.m. start time; however, if it would be difficult for anyone on the Council it should remain at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Watson said he is somewhat flexible, however, since it may be difficult for Councilors Augur and Lowe, and possibly the public, perhaps they could compromise for a test period of time.

Manager Gerrish, responding to Councilor Ansari's inquiry, said staff supports the earlier time, and responding to Councilor Ewing's question, he said executive sessions would be held after the Council meetings with the exception of a time when specific action needed to be taken at that meeting.

Councilor Ansari then suggested trying the 6:30 p.m. start time and Chair King asked the Councilors to think about it until the next meeting, considering that different constituencies call for different things. She is very much in favor of as much public participation as possible.

Chair King said there will be an annual organizational workshop on January 23, 2006, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. which will be held at another location and will not be televised, something she feels is more functional for the type of meeting it will be. It is a public meeting, however, and the press and the public are welcome to attend.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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

*Elin M. Gould*  
*Deputy Town Clerk*  
*January 10, 2006*

**January 17, 2006**

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*Date of Approval*

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*Council Chair*