

-- APPROVED --  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 3, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Municipal Meeting Facility**

**Councilors Present:** Chair Joanne T. King, W. David Watson, Benjamin J. Tucker, Hallie Daughtry, Karen J. Klatt, Gerald E. Favreau, Margo H. Knight, Newell A. Augur, and David C. Webb

**Councilors Absent:** None

**Town Staff Present:** Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Gary Brown, Assistant Town Manager; Kevin Schofield, Acting Police Chief; Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; Gretchen Paxton, Patrol Officer; and the TV video crew

Chair King called for the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Town Clerk for roll call.

**Public Comment:**

**Margaret Soulman** of Topsham, member of Brunswick Sustainability Group, informed the Council and public about their upcoming bike fair and film fund raisers.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Adjustments to the Agenda:**

**Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Augur seconded, to table Items 27, 28, and 29. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Manager's Report:**

**Items (d) and (e) done prior to other items**

**(a) Council Committee Updates**

Councilor Webb provided an update on the Land for Brunswick's Future group. They have met and are working to develop criteria for ranking properties and designing ways to work with other groups to look for grants and other funding. The Economic Feasibility Committee meets next Tuesday to do follow-up interviews with two engineering firms and will be selecting one firm to move forward.

Councilor Daughtry said the Municipal Facilities Committee has met and they are working on their recommendation for the elementary school.

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### **(b) Financial Updates**

Manager Gerrish said the town is eight months through the year; state revenue sharing and excise taxes are holding their own. On the expenditure side, the issue is Public Works, which will be over between \$200,000 and \$250,000 in their winter works line. There will be \$110,000 savings in the health insurance account and additional savings in Workers' Compensation.

Councilor Favreau thanked Public Works for all their work.

### **(c) Council Workshops**

Manager Gerrish said they have set March 10<sup>th</sup> as a workshop with the School Board on the Budget and CIP, and March 24<sup>th</sup> as a Forum on the BNAS closing with George Bald.

### **(d) New Police Officer**

Acting Chief Schofield introduced the new Officer, Gretchen Paxton, previously a Police Officer with the Town of Ogunquit. She has already completed all the necessary requirements and training.

Officer Paxton said it is great to be here and thanked the town for the opportunity.

### **(e) (ADDED) State of the College**

**Barry Mills**, President of Bowdoin College, made this report. Bowdoin College would not be what it is without the Town of Brunswick, but Bowdoin is also important to Brunswick. The Art Museum is now open to the public and they opened a recital hall, also. The retirement community thrives and is part of Bowdoin activities, with seniors even taking classes. The College has done well in the Athletics Department. There is a great deal that goes on at Bowdoin. Mr. Mills reviewed some facts about Bowdoin. They provide large employment to the area, directly or indirectly. There is improved communication between the town and college to work toward common ends. He gave the example of the work they did together on the Base project. Bowdoin is committed to the environment; for example, new buildings are being designed green. They announced they will be enhancing their financial aid to become a need blind school, which means they look at a student's application rather than at their ability to pay. Every student who graduates will not have student loans but grants instead. As a result of this, Bowdoin College is accessible and affordable to students of Maine. President Mills added in the future there will be a need to address economic and job opportunities while maintaining this community. This will be a challenge when Bowdoin wants to be part of this discussion. All need to all work together to see the future of Brunswick; it is important to preserve land and to have places for nonprofits, but there needs to be job creation opportunities.

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*(A copy of Bowdoin College Economic Impact highlights will be attached to the official minutes.)*

Councilor Augur thanked President Mills for coming and added that Jeff Ward, who works at Bowdoin, has been a big help with the town's recreational needs, serving on the Recreation Commission and other committees. He asked how, as President, he envisions Bowdoin will look like in 25 years and what role the town will have.

President Mills responded Bowdoin will grow in 5 to 10 years; and in 25 to 50 years there could be 2,200 students or more. As they grow they are now surrounded by residential communities so when they look at the base property, it will become vital to the expansion of the college. He asked the Council to keep all this in mind when working on zoning, access and other development there. He added Bowdoin College builds quality buildings and provides a sense of landscape.

**(f) (ADDED) Grant for Orton Family Foundation**

Manager Gerrish said this grant application is for the Orton Family Foundation. The town is requesting a grant in the amount of \$100,000 that would enable the town to provide information to the public about what challenges and opportunities exist with the base closure and redevelopment. There is no cost to the town, with an in-kind match only.

Ms. Breinich added the final determination on the grant will be in May.

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

**27. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following Special Amusement License, and will take any appropriate action.**

**Special Amusement License  
Brunswick Golf Club, Inc.  
D/B/A Brunswick Golf Club  
165 River Road**

**Mr. Patrick Badcock**

This item was tabled.

**14. (Tabled) The Town Council will discuss a citizen's appeal process, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Webb explained the changes he made to the draft based on Councilor comments. The major changes were allowing the Chair to appoint an alternate member to the Council Appeals Committee and to provide for a process for complaints against the Town Manager to go through the Assistant Town Manager to the Council Chair.

**Councilor Augur moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt the proposed Citizen Complaint Resolution Process. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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

28. The Town Council will consider developing a plan regarding the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement adopted on April 23, 2007, and will take any appropriate action.

This item was tabled.

29. The Town Council will consider the continuing funding for Maine Street Station Coal Ash remediation, and will take any appropriate action.

This item was tabled.

30. The Town Council will consider the following requests for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways on the Brunswick Mall, and will take any appropriate action.

Xenos-The Greek Kitchen  
Danny's Dogs  
Farmer's Market

Chair King said this item is to consider approval for the Sellers of Prepared Foods on the Brunswick Mall.

Councilor Favreau said that the owners of Danny's had contacted him to send their regrets at not being present at the meeting as they are on vacation.

**Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to approve the requests for Sellers for Prepared Foods on Public Ways for Xenos The Greek Kitchen, Danny's Dogs, and the Farmer's Market, on the Brunswick Mall. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

31. **Consent Agenda:**

- (a) Re-appointment of Harry Darling as Civil Constable for Town of Brunswick
- (b) Re-appointment of Harry Gorman as Civil Constable for the Town of Brunswick
- (c) Tax Abatement
- (d) Approve Minutes of January 22, 2008

**Councilor Knight moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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**Executive Session: Acquisition of real property as per M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)  
Labor Negotiations as per M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D)**

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss Acquisition of real property as per M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) and Labor Negotiations as per M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 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.**

*Frances M. Smith  
Town Clerk  
March 4, 2008*

April 22, 2008

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*Date of Approval*

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*Council Chair*