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BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
September 5, 2006
6:15 p.m. Executive Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Municipal Meeting Facility

6:15 P.M. Chair King called the meeting to order.

Councilors Present: Chair Joanne T. King, W. David Watson, Jacqueline A. Sartoris, Hallie Daughtry, Jeffrey A. Schneider, Louise V. Ansari, Ryan E. Ewing, Newell A. Augur, and Forrest Lowe.

Councilors Absent: None.

Town Staff Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Patricia Harrington, Assistant Town Manager; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Craig Worth, Deputy Director of Public Works; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mat Eddy, Director of Economic Development; and TV video crew.

Executive Session 6:15 P.M. Personnel Matters per 1 M.S.R.A. Sec. §405(6)(A)
Acquisition of real Property per 1 M.S.R.A. Sec. §405(6)(c)

Councilor Schneider moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(a) regarding personnel matters and 1 MRSA §405(6)(c) regarding acquisition of property. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Daughtry and Councilor Augur arrived after the vote.

MEETING CONTINUED: 7:00 P.M.

Chair King called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Several downtown residents, including **Jeffrey Pelletier, Elizabeth Marr, Christine Camacho, and Chris Ledwick**, requested that the Council change the beginning time for commercial trash haulers to 7:00 a.m. instead of the current 5:00 a.m. They provided a list of dumpster locations in the downtown area. This would improve the quality of life in the downtown area. It was indicated that members of the Northwest Brunswick Neighborhood Association are supportive of this change, also.

(A copy of the map and locations will be attached to the official minutes.)

Correspondence:

(a) Resignation of Councilor Ansari

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Councilor Ansari presented her formal resignation from the Council. Her resignation as Vice Chair will be effective at 7:00 p.m. and from the Council effective at midnight tonight.

(A copy of Councilor Ansari's resignation letter will be attached to the official minutes.)

Chair King gave Councilor Ansari a plaque thanking her for her work on the Town Council. She added some words to describe the accomplishments she had helped the Council achieve, including the Jordan Avenue road repairs.

Selection of Vice Chair

Councilor Augur nominated Councilor Watson to serve as Vice Chair for the remainder of the year. There were no additional nominations, and the Council voted nine (9) yeas to appoint Councilor Watson as Vice Chair.

Councilor Ansari made comments of concern about an issue surrounding her ability to vote for Vice Chair this evening since a Councilor had tried to prevent her from doing so. She felt it was important that District 5 residents be included in this vote and disagreed with what had occurred. She expressed disappointment and hurt from the actions taken, indicating she thought what was done was morally wrong.

Councilor Watson wanted to assure District 5 residents that either the Councilors At Large or himself would be there to represent them.

(b) Sale of Suscom to Comcast

Manager Gerrish summarized the letter from Suscom on its sale to Comcast.

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

Manager's Report:

(a) MMA Legislative Policy Ballot

Manager Gerrish said the Council is requested to appoint one representative to the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). The appointee must be an elected or appointed municipal official who is currently serving in office.

Councilor Ewing moved, Councilor Ansari seconded, to appoint Councilor Augur as the representative to the Legislative Policy Committee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(b) ADA Polling Places

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Pat Harrington, Assistant Town Manager, summarized the ADA issues with town polling places. One option may be in the future consolidating polling locations due to the cost associated with upgrading the current facilities to ADA standards.

(A copy of Ms. Harrington's memo will be attached to the official minutes..)

Councilor Ewing and Councilor Ansari expressed concerns about limiting polling locations, especially if reduced to one location.

(c) Council Calendar

Manager Gerrish said the town picnic is on September 16, 2006, and on September 25, 2006, there is a workshop with the Department of Interior regarding BRAC and the Comprehensive Plan update.

(d) Council Committee Updates

Councilor Lowe said the Maine Street Station Committee is considering four proposals to develop the site. They will be meeting this week.

Councilor Augur said the Old High School Implementation Committee has chosen Holt & Lachman Architects Planners to assist in developing a master plan for the site. There will be a public workshop in October, along with a design workshop.

Councilor Daughtry said the Elementary School Building Committee has selected an architect and is in negotiations with them; the next step is the site selection.

(e) (ADDED) Nomination Papers

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, updated the Council regarding upcoming openings on the Council and School Board, reminding everyone that nomination papers are due back in the Town Clerk's office by Friday, September 8, 2006, at 4:30 p.m.

(f) (ADDED) Property Tax Rate

Manager Gerrish said the tax rate will be lower than originally thought, due to additional valuation. The rate will be \$21.75 per \$1,000, which is a 0.68% decrease.

Councilor Lowe said this is great news and stated that for the last three years, taxes have been flat or there has been a reduction in the tax rate. The staff has done a super job.

Adjustments to Agenda:

- 144. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for a Full Time Vinous & Malt License, and will take any appropriate action.**

Full Time Vinous & Malt

**Praphan's Thai Paradise LLC
D/B/A/: Thai Paradise
136 Pleasant Street**

Praphan Kaewthong

Manager Gerrish said this item is for a public hearing and approval of a full time vinous and malt license for Praphan's Thai Paradise LLC and staff recommends approval.

Chair King opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, she closed the public hearing.

Councilor Augur moved, Councilor Ewing seconded, to approve the Full Time Vinous and Malt License for Praphan's Thai Paradise. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

145. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed changes to Fitch Place, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish said this is an ordinance change to have a right turn only out of Fitch Place onto Maine Street.

Chair King opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, she closed the public hearing.

Councilor Ewing said, in the long term, it will be a safer area and the right turn only is the appropriate way to go.

Councilor Ansari moved, Councilor Augur seconded, to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 15, Article III Specific Street Regulations to Fitch Place to allow only a right hand turn onto Maine Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted language for Fitch Street will be attached to the official minutes.)

146. The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Business License Ordinance changes relative to allowing events on public ways, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish explained this came about so the Brunswick Downtown Association could have an art sidewalk sale on Maine Street.

Chair King opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, she closed the public hearing.

Ms. Smith discussed the fees in other communities, which varied from no cost to the cost of individual vendor licenses.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 10, Business License Ordinance, to allow nonprofits to hold events on public ways. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted language for events on public ways will be attached to the official minutes.)

147. The Town Council will discuss the possibility of having a non binding referendum question at the November polls regarding the proposed Old Portland Road Industrial Park, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish said this item is to add a non binding referendum question at the November polls regarding the proposed Old Portland Road Industrial park. Staff got together to draft a referendum question, which was not easy. The Council will need to decide if they want the feasibility analysis done before the vote.

Chair King said, after a few comments on wording from the Council, she wanted to open this item up to public comment prior working out the question's language.

Joe Haas, 105 Durham Road, said he had sent a letter to the Council on this issue. He is disappointed that the Council is trying to bypass the Planning Board's process. He hopes the Council does not do this and allows the Board to do their process.

Robert Cole, 130 Brackett Road, said he has lived here 31 years and loves the land the way it is and wants to keep it as is. This project was turned down many years ago. He believed that the Council was the last place to make an appeal. The Old Bath Road has not been considered for this type of activity. There is no follow through; this amounts to spot zoning. It would increase the allowed density from 25% to 80%. He is asking the Council not to go to referendum and to hash it out at the Council level.

Elizabeth Pierson, 656 Harpswell Road, said it is raising several disturbing processes. The Comprehensive Plan Committee worked for three years to come up with a plan, and it is not fair to take one item out and put it to referendum. The Council has not discussed the update or appointed a long-term Committee to look at this. The idea for the referendum came from Brunswick Economic Development Corporation (BEDC), which does not hold public meetings, and a few of those who spoke in support of the park are affiliated with the BEDC. Fifty-three percent of those responding to a Comprehensive Plan survey said they supported growth in the growth area, of which this area is not a part. A nonbinding referendum came from the survey. A referendum question will undermine the citizens' trust. The town needs to follow the process laid out in the Comprehensive Plan.

Barbara Desmarais, member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, spoke as a member of the committee, but not for the committee. They created a process to study to determine if the town needed a business park. There are several committee members here to see whether it will go to vote. She has gone both ways on this issue. Her

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question is what does a “NO” vote mean – does the process not go forward or just the Route One part of the project. She would like clarification on that.

Bill McCullough, 622 Old Portland Road, said he owns 55 acres. He voted for the Council, not members of the BEDC. The proposed park is an ill advised development. He did not support going to referendum and asked the Council to act on it themselves.

Bill Dunning, 140 Brackett Street, read a letter from Rick Wilson at 171 Brackett Road, who is opposed to this referendum vote since replacing a process with a referendum is not good. The letter continued to say the Council is charged with knowing the details and making a decision on it. This sends a poor message relative to due process.

David Bright, 61 Durham Road, said he does not support the question going to vote. This is changing a rural area to a growth area. Throughout the process, he has been happy with the dedication of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. They have listened to concerns and set-up specific questions that need to be answered. He asked this item be removed from consideration.

John Perreault, 295 Hacker Road, said he questioned this being brought up as a way to talk about the Moore property only, since there is considerable acreage which can be turned into commercial if the change to the Growth Zone occurs. The Council should be talking about the 200 plus acres that could be developed. There is not enough time to get the study done. He suggested doing a vote in June since that would give enough time for information to get out there.

Marian Dalton, 16 Quarry Road, said her question is trying to facilitate a way to get information out to residents; there is an election so it makes sense, maybe, but the question is what does a “No” or “Yes” vote mean. What does it mean to the Council when they need to make their decision? She suggested an alternative to a referendum. There has been no process for the two sides to talk. There should be a public process created like what is being used for the old high school so there would be a chance to come up with common solutions.

Christa Cornell, 619 Mere Point Road, said the Comprehensive Plan Committee came up with a five page process since they did not have enough information to make a decision. It would be confusing to put out it out to the voters; the Council needs to go through the outlined process.

Karen Klatt, 32 Moody Road, said she did not understand how it got to the point of a question; she would be disappointed to see this question on the ballot.

Jeff Welt, 165 Hillside Road, said sending this to referendum is ill advised. He presented a petition, which had over 340 signatures gathered over four days, which is about rejecting the business park.

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(Because of the number of pages, the petition will not be included as part of the permanent record, but will be on file in the Town Clerk's office for a period of three years.)

Scott Howard, Brunswick Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) Acting Chair, said on behalf of the committee, he urged the Council to support the proposed referendum for a few reasons:

- 1) Time is of the essence; the longer without a referendum it will delay space relative to the Pine Tree Development Zone, which is only available for five years, with \$15 million only available for three years. Businesses want to take advantages of these programs now and come to Brunswick.
- 2) The referendum follows the Comprehensive Plan update, which is asking for an accelerated process.
- 3) The citizen initiated referendum is a major part of the public process and through the referendum, the town would be listening to their customers.
- 4) The feasibility study will be shared with citizens, and it needs to be done in the next thirty days.

Steve Weems, 44 Thompson Street and member of the BEDC, supported the referendum and having information provided to the public for the following reasons:

- 1) This is an addition to the process.
- 2) The feasibility study should be finished before the vote and would be available to the public to assist with their decision.
- 3) The process would include all voters since it would effect all people in town.

Catherine Johnson, 275 Durham Road, said finding out what citizens want is important if they are informed, but the Council will have problems getting answers to questions in time for the election. She is not sure sending this to referendum is the best way to get information.

Nicholas Dodge, 18 Grant Road, presented other ways to get information that are scientific in nature. He has not seen much information provided and a third party gathering information may be a better way.

Patty Dannis-Dunning, 140 Brackett Road, said she thinks the referendum is not good. The Planning Board has not even accepted the Comprehensive Plan Update. The Planning Board has not been involved; it is a waste of money to put this out to vote. There are less than eight weeks before the election to put together and hold public meetings. She had concerns about the information being given out. The Council should be addressing this issue. The procedure is outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and the Council should follow it. This is like putting the cart before the horse.

Ruth Fraser, 21 Collinsbrook Road, said she has faith in the Council and Planning Board that they will do their job and that time will be given to explain this to the public before the vote. She said to put it out to vote and educate the voters.

Chair King closed the public comment period.

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Councilor Daughtry said she would like to hear what the town as a whole has to say, but it is inappropriate to take this one item out of the Comprehensive Plan and put it out to vote. The Council should follow the process. She will not take the easy way out and is willing to do the job she was elected to do.

Councilor Sartoris said the question could be made clearer with the backup having no information on growth management and only on the economic development prospective. She respects the BEDC, but has concerns about their process not being public. When it was formed, these questions were raised. Given the seriousness of the questions, there needs to be a dialog about how to do economic development, but also have some public input. In order for her to support the question, there needs to be some changes to it. She is a little concerned about the referendum.

Chair King said she had no knowledge that BEDC had voted on it, and she brought it forward as a question to get public input. There needs to be a less contentious way to get input. The question is nonbinding and gets the feeling as to what the public thinks. They still they have to work out a process even without the outcome of a vote.

Councilor Lowe said the crux of the matter tonight is whether there urgency in making a decision tonight. There is a sense of urgency on this issue, with the loss of jobs in the near term; those jobs will be lost sooner than 2011 when the base is closed. The Council has to take proactive steps to work toward creating jobs. Ultimately, this potential business park would be developed with the town's assistance and the town would control who goes there. To get a sense of what people want is important. This is an advisory question, and if the vote is close, the Council has to move ahead and make the decision themselves. He supports doing the feasibility study right away so the information is available to citizens before the vote.

Councilor Watson spoke in support of the question as an advisory one. If the base closes, it happens in 2011, but the town will lose jobs earlier. The town is going to start losing a tax base, services, and what the schools can provide. The town needs to have economic growth outside of the base. The redevelopment of the base will take five to twenty years. The Council has to look ahead for the future of Brunswick.

Councilor Schneider said after reading the way it is written, he will not support the referendum and prefers to do it on a more personal level. The referendum does not seem to be a good use of town funds. If this is to be the best site, due process will bring this out.

Councilor Augur said folks who support this are not taking the easy way out. He would like to see a charette. This is not a violation of due process. This area is already mixed use. The town needs a new business park and the Council needs to move on this issue. Yet, he is going to vote against sending this out to referendum since this is not advisory if there is not information out there to base that decision on. He also does not think it will save time. If the Council comes to a conclusion there is to be a business park on the

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Moore property, those opposed could do a referendum, which would be a more informed process.

Councilor Ansari said the Council should wait to see what the Planning Board concludes. The Council should study it and make a decision as a Council. She would support a feasibility study right away, but not going to referendum.

Councilor Ewing said the business park in that location could be done aesthetically, but he is not sure if the growth zone should be that far out. BEDC needs to have more openness and let more documents be available. The end goal is 2,000 jobs in the region and Topsham may be the location for the park. The feasibility study would help a lot. November is too soon for a referendum.

Councilor Sartoris agreed with Councilor Augur on the public referendum.

Chair King said she hopes that people can focus on the facts and not look at people individually. No one is trying to circumvent the process.

The Council did not take a vote on whether this issue should go to referendum.

(A copy of supporting information will be attached to the official minutes.)

148. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing and sending out to referendum on November 7th, a bond ordinance authorizing Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,000,000 to Acquire Land or Interests in Land for Various Municipal Purposes, Including for Recreational Purposes and to preserve Open Space, Natural Resources and Significant Scenic, Cultural or Historic sites, and will take any appropriate action.

Councilor Lowe is requesting the Council hold a public hearing for a \$1,000,000 bond for recreation and open spaces, modeled after the Land for Maine's Future concept. This has been talked about for several years. Through the Open Space Task Force had studied this over three years, and the Council accepted the report in 2003. There were 139 action steps, including creating a Land for Brunswick's Future and there has been no progress made since then. It has been discussed at the CIP level and it did not make it through this group. He is bringing it forward outside of the normal process. There is real urgency to get a fund established and get a group together to work on this. The base is not part of this and he wants to preserve other properties which will not be there in the future. He is proposing taking this to a public hearing and letting the voters of the town make the decision.

(A copy of supporting information will be attached to the official minutes.)

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to set a public hearing for September 18, 2006, regarding sending send out to referendum at the November 7, 2006 election, a bond ordinance authorizing Bonds and Notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to acquire land or interests in Land for Various Municipal

purposes, including for recreational purposes and to preserve open space, natural resources and significant scenic, cultural or historic sites.

Councilor Augur said he will vote on the public hearing, but will not support it going on the ballot. This is taking it out of the CIP process and moving ahead only this item. There needs to be a way this debt obligation is put together with the existing obligation and budget.

Councilor Sartoris said the CIP was the first year's financial obligations and the rest is a guess as to what it should be. A number of Council members had concerns with the long term issues. The Council voted in the Smart Growth Zone and at the time several suggested the town look at other ways to preserve land. There have been other items in the past pulled out and done, like the Cooks Corner Substation. The Council will have been respectful of the process and financial implications since it is not in this fiscal year.

Councilor Ansari said she has learned on the Council the need for following process. The time to discuss this was at the CIP time. There are more pressing issues at this time, like Police and town staff needing space, along with other infrastructure that needs fixing.

Chair King said, responding to Councilor Ansari's question, the town was given a high rating due in part to the CIP process. The creditability with the rating agency is gone if the town brings this back. The first time the Council violated the CIP was on the public safety building, which did not have good results with a failed public vote. She will support putting this issue to referendum during the CIP process.

Councilor Ewing said it is important that this issue be put out to referendum. To put this off to Year Five of the CIP was a close vote. At a meeting he missed, it was taken off. This does not require the town to spend the money. People support this and the Council needs to put it out to vote.

Chair King opened the floor for public comments.

Tom Settlemire, 277 Pleasant Hill Road, said the town has worked hard over the years to support the idea of preserving open space, but it has not put a lot of money toward it. This has been an issue back to 1970's.

Barbara Desmarais said she has learned how important open space is to the town since she started working on this issue. The public is supportive of the open space preservation. It is a year by year process. Open space is one of her highest priorities.

Loraine Kohorn, Casco Road, said she is a member of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust and the Conservation Commission. She spoke in support of this issue. Brunswick is losing scenic and habitat filled land by 100 to 150 acres per year. There are limited resources of the Trust and people are been tapped out with many projects out there. They should not have to shoulder this alone. During the discussion of Smart Growth, preservation was talked about, and the price tag to preserve land is only going up. She wanted to see the Council move this up.

Lisa Martin, 185 Hacker Road, said in 2000 a group worked to preserve property at Cox Pinnacle. It is important for those who did not support Smart Growth as this would be a way to preserve property by the town paying for it. There needs to be a plan, and Brunswick should have its own pot of money

Manager Gerrish said it was once in the CIP at \$250,000 over four years yet there was no plan in place as to how to spend it. In the past years it was in there and then taken out. Staff is concerned about the process of taking this outside of the CIP process. He said the town has a good bond rating because of its CIP and financial management process.

John Eldridge, Finance Director, said he is concerned about the process, not the project. There was a lot of discussion about the base closure and fund balance with the bond rating agency. Since the town has a fund balance and has followed the policy of the CIP process, he tried to say to the rating agency the town has the discipline to tread water and has a management process. The part that concerns him is having just finished the review with the bond counsel two weeks ago, will there be the creditability issue. The town said it had a process, but then may be going outside of it.

Councilor Lowe said this project is not to be done until 2007 and is not in next year's CIP. It will take four or five years to spend the money with a bond possibly not issued until 2008 or 2009. The CIP Committee had a discussion on the Land for Brunswick's Future (LBF), and then took it out. LBF for was not included in the process and this does not work for him.

Chair King said this could have been brought back at the time CIP was discussed.

Councilor Ansari said when going through the CIP process there were concerns about things being in there without a plan.

Mr. Eldridge added a project should be defined in scope and cost. CIP provides future borrowing costs.

Councilor Sartoris suggested going ahead with an advisory referendum. She would like to hear from the people.

VOTE

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to set a public hearing for September 18, 2006, regarding sending send out to referendum at the November 7, 2006 election, a bond ordinance authorizing Bonds and Notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to acquire land or interests in Land for Various Municipal purposes, including for recreational purposes and to preserve open space, natural resources and significant scenic, cultural or historic sites. The motion failed with four (4) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Schneider, Chair King, Councilor Ansari, and Councilor Augur were opposed.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to place the following advisory referendum question on the November 7, 2006 ballot:

“Should the Town Council establish a Land for Brunswick's Future Board and secure funding not to exceed \$1,000,000 in Years 2 or 3 of the Capital Improvement Plan to be adopted in 2007?”

Purpose: This was established as a priority action in the Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan and adopted by the Town Council in October 2002 to acquire land or interest in land for various municipal purposes including for recreation and to preserve open space, natural resources and significant scenic, cultural or historic sites.”

The motion carried with five (5) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Schneider, Chair King and Councilor Ansari were opposed.

149. The Town Council will consider a resolution, as approved in the 2006 CIP, for an Emergency Appropriation of \$50,000 to fund American with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) Improvements at various locations operated and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish said this item is for consideration of a resolution as approved in the 2006 CIP for an Emergency Appropriation of \$50,000 to fund the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at various locations operated and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. This item was approved by the Council during the budget process and the town now needs to fund this project from unappropriated fund balance.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Schneider seconded, to adopt the Resolution for an Emergency Appropriation of \$50,000 from Unappropriated Available General Fund Revenues to Fund American’s With Disabilities Act (“ADA”) Improvements at Various Locations Operated and Maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department, as approved in the 2006 CIP. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the Resolution supporting information will be attached to the official minutes.)

150. The Town Council will consider an appropriation of \$35,000 from unappropriated fund balance for the demolition of the Water Street Building as approved in the 2006 CIP, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish said this item is to consider an appropriation from unappropriated fund balance, of \$35,000, for demolition of the Water Street Building as approved in the 2006 CIP. This item was approved by the Council during the budget process and the town now needs to fund this project from unappropriated fund balance.

Councilor Ewing moved, Councilor Augur seconded, to adopt the Resolution for an Emergency Appropriation of \$35,000 from Unappropriated Available General Fund Revenues to Fund the Demolition of a Building and Clean-up of Property Owned by the Town of Brunswick located at 63 Water Street. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

151. The Town Council will consider an appropriation of \$55,000 from unappropriated fund balance for construction of a parking lot on Water Street as approved in the 2006 CIP, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish said this item is to consider an appropriation from unappropriated fund balance, of \$55,000, for construction of a parking lot on Water Street property as approved in the 2006 CIP. This item was approved by the Council during the budget process and the town now needs to fund this project from unappropriated fund balance.

Councilor Ewing moved, Councilor Augur seconded, to adopt the Resolution for an Emergency Appropriation of \$55,000 from Unappropriated Available General Fund Revenues to Fund the Construction of an Expansion to the Parking Lot at the Water Street Boat Launch. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

152. The Town Council will discuss appointments to boards and committees, and will take any appropriate action.

Councilor Watson nominated the following persons:

Daniel Paul – Elementary School Building Committee (Engineering Representative)

Thomas Hastings – Trust Fund Advisory Committee (reappointment)

Harold Hutchinson/Richard Moll – Water District Trustees (reappointment)

The Council voted nine yeas to appoint those nominated.

153. Consent Agenda:

(a) Minutes of August 7, 2006

(b) Change of polling location

(c) Request from Maine Natural Gas for utility location permit

This item is to approve the Consent Agenda:

Manager Gerrish said this includes a request for Council approval to move the polling place for Districts 2 and 7 from Coffin School to Brunswick Junior High School.

Superintendent Ashe has expressed safety and security concerns which he feels can be addressed by moving the polling place next door to the Junior High School.

Councilor Daughtry moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda , including changing the polling location for District 2 and District 7 to the Brunswick Junior High School, and excluding the minutes of August 7, 2006, which were tabled. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of memo from the Town Clerk will be attached to the official minutes.)

Councilor Schneider moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 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
December 14, 2006*

December 18, 2006

Date of Approval

Council Chair