

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
December 4, 2000
MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY

7:30 P.M. Chair McCausland called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge to the Flag.

Councillors Present: Chair McCausland, Michael Feldman, Eleanor Swanson, Robert Galloupe, Timothy Dotts, Clement Wilson, Faith Moll, Forrest Lowe, and David Gleason.

Councillors Absent: None

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager, Melissa Smith, Acting Town Clerk; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Thomas Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Alan Houston, Natural Resources Planner; Sheila Leavitt, Accounting Manager; Commander Robert Annese, Police Department; several citizens, members of the press and TV video crew.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: November 20, 2000

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the minutes of November 20, 2000. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas, Councilor Gleason and Chair McCausland abstained because they were absent from that meeting.

Correspondence: Councilor Swanson read a letter from Sarah Gallagher, Stowe Lane, regarding the United States Postal Service. She has not been receiving her mail in a timely fashion or on a regular basis. This has been a persistent problem in Brunswick.

Manager Gerrish replied that he had a conversation with the postmaster on this issue. The Postmaster felt that the issue had been addressed, and that it had also been resolved. The Postmaster also stated that he had had delivery problems in November because of a shortage of employees and changes in the postal routes.

Manager Gerrish read a letter from William Torrey of Bowdoin College to let the public know of Bowdoin College's contribution toward the government of the Town of Brunswick. This year they increased their contribution by 10%. *A copy of the letter will be attached to the official minutes.*

Manager's Report:

1. Financial Update – Manager Gerrish stated that the Town of Brunswick had finished its fifth month of the financial year. The first concern is excise tax, which is flat. There was an anticipation that this would increase. He is projecting a shortage of \$75,000 in that account. The State Revenue Sharing was also projected with an increase and it is also flat. This is more problematic. There may be a shortage of \$150,000 in this account. However, Manager Gerrish believes that other revenues will compensate for this. On the expenditure side, all accounts are in good standing but one, Health Insurance. Health Insurance costs will increase 30% January 1st. He is projecting a shortage in this account of \$50,000 for the fiscal year.

Manager Gerrish feels very confident that this budget will be fine. Bottom line is that there will be no excess, as in past years. The problem will be in the following year's budget. There will be no excess of \$200,000 to \$500,000 in the Unappropriated Fund Balance to help with the following years' budget by lowering taxes, helping buy capital items, etc. This situation is not unique to Brunswick; it is a concern to local governments statewide. This is an indication that the economy is slowing down a little bit.

2. Recognition of Town for receiving a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting – Manager Gerrish stated that the Town received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year ending June 30, 1999. Manager Gerrish explained that this was a major accomplishment for the Town of Brunswick's reporting system. John E. Eldridge, III, Finance Director, and Sheila Leavitt, Accounting Manager, do an outstanding job and Brunswick is

fortunate to have them. *A copy of the letters will be attached to the official minutes.*

3. Introduction of New Police Officers – Police Chief Jerry Hinton introduced the two newest police officers for the Town of Brunswick. Russell Wrede, a retired Marine Corps Captain who for twenty years specialized in security and law enforcement. He also has a degree in Political Science, and completed the 100-hour law enforcement course last spring. He will be attending the Criminal Justice Academy in January.

Greg Mears, who has been in the Marine Corps Reserves since 1997. He attended the Maine Criminal Justice Pre-service Course in January 1999 and has worked as a reserve Deputy Sheriff in Cumberland County. Mr. Mears is from Harpswell and he is also the son of retired Brunswick Deputy Chief Richard Mears. He is a certified Police Bicyclist, member of the International Mountain Bike Association, and currently enrolled at the University of Maine in Augusta.
4. Report by Police Chief on Bureau of Highway Safety Grant – Commander Robert Annese explained that the Police Department received a grant of \$50,000 last October and gave a report on the results. *A copy of the results will be attached to the official minutes.*
5. Report on Feasibility of Underground Utilities – Manager Gerrish gave a brief explanation on the memorandums from the Town Engineer and the Director of Planning and Development. *A copy of both memos will be attached to the official minutes.* Mr. Gerrish asked the Council for direction on this item. After much discussion, it was decided to have a brief workshop with experts, the Planning Board, CMP, and with someone in another community that has done this, in the first half of next year.
6. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2000 – Finance Director John Eldridge recommended a workshop with the Council to go through the CAFR. He also stated that this CAFR would be on the website by the end of the week.
7. Rapid Renewal – Finance Director John Eldridge explained that this was a project that would give citizens the ability to register their vehicles on-line and pay with a credit card. The Department of Motor vehicles would then mail the registration and decal to the citizen within a week. Brunswick was chosen as a pilot community and today was the first day on-line. He also explained that credit card companies charge a 2-½% transaction fee, which will decrease revenues for the Town.

Manager Gerrish announced that the Secretary of State would be here in the Municipal Meeting Facility on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. There will be a live demonstration for the Councilors, Legislators, and the public.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

- 179. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following requests for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses and take any appropriate action.**

RENEWALS:

FULL-TIME MALT, VINOUS AND SPIRITOUS:

Fraternal Club- Brunswick BPO Elks #2043 d/b/a Elks Lodge
179 Park Row

Kevin Leeman, Exalted Ruler

Andrew V. Atripaldi d/b/a Vincenzo's Restaurant
15 Cushing Street

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FULL-TIME MALT AND VINOUS:

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46 Maine Street

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FULL-TIME MALT:

Capital Pizza Huts, Inc. and Pizza Hut, Inc d/b/a Pizza Hut
107 Pleasant Street

Richard J. Bloomer

The public hearing opened at 8:28 p.m. The public hearing closed at 8:28 p.m.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License applications as advertised. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Moll stated that there were six calls for service for the Elk's Club, and more to her as well. She would not vote for approval next year if there were any calls at all.

180. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following requests for Special Amusement License and take any appropriate action.

RENEWAL:

Fraternal Club- Brunswick BPO Elks #2043 d/b/a Elks Lodge
179 Park Row

Kevin Leeman, Exalted Ruler

The public hearing opened at 8:30 p.m. The public hearing closed at 8:30 p.m.

Councilor Moll stated that she would make the motion to approve with a caveat if there are any more complaints from the neighbors about loud, continuous all day music, doors left open, noise in the middle of the night, she will not approve this next time without restrictions. She hopes that there will be no service calls or complaints in the coming license year.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Special Amusement License application as advertised. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

181. The Town Council will consider entering into a purchase and sale agreement to purchase 103 acres in West Brunswick and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish was approached a month or more ago concerning a piece of property in West Brunswick that was for sale, Map 3 Lot 32. This property includes Cox Pinnacle, which is the highest point in Brunswick. The Town was approached by residents of the area to see if the Town was interested in purchasing it for Open Space and for other minimum recreational use. Mr. Gerrish stated that this was a proposal to authorize the Manager to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Ned and Kathy Harding to purchase the 103-acre site in West Brunswick. The Purchase price would be \$250,000. The Hardings are willing to have the Town pay \$125,000 at closing and the remaining cost over a three-year period. A citizens group called Friends of Cox Pinnacle has been very active in fund raising to help in the purchase of the property. They have pledged of \$53,525.00 toward the purchase of this property. The Hardings have an active buyer other than the Town but they are willing to work with the Town and the Friends of Cox Pinnacle. The property is adjacent to other areas where the Town has conservation easements. This property would be used for Open Space with a minimum recreational area for hiking with trails. There are no plans for the Town to do major work such as a system like the bike path. It would be very passive recreation using the existing trails. Director of Parks and Recreation Thomas Farrell and Natural Resources Planner Alan Houston were present to answer any questions. The proposal from the Friends of Cox Pinnacle was that they raise half of the purchase price. In a letter to the councilors, the

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Friends of Cox Pinnacle mentioned areas of concern regarding this ongoing project. *A copy of the letter will be attached to the official minutes.* Manager Gerrish suggested that the Council discuss this with the representatives present.

Manager Gerrish stated that the Council felt that if the Town made the commitment to buy the property, they should buy it outright. The fund raising would have to continue. He believes that one of the issues is that if the fund raising does not reach the \$125,000 goal that the Town would look to sell part of the property to recoup some of the resources that were put into it.

Mr. Gerrish stated that a decision needed to be made tonight. The Hardings' potential buyer is a developer who would develop the property. The Hardings have put this potential buyer on hold while they are working with the Town trying to determine if we are going forward with this. The money for this project would have to come from the Unappropriated Surplus Account. Manager Gerrish explained how the Unappropriated Fund Balance works. We have a fund balance of approximately \$3.9 million, and a commitment to purchase the Goodwin/Davis property for \$450,000 but the Council is looking for at least half to be raised privately. At least \$225,000 would come out of this account with the possibility of an additional \$225,000 if additional funds were not raised. If we agree to this new proposal on the Harding's property, we are committing ourselves to an additional \$250,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus Account. The Town of Brunswick is selling a piece of property, which will generate \$100,000 to this account. After these transactions, the balance would be \$3.5 million, exactly were we have told the auditors and people that we borrowed money from that we would be at the end of the fiscal year. For auditing purposes, once we sign this it comes off our books.

Lisa Martin, 185 Hacker Road, stated that their second round of fund raising has extended out into five different districts. Of the pledges that are in, 1/3 to 1/2 of them are from out of their district.

Councilor Wilson asked what is the length of time the pledges have to be paid up.

Ms. Martin answered that because they were told that the second \$125,000 would be paid off over the course of three years, in soliciting pledges they told people they could make pledges over the course of three years.

Councilor Feldman explained where he felt the Council was coming from on this issue. They have to balance this project with possible projects they have been considering for years and here a decision needs to be made in 30 days.

Councilor Gleason stated he was concerned that this could be interpreted as a way to put land in trust to have it forever wild and have the Town buy it. He could see a number of people coming to the Town to buy their land. Another concern would be that the property would be taken off the tax rolls. He also believes that buying this property would only benefit a few. While we talk about the path structure, etc. Councilor Gleason quoted from the memo, "Commitment to keeping the property undeveloped in perpetuity as open space and for low-impact trail recreation." He has heard people refer to this as a Bradbury Mountain concept. The Bradbury Mountain concept to him would be a large parking lot, picnic tables, etc. that the public could use. He suspects that this is not what the Friends of Cox Pinnacle would want and the majority of the people would not have access to it. His final concern was that this came out of nowhere. It was not part of some overall plan where an open space task force has said that we need this particular property.

Ms. Martin responded that ideally she agrees with him that they should be looking at properties with a global plan in place. Without this plan in place, we can only look at this property for what value it is now. She believes that this property is unique to other 100-acre parcels in Brunswick. The people that she has spoken with would enjoy a mini Bradbury Mountain and they would ride from in-town to that space, to walk, ride a horse, or ride a mountain bike. Ms. Martin believes there would be a need for a small parking lot and she also believes that it would be used on a regular basis by more than just the neighbors. She believes that we should think in broad terms why this property should be purchased.

Councilor Wilson asked Ms. Martin her feelings if the Town buys this property and then things fall flat, and the Town sells a parcel of it to help recoup some of the money that taxpayers need to help pay other things.

Ms. Martin asked if he meant selling the property to raise funds greater than whatever debt is left over at the end of three years. Councilor Wilson affirmed. Ms. Martin stated that this does make them fearful as a group.

Councilor Wilson stated that the letter from the Friends of Cox Pinnacle makes it clear that once the Town says "yes" that as far as the group is concerned the Town has committed to the whole 103 acres to remain forever wild. This is a concern because he does not want to commit future councilors to it.

Ms. Martin responded that the letter does not say that. Chair McCausland asked for a clarification.

Bob Muller, 197 Hacker Road, stated that he believes that The Friends of Cox Pinnacle were proposing a land use plan and part of that plan would allow for land to be sold, but it would have to fit within the plan and the use of the land. For example, if we had a Bradbury Mountain, we would not have a dump next to it. If the debt arose three years from now and the lots had to be sold, these lots would be predefined all up front in the purchase, that these are the three lots that could be sold and they would already be in the plan. Mr. Muller stated that there was quite a bit of road frontage, so the Friends of Cox Pinnacle could allocate some amount of property to pay off the debt if they couldn't raise the \$125,000.00.

Chair McCausland asked the location of the main entrance. Mr. Muller replied that there is no main entrance, quite a bit of frontage, but just raw land right now. Chair McCausland asked where the trails begin.

Ms. Martin responded that the trails begin from the Harding House, and that house lot has been separated out from that acreage. There would need to be a trail put in from a road to the existing logging and farming roads. Once through this section the trails are very clear. Councilor Dotts, Natural Resources Planner Alan Houston, and Chair of the Conservation Commission William Ferdinand have walked it.

Ms. Martin addressed Councilor Wilson to ask if the Friends of Cox Pinnacle had answered his question. It is their understanding that the Town reserves the right to sell some house lots only to make up the deficit of what the Friends of Cox Pinnacle cannot raise.

Chairman of the Conservation Commission Bill Ferdinand stated that he wanted to give the Council his impression of what had happened. The Conservation Commission does not come before the Council very often, certainly not to ask to buy land. Mr. Ferdinand saw this land advertised in the paper. Later, a group came to the Conservation Commission, asked to look at the property to see what they thought and how it could be preserved. The Conservation Commission looked at the property and walked the trails. At the top there is a bench of rock ledge that has a view, and you go to the highest point and you can see a vista, which is an unusual thing in Brunswick. He believes this property has some unique qualities. The Conservation Commission believes that this property has a lot of recreational value. With no work from the Town you can access this property from Durham Road and walk right from the top all the way down the woods road to the street. Access is not a problem for skiing, bikes, walking, and all those activities can be done. The next thing was that the Conservation Commission looked at all the projects going on, the Town Commons project going from Bowdoin Campus to Middle Bay, to which the Council was committed, the Bike Path along the Androscoggin River, slowly extending that path from the canoe portage up the Androscoggin River. Then you come to the CMP right of way; this right of way leads to this property. Imagine, he said, starting your journey at the highest point in Brunswick and you can now walk that entire path. The Town does not own all the property, but the path and the way to get there is clear. All the Town has to do is link all of it together, and that is the vision. For those who are concerned and wondering where all this leads and whether we are getting in over our heads, he feels, no we are not, this is part of a vision that fits together. This is a path from the highest point to Middle Bay and to the Bike Path. It all fits together beautifully. From a recreational standpoint it is a great idea. From a land

conservation and wildlife habitat perspective, this is a rural part of Town; this is a place in the Town where the Town Council, Planning Board, and the Comprehensive Plan said they want to keep rural. The Town wants to enhance wildlife habitat. The Conservation Commission has done a lot of work in this area. There is a large wetlands complex near by. All of this fits together as wildlife quarters. There will be more about this in the Open Space Plan. This area also fits in that plan, too. The property has scenery, wildlife habitat, recreational value, and rural character. If you look at the list in the ordinance that says what types of things the Town should conserve, they are all there on this property. The Conservation Commission looks at this the same way they look at Conservation Easements. What are the goals of the Town and does this property meet those goals? In this case it does. You stack this with a group that in 60 days has raised \$53,000, a phenomenal effort. Mr. Ferdinand believes that no one has come to the Council with any money to purchase land. On top of that if worse comes to worse, the Town has house lots to raise money from the property. The Town could sell lots to make up the difference. So, when you add up all the good things, financial benefits, and financial backup plan that the Town has in place; he believes that it would be easy to say "yes" because it is a good thing for the Town and the Town can afford this. Finally, in terms of Open Space on tax rolls, there are studies that show putting housing on subdivisions will cost the Town more money than it will raise. Having open space fits with the rural character and fits with the tax policy on space, too.

Councilor Gleason questioned the impact of traffic in the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Ferdinand answered that if you get more than 50 cars out there then to him that is an indication that this project is needed. He looks at this as where we ought to be headed rather than what we are to shy away from.

Councilor Feldman stated that if you have 50 cars out there, he would pay the money for the parking lot. He was concerned about not having any cars out there. Mr. Feldman told Ms. Martin that they had done a phenomenal job raising about \$1,000 a day for the past 55 days. They have raised the easy money; the other \$72,000 will be tougher. Mr. Feldman is looking for reassurance or a plan that the Friends of Cox Pinnacle has for raising this additional money. He doesn't believe that anyone wants the solution to be to sell the land because the organization could not raise the money. Councilor Feldman wants to feel that the Friends of Cox Pinnacle will raise the \$125,000 over the next three years.

Ms. Martin commented that they had not had an opportunity to go to the greater public. They have only gone to the surrounding neighborhoods. Also, in a letter for the November 20th Council Meeting, they demonstrated a willingness to seek funding from outside sources. State, Federal, and private funds including the Land for Maine's Future program, water conservation bonds, national recreational sales bonds, and miscellaneous private funding. She believes that with the help of the Town and the expertise of the members of the group, they will raise the \$125,000.

Councilor Galloupe stated that time is the worst enemy. The Council needs to make a decision tonight. Looking at the map, he sees a potential of five lots that could be sold, but there would be no access to the remaining property. Therefore, probably only three lots could be sold. On a fiscal note, the Council has other capital improvements they need to look at, a fire station that we need to do something with in the near future; a need to do something about Town Hall problems, and this building. It is hard now to make a commitment. He has had several calls; he has had more calls not to buy than to buy. If we had the money, or the economy was different, or looking different in the future, he would be more encouraged to buy it. It is \$250,000 of Town money. He believes the pledges were given in good faith but having dealt with raising money some of them don't come through. Once the commitment is made, it is hard to raise the money. The first third is the easiest money. He would rather see more money in hand.

Councilor Dotts thanked the Hardings for being patient. He also praised the Friends for Cox Pinnacle for their efforts in raising money. He believes that they have only scratched the surface. He has walked the property and believes there to be only a minimum startup cost. Councilor Dotts has also received calls but all were for buying the property. He was concerned about and he thinks that it is great to have a safety net but he doesn't believe the Town should get in the business of selling house lots, the Town would know what the property could be used for no matter how it was sold. Councilor Dotts was also concerned

whether there would be enough house lots in there so that it would not interfere with the proposed use of the property. He also believes that the Town should be upfront about what would be the property to be sold, before any consideration from anyone else, so the Town knows where it is coming from. Overall, he is in favor of the project.

Lois Ellinwood, 168 Hacker Road, stated that speaking to some people in different districts of the Town, she has raised over \$20,000.00. These are from people living on the Harpswell line and in-town, and she feels they would come and utilize this property. These people believe it is significantly important for the future of this Town. Ms. Ellinwood also wanted to point out the Town and gown connection. The nature of many of the trails out there, if there were a gravel parking lot on Hacker Road or Durham Road, would make a fabulous cross-country track system. This could be used by Brunswick High School, instead of being dropped off by Coffin Pond and having to run down roads. This would be real cross-country. Residents and students could utilize it competitively; it could be a state of the art, cross-country environment. It might be possible that Bowdoin College would join in with some financing and participate as well.

Councilor Moll stated that she was one of the 10% who knew about Cox Pinnacle and the Quaker Settlement in the area. She didn't know the property was for sale. She was delighted that it was discovered for sale. She thinks that the \$53,520.00 raised in the blink of an eye is nothing short of amazing and she thanked the Friends of Cox Pinnacle for it. She receives calls all the time from the people in her district. District 6 supports this preservation. The overriding theme is we in-town live with density, live with 30,000 cars coming down our streets a day, live with noise, orders, lights, and we do this in hopes that there is Open Space out there since there is none for us. That is how Councilor Moll looks at Brunswick over and over again. She is a pledged friend of Cox Pinnacle. First she feels there are enough safe guards on the part of the Town that the wishes of the Friends of Cox Pinnacle will be honored. Councilor Moll believes that the landscape and view will remain intact and as Brunswick grows this Pinnacle will be kept for all.

Councilor Lowe stated that the timing is terrible. The Council has had a very short time frame to address this. As Chair of the Open Space Task Force he certainly envisioned bringing forth recommendations next year that would help guide us in just exactly this kind of circumstance. We have an advantage of having large parcels of land in the rural sections of Town. They do have value as preservation of habitat. To address one point that Councilor Gleason brought up, the precedence issue, once we do agree on an open space plan for a number of years. The plan should address those issues of precedence and future opportunities that might arise. He is also concerned with the proposal from the Friends of Cox Pinnacle limiting the Town as to how to recoup the costs should the fund raising not be achieved. Councilor Lowe believes that Councilor Feldman asked earlier how likely it was the Friends of Cox Pinnacle would be able to raise these funds in three years. Councilor Lowe did not get the sense how likely that would be. Because there is some uncertainty about that, should there be a consensus to proceed, he feels that the Town should have a great leeway on how those funds should be raised, in terms of what parcels would be involved to make up that short fall. He does not sense any support beyond the 50% portion, and that is a struggle right now for the Town.

Mr. Muller stated that The Friends of Cox Pinnacle are very optimistic. They have even talked about if they raise \$250,000 within a three-year period, would they be able to have the option to put a good conservation plan together and have a vision that ties into another vision. They are very optimistic. They haven't even scratched the surface yet. They have not even had 55 days to do fund raising, they have probably had less than 20 days. Mr. Muller commented that he lives on a curve on Hacker Road and cars park there so the occupants can go jogging, bike riding, etc. The main concern of the group was in the purchase and sales agreement. They can make that contingent upon a good plan with the Planning Office. He believes that is the key. They are flexible regarding possible lot sales depending on what makes sense to the Town economically and as part of the vision.

Councilor Lowe stated that the purchase and sales agreement might make sense on a more leisurely pace in this particular instance, he thinks it would be challenging to have thought through the whole plan, including what options there should be for a sale if there is a shortfall from fund raising.

Mr. Muller does not believe that the plan has to be all negotiated up front, just the commitment and the intent to do that in the purchase and sale agreement.

Manager Gerrish said that the Charter states that if the Town makes a commitment over a year for a capital purchase, it must be done by ordinance. So if we have to sign a purchase and sales agreement for half now and the rest in three years, we would have to do that by ordinance. The way to get by that this evening, is to make the authorization to purchase in the whole amount, to pay the \$250,000, and work out with the Friends of Cox Pinnacle to pay the Town \$125,000 over the next three years. The only difference is that the Town is committing up front, instead of waiting that three-year period. We would still look at the Council's intent to work with the Friends of Cox Pinnacle to raise the money, and the Town would still have the option at the end of three years if they have not done it, to make a decision on which parcels to sell. Either way, it affects our balance sheet because we are committing ourselves to the \$250,000. Manager Gerrish clarified that the Town would do a purchase and sales agreement, have a closing, and pay the full \$250,000 and would own the property outright and then we would work with the Friends of Cox Pinnacle to raise \$125,000 over the next three years.

Chair McCausland reminded that the ordinance would have to have a public hearing at the next council meeting.

Councilor Moll stated that it is part of her motion that the Town Manager prepare the proper instrument.

Manager Gerrish stated that he must have a decision tonight.

Councilor Swanson believes the Friends of Cox Pinnacle have a vision and that the Council should give them a chance. The Council has a fall back position; we have nothing to lose.

Councilor Feldman expressed that this kind of issue is exactly why the Town of Brunswick needs an Open Space Plan, and he will vote for this on faith that the money will be raised and the Open Space Plan will be in place soon.

Councilor Gleason stated that the case has been made and he is going to support this.

Chair McCausland is not going to support this. It has to do with the fact that the Council has been looking at other property, that is more in line with many of the goals that were stated in recent years that are far more centrally located and will be utilized by far more people. He applauds the neighbors for what they have done. But there are a number of things that are before the Council that have huge price tags on them in the next year. \$250,000 out of the blue is not something he can vote on tonight. He has supported all the Open Space that the Council has supported in recent years. But he cannot support this because, as Councilor Lowe expressed, the timing is bad.

Councilor Galloupe, on a strictly fiscal note, is voting against this. He said it is very obvious that this is going to pass; once it is passed he will do everything he can to support it, get a good plan and make it a really good project.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Ned and Kathy Harding for 103-acre site in West Brunswick, Map 3, Lot 32, for the amount of \$250,000, the Friends of Cox Pinnacle to continue their efforts to raise \$125,000 for the next three years to help reimburse the Town and the Town Manager and Finance Director to prepare an instrument to that fact subject to the appropriation of said funds by the Council. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, Chair McCausland and Councilor Galloupe.

182. The Town Council will consider making appointments to the following boards and committees:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- 1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Balance of a three-year term to expire 12/18/02
- 1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Balance of a three-year term to expire 07/01/01
- 1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Balance of a three-year term to expire 07/01/03

Councilor Wilson nominated Richard I. Stark for re-appointment for term expiring 07/01/03 and H. Fred Hahn for appointment for term expiring 12/18/02.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Moll seconded, that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Richard I Stark and H. Fred Hahn. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, that the members of the Codes Appeal Board be the same as the Zoning Board of Appeals with the same term expiration dates. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

WELFARE APPEALS BOARD

- 1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Balance of a two-year term to expire 01/28/01

No nominations were submitted.

FENCE VIEWER

- Balance of a one-year term to expire 04/01/01

Councilor Swanson nominated Mark H. Worthing.

Councilor Swanson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Mark H. Worthing. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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

Melissa L. Smith, Acting Town Clerk
December 12, 2000

December 18, 2000

Date of approval

Council Chair