

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
2000-2001 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
June 1, 2000 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL MEETING ROOM

7:00 P.M.

Chair McCausland called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge to the Flag.

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

School Board Members Present: Chair P. Dennis Lucas Jr., James Grant, Janet Connors, and Allen Springer.

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; James Ashe, Superintendent of Schools; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Several Department Heads and School Teachers; members of the press, and TV video crew.

Town Manager Gerrish gave a brief overview of the revised municipal budget. Mr. Gerrish stated that the most significant increase is the cost of insurance. The remainder of the budget is a maintenance budget. The consensus of the Council was to reduce the originally proposed budget to a 2.5% property tax increase. *A copy of the adjustments will be attached to the official minutes.*

James Ashe, Superintendent of Schools, gave a brief overview of the school budget. He noted that the budget is up for local appropriations by 3.56 % (which is approximately \$426,000). The budget itself is up by 4.46% (980,000). Mr. Ashe also noted salary and benefits as the most significant increase in the budget. *A copy of his comments will be attached to the official minutes.*

Chair McCausland described the process to be used for the public hearing.

The public hearing opened at 7:22 p.m. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

Chair McCausland adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Deborah S. Cabana
Town Clerk

July 17, 2000

Date of Approval

Council Chair