

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
November 6, 2000
MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY

6:30 P.M.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible acquisition of property and a legal matter. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilors McCausland and Gleason joined later.

7:30 P.M.

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

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

Councilors Absent: None

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager, Melissa Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development; Don Brewer, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Department; several citizens, members of the press and TV video crew.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: October 16, 2000

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the minutes of October 16, 2000. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Correspondence: **Letter from the Planning Board regarding Signature Pines Condominiums/River Road Improvements** – A letter from Planner Phil Carey was received notifying the Council that the Planning Board voted to approve the Signature Pines Condominium project with conditions and encouraging the Council to consider funding improvements to the River Road “S” curve. Manager Gerrish will report back to the Council at a later date. *A copy of the letter will be attached to the official minutes.*

Manager’s Report:

- 1. Financial Update – No Report**
- 2. Presentation of Planning Award** – Jim Upton, City Planner of Bath, made a presentation to Chair McCausland on behalf of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association, for the 2000 Outstanding Planning Project, the Androscoggin Bike Path. Manager Gerrish thanked staff members Alan Houston and Thomas Farrell, who were the backbone of this project, as well as Director of Planning and Development Theo Holtwijk and Planner Phil Carey for all their hard work on this project.
- 3. Update on Open Space Committee** – Councilor Lowe, Chair of the Open Space Committee, introduced Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development, who gave an update on the progress of the Open Space Committee. *A copy of the memo, Progress Report, Request for Qualifications, Revised Work Plan and Fee Schedule will be attached to the official minutes.*

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Councilor Lowe introduced members of the Open Space Task Force who were in the audience; Erik Hellstedt, Conservation Commission; Lloyd VanLunen, Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust; Barbara Desmarais, resident representative; Jack Murphy, Recreation Commission; Fred Koerber, School Board Representative; and Bill Smith, Planning Board. The Task Force has, for over a year, spent a lot of effort getting organized, studying and learning about this issue. Councilor Lowe stated that he believed this to be a solid work plan. The Task Force was asking for the Council's support and for a placeholder in the 2001 Budget of about \$9,700.00 to complete this project. Councilor Lowe listed all the subcommittees to this Open Space Task Force. Mr. Lowe stated that this spring they would be back to the Council with some feedback and analysis relative to the inventory work they would be doing, and putting the results in some map form or list. In the summer they would be back with more substantial goals and objectives for the plan as a whole. Lastly, in the fall, they would come to the Council and present a specific plan along with an implementation strategy and, hopefully, finalization of the plan.

Councilor Feldman and Councilor Moll will give their support to this project.

4. **Follow up to Super Store Forums** - Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development, recapped two memos in reference to the Super Store Forums. *A copy of the memos will be attached to the official minutes.*

Councilor Lowe stated that the forums were very informative. He encouraged everyone to listen to the broadcast. In his opinion, it is in the best interest of all of us to approach these questions from a regional perspective. These are regional stores for a reason. He would like to see efforts made to engage in discussions with our sister communities.

Councilor Feldman agreed with Councilor Lowe.

5. **Veterans Day Celebration** – Robert Coffin announced the Celebration for the Veterans of Foreign Wars on November 11th at 11 a.m. in front of the monument at the north end of the mall. Mr. Coffin also announced that Alan Houston had made the wreath to be presented. He would like everyone to come and join the festivities.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Manager Gerrish asked to add item #177, The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing to amend the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance relative to Section 15-74, No Parking Areas on Magean Street and take any appropriate action.

There were no objections from the Council to adding this item.

Manager Gerrish also asked that item #176 be tabled, appointing members to the Cable Television Committee, because, in the past, the incumbents have been mailed renewal notices and it had been overlooked this time.

174. **The Town Council will hear public comments on the following requests for Victualer Licenses and take any appropriate action.**

NEW

Daniel McKenney d/b/a Midcoast Market
50 Maquoit Road

Daniel McKenney

The Maine Thing, Inc. d/b/a Papa Johns Pizza
109 Bath Road

James C. Burton

The Public Hearing opened at 8:17 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 8:18 p.m.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the victualer licenses as advertised. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

175. The Town Council will consider signing an application for a pole location from Central Maine Power and Verizon and take any appropriate action.

Councilor Galloupe stated that the Council should research the cost of running wires underground.

Councilor Feldman agreed.

Councilor Swanson agreed and suggested that the item be put on the agenda. She also suggested that any new development be required to have underground utility lines. In addition, when existing roads are torn up for other purposes, underground lines should be put in at that time.

Councilor Moll stated that burying lines is a safety issue.

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to allow Central Maine Power Company and Verizon to erect one pole on Lunt Road. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE

4 CITIZEN MEMBERS – Three year terms to expire 09/06/03

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to table the Cable Television Committee appointments until November 20, 2000. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS,

2 FULL MEMBERS – Three year terms to expire 11/20/03

Councilor McCausland nominated James M. Connellan and Norman J. Rattey for reappointment.

Councilor McCausland moved, Councilor Moll seconded, that nominations cease and that he cast one vote for James A. Connellan and Norman J. Rattey. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

177. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing to amend the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance relative to Section 15-74, No Parking Areas on Magean Street and take any appropriate action.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to set a public hearing for November 20, 2000 to consider the proposed amendment to the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance relative to No Parking on Magean Street on a regular basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Samuel Boucher addressed the Council with comments regarding to Magean Street parking.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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
November 13, 2000

November 20, 2000

Date of approval

Council Chair