

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
October 16, 2000
MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY

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; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; John Goran, Cable Television Coordinator; Peter Baecher, Parks and Recreation Facilities Manager; Cathy Donovan, Assessor; Robert Annese, Commander, Police Department; several citizens, members of the press, and the TV video crew.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: October 2, 2000, October 5, 2000

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the minutes of October 2, 2000. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Swanson abstained, as she was not present.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to approve the minutes of October 5, 2000. The motion carried with five (5) yeas. Councilors Gleason, McCausland, Swanson, and Dotts abstained, as they were not present.

Correspondence: None.

Manager's Report:

- 1. The Town Manager will report on a clarification of the re-appointment of Janet Roberts to the Village Review Board as the Pejepscot Historical Society member.**

Mr. Gerrish said this item would clarify Ms. Roberts' appointment to the Village Review Board. At the last meeting she was appointed as an associate member, and has been and would like to remain the Pejepscot Historical Society member.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to make a change to Janet Roberts appointment to the Village Review Board from an associate member to the Pejepscot Historical Society member. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 2. The Town Manager will give an update on the trees at Bowdoin Pines.**

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Peter Baecher, Parks and Facilities Manager, gave an overview of the trees at the Bowdoin Pines. Six trees in the town's right-of-way have problems and should be removed.

Councilor Swanson recommended that the wood from the removed trees be used to fix the gazebo, which is falling into disrepair. She was interested in knowing the value of the wood.

Mr. Baecher said that the wood would be saved, but he was not sure how it would be used.

Mr. Gerrish said the cost to remove the trees would be from twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per tree. The value of the trees would be looked into.

3. Fran Smith, Town Clerk, will give an update on the status of election preparedness and polling places.

Ms. Smith gave an update on the status of the election, voter registration, and polling location information.

4. Introduce John Goran, the new Cable Television Coordinator, to the Council.

Mr. Gerrish introduced and welcomed John Goran, the new Cable Television Coordinator. He brings with him a lot of experience and was most recently with the Town of Scarborough for six (6) years.

Mr. Goran said the most immediate change he plans will be to the bulletin board. Soon, he would like to implement a new program schedule, with municipal programs running the day after the meeting and for several days following that.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

168. The Town Council will conduct a public hearing to amend the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance (Section 15-73) relative to No Overnight Parking in the municipal parking lot on Union Street between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Commander Annese stated this proposed ordinance is the result of a request from the Library Director due to problems with extended parking and an abandoned car left at the parking lot.

(A copy of the public hearing notice will be attached to the official minutes.)

The public hearing was opened at 7:54 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to approve the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance (Section 15-73) relative to No Overnight Parking in the municipal parking lot on Union Street between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Chair McCausland did not support this proposed change, and if there are problems, they should be dealt with on an individual basis.

Councilor Moll supported the proposed ordinance since there have been cases of parking abuse there, and the police would have no authority to deal with problems unless this ordinance was in place.

The Council discussed possible explanations for the parking problems at this lot. Since several Councilors wanted additional research to be done as to why problems exist, Councilor Galloupe moved to table the item.

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to table this item relative to No Overnight Parking in the municipal parking lot on Union Street between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. until the November 20 meeting so more research can be done. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

169. The Town Council will consider authorizing a joint application with the City of Bath to the Maine Department of Transportation for a planning grant to extend the Bike Path down Old Bath Road into Bath and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Mr. Gerrish said this item is to consider authorizing a joint application with the City of Bath to extend the Bike Path down Old Bath Road into Bath. This is a planning grant that if received, would require a local share of twenty percent (20%). It is anticipated the grant could be up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). If this occurred, Brunswick and Bath would each contribute five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The goal would be to have a separate path, but this may not be possible the entire way so there could be a combination of a bike path and bike lane.

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the authorization of a joint application with the City of Bath to the Maine Department of Transportation for a planning grant to extend the Bike Path down Old Bath Road into Bath. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

170. The Town Council will consider approving Voter Registration hours for the November 7, 2000 State and Municipal Elections and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

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Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve Voter Registration hours for the November 7, 2000 State and Municipal Elections. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the registrar's request will be attached to the official minutes.)

171. The Town Council will consider approving the Election Clerks, Wardens, and Deputy Wardens for the November 7, 2000 election and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to approve the Election Clerks, Wardens, and Deputy Wardens for the November 7, 2000 election. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the election workers will be attached to the official minutes.)

172. The Town Council will consider signing the Election Warrants for the November 7, 2000 election and approval of the central voting location and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve signing the Election Warrants for the November 7, 2000 election and approval of the central voting location. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

173. The Town Council will receive a recommendation from the Town Manager for appointment of a new Assessor and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Mr. Gerrish recommended Cathy Donovan to be confirmed at the new Assessor. She has been an employee of the town for fourteen (14) years and brings experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to the position.

Councilors Gleason and Feldman said the Brunswick Assessing department is one of the best around.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to confirm the Town Manager's recommendation of Cathy Donovan as Assessor. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 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.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
October 18, 2000

November 6, 2000

Date of approval

Council Chair