

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 18, 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:** Pamela Fogg, Assistant Town Manager/Personnel Director; Melissa L. Smith, Acting Town Clerk; Robert Tripp, Assessor; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development; several citizens, members of the press and TV video crew.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings: September 5, 2000**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the minutes of August 7, 2000. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Correspondence:** Chair McCausland noted that Alfred Senter, 86, owner of the former Senter's Department Store, died Saturday, September 16, 2000 at Freeport Nursing Home. Mr. Senter served as Chairman on the Board of Selectman and two terms in the Maine House of Representatives. The Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce named him "Brunswick Citizen of the Year" in 1972. Mr. Senter was known for planting the beds of petunias on Maine Street for two decades before the Town began the beautification of Maine Street.

**Manager's Report:**

1. **Update on "Super Stores" Forum** - Director of Planning and Development Theo Holtwijk presented an update on the forum taking place on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Crooker Theater at the Brunswick High School. A variety of speakers for and against superstores will be present. *A copy of the poster will be attached to the official minutes.* Mr. Holtwijk stated that a video would be available for \$15.00. He also hoped to produce a written report. Both forums will be televised on the local cable channel but taped delayed.
2. **Update on the Spring Street Bridge** – Chair McCausland stated that the Spring Street Bridge could be opening as early as this weekend as construction is almost complete.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

157. **The Town Council will conduct a public hearing to amend the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance (Section 15-73) relative to No Overnight Parking Areas on Park Row, South Street, Longfellow Avenue, and Maine Street and amend the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance (Section 15-74) relative to No Parking Areas on Booddy Street and take any appropriate action.**

Chief Hinton stated that comments and criticisms relating to the parking issues in and around the College lead to these ordinance amendments. The Town Manager asked the Police Department to look at these areas to prevent long-term car parking and noise late at night. *A copy of the public hearing notice will be attached to the official minutes.*

The Public Hearing opened at 7:50 p.m.

**Jeff Favolise, Chair of the Student Government at Bowdoin College**, stated that the students had been working with Administration and Security to find a resolution to parking issues. They thought that a compromise could be made to salvage some parking for the students. Mr. Favolise stated he had a petition signed by 500 students in support of their position. He urged the Council not to institute an overwhelming ordinance and suggested to keep overnight parking on Park Row from College Street to just before the private residence on the corner of South Street and Park Row.

**Scott Hood, Director of Communications at Bowdoin College**, thanked Chief Hinton and the Police Department for their help last week when Secretary of Defense Cohen came to visit the campus. The College understands that residents should not have to deal with overnight parking in front of their homes. He feels the students also understand the theory behind this proposal. The College is trying to be sensitive to the students, neighbors, residents of the areas, employees, and the Town Council who are trying to sort this all out. Mr. Hood believes that there may be room to comprise in one specific area. A map was passed out to the Council. *A copy of a map with a yellow highlighted area will be attached to the official minutes.* Mr. Hood proposed that this area not be in the overnight parking ban.

**Bruce Boucher, Director of Security for Bowdoin College**, stated that the College has 571 spaces assigned on campus for faculty and staff and 712 permits issued to faculty and staff. The crunch is in the overlapping of the day shift and the evening shift. Mr. Boucher stated that 616 spaces are allotted for students right now. Last year 662 permits were issued for students. Visitors to events at the Farley Field House also have an impact. The College is currently developing a parking management system.

Councilor Lowe stated that he has had constituents calling, writing or stopping by his home with their concerns about safety issues, noise, etc. relating to parking issues in this area. He also applauded the efforts of the college to address the parking issue.

**Karl Fattig, 66 Storer Road**, stated that he works at the Bowdoin College Library. He has noticed that about 25% of the cars park in the same spot for 48 – 72 hours. There are several cars parked on Park Row in front of the Library that have been there for a week. Mr. Fattig urged the Council to do something now.

**Colonel Dick Fleming, 262 Maine Street**, asked, “How many students are enrolled at the College now?”, “What is the break down of students in each class?” and “What is going to happen to the Delta Sig House?” Mr. Hood answered that the official enrollment is 1550 students but that fluctuates up and down. Each class has an enrollment of high 300’s to low 400’s. The Delta Sig House, which doesn’t exist now, is being used for a staging area for construction. After the construction is finished the lot will be landscaped.

**Mark Wild, 6 Boody Street**, stated that he applauded the Council for trying to resolve the parking situation on Boody Street. The street is very cluttered and unsafe for children. He is concerned that if it is no parking that it will interfere with residents use for entertaining or overnight guests. Mr. Wild suggested that this could be a no parking area Monday through Friday.

Chair McCausland asked if Mr. Wild knew who was parking all day on Boody Street. Mr. Wild responded that most of the vehicles had Bowdoin College Parking Permits on them.

**Allen Tucker, 1 Boody Street**, supports Mr. Wild’s suggestion. He asked if all the students at Bowdoin College were required to obtain a parking permit. Chair McCausland stated the answer was yes.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:21 p.m.

Councilor Wilson asked for Chief Hinton's opinion about the yellow highlighted area on the map.

Chief Hinton stated that he had two concerns. This does not cause the Police Department any problem to try allowing overnight parking in this area of Park Row. However, he would like to caution everyone that the College still has over 100 parking spaces for students. All the students have parking permits and a lot to park in. Mr. Hinton also stated that if he received any complaints within the next two months, until the winter parking ban goes into effect, he would come back to the Council with another proposal for no parking from 1:00 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Chair McCausland asked Chief Hinton's opinion on the suggestion for Boody Street.

Chief Hinton suggested that this area be tabled for two weeks so that he may research this new development, or, pass this item with no parking Monday AM through Friday PM., and, if his research shows that it should be no parking, he would be back with another proposal.

**Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the proposed amendments to the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance relative to Section 15-73 Overnight Parking Restricted, except from a point one hundred thirty five (135) feet north of South Street on Park Row, to College Street, on a regular and emergency basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance relative to Section 15-74 No Parking Areas on Boody Street, both sides, commencing at Maine Street and extending westerly four hundred ten (410) feet, Monday A.M. through Friday P.M., except holidays, on a regular and emergency basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**158. The Town Council will receive a recommendation from the Town Manager for appointment of a new Town Clerk and take any appropriate action.**

Assistant Town Manager/Personnel Director Pamela Fogg introduced Francis Smith as the new Town Clerk of Brunswick.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to confirm the Town Manager's recommendation of Francis Smith as Town Clerk. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**159 The Town Council will consider accepting a three-year grant for a School Resource Officer and take any appropriate action.**

Chief Jerry Hinton gave an overview of this grant. The School Board voted September 13, 2000 to accept the grant. *A copy of the application will be attached to the official minutes.*

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to accept a three-year grant for a School Resource Officer. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**160. The Town Council will consider approving a stop sign at the intersection of Hennessey at Country Lane.**

Police Chief Jerry Hinton stated that a stop sign had been placed at the intersection of Hennessey Avenue and Country Lane because of speeding traffic in the neighborhood.

**Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the stop sign at the intersection of Hennessey Avenue and Country Lane on a regular and emergency basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

161. The Town Council will consider approving the Maine Department of Transportation request to issue individual permits for exceeding load limitations on certain roads while a section of highway is under construction and take any appropriate action.

Chair McCausland explained that MDOT had requested that individual permits be issued for exceeding load limits, Title 29A, M.R.S.A., on Municipal roads, including Harding Road, while a section of highway is under construction. *A copy will be attached to the official minutes.*

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to approve and sign the request from MDOT to issue individual permits for exceeding load limitations of certain roads while repairing a section of highway. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 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  
September 20, 2000

*October 2, 2000*

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Date of approval

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Council Chair