

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1996
Municipal Meeting Room
Old Brunswick High School

7:30 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, Clement Wilson, Faith Moll, Ervin Snyder and David Gleason.

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; John Eldridge, Finance Director; representatives from the Curtis Memorial Library; and several members of the public.

1. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following proposed Ordinance which will come before the voters at a special municipal election to be held on June 11, 1996 for the purpose of voting for or against enactment:

A Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Renovation and Expansion of the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick, Maine and the Issuance by the Town of its Bonds and Notes in an Amount not to Exceed \$5,000,000 Plus 1% for Costs of Issuance, to Finance the Costs of such Renovations and Expansion.

The public hearing opened at 7:10 p.m.

Jan Wilk, a representative from the Curtis Memorial Library - reviewed the key points leading to the vote of the Bond Ordinance on June 11, 1996. She has been involved in a large fund raising campaign and explained a five year pledge to raise 1.5 million dollars toward the project. Pledges received, to date, total \$1,303,708 with \$267,950 cash on hand. Ms. Wilk demonstrated schematic drawings of the proposed expansion and stated that she anticipated dedication of the building sometime in early fall of 1999.

Councilor Wilson asked what percentage of the normal operation of the library would continue during construction.

Ms. Wilk stated that the library would remain open , but the library and the patrons would have to make adjustments during the construction period.

Councilor Gleason recalled that the last addition was considerably smaller. He asked what was the forecast until Brunswick outgrew the new addition.

Steve Podgajny, Director of the Library - stated that it was predicted that the expansion would be adequate for twenty years, although he personally felt it would be adequate for at least forty years.

Finance Director John Eldridge reviewed the ballot and financial information which he had presented at the May 6, 1996 Town Council meeting.

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Cameron Niven - spoke in favor of the library expansion, expressing how badly it was needed.

There were several citizens in the audience who rose their hands in support of the library expansion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Deborah S. Cabana Town Clerk June 3, 1996

Date of approval

Chair

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