

## BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 1997

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 McCausland, Michael Feldman, Eleanor Swanson, Robert Galloupe, Leon Laffely, Clement Wilson, Faith Moll, Ervin Snyder, and David Gleason.

**Others Present:** Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Geoff Hole, Town Attorney; Bill Collins, Marine Resource Warden; John Foster, Public Works Director; Alan Houston, Natural Resources Planner; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Casco Cable TV; and various members of the public.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Laffely seconded to approve the Town Council minutes of December 16, 1996 . The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Correspondence:**

**Letter of resignation from James MacLeod, Marine Resource Committee-** Manager Gerrish stated that a letter of resignation had been received by James MacLeod from the Marine Resource Committee. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Mr. MacLeod and the position will be advertised.

Manager Gerrish stated that the Town of Brunswick had received notice of a grant from MBNA in the amount of \$50,000 to be used for infrastructure improvements at the town's discretion. Tim Hanrahan from MBNA explained that the company has been in the area (located in the Industrial Park) a little more than one year. The facility employs approximately 200 people from the area. He hoped that the gift would prove useful to the Town. **Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Moll seconded to gratefully accept the grant from MBNA. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Manager's Report:**

1) **Budget Update.** Manager Gerrish reported that the budget is in good shape, both revenues and expenditures. He stated that the Human Services Department would be overspent but anticipated that savings could be recouped from the other departments.

2) **Street-naming reminder.** Manager Gerrish informed the Council about the proposed street name changes which are being recommended for public safety purposes. There has been concern in the event of emergencies that dispatching could have problems with streets names that sound alike.

3) **Update on Grant request from Maine Arts Commission.** Manager Gerrish stated that the Maine Arts Commission has awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,840 to the Town of Brunswick for Brunswick Cultural Assessment and Planning. **Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Moll seconded to accept the grant in the amount of \$5,840 from the Maine Arts**

**Commission. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas**

**4) Neighborhood Crime Watch signs.** Police Chief Hinton displayed one of the new signs which will be used to notify of the neighborhood watch program. He commented that Brunswick Coal and Lumber has donated money to help defray the cost of making the signs.

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**Adjustments to Agenda: NONE.**

**210. (TABLED-1996).The Town Council will discuss and take appropriate action on the proposed enactment of a Conservation Closure from December 3 to April 30 each year (inclusive). (Manager. It is recommended that this item be tabled to allow for a workshop session immediately following this meeting to discuss this issue as well as additional recommendations from the Marine Resources Committee.)**

This item was tabled at the December 2, 1996 meeting. It was recommended that this item be left on the table. Following tonight's meeting the Council will adjourn to a workshop session at which time the Marine Resources Committee will discuss with the Council alternatives to a Winter Closing.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded to leave item #210 on the table and reconsider it at a special meeting on January 13, 1997. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**4. The Town Council will receive a report from Police Chief Jerry Hinton on pedestrian issues on Maine Street. (Moll)**

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilor Moll. Councilor Moll distributed a brochure with which she hoped to "saturate" the community. This brochure tells pedestrians how to safely get across the street. Chief Hinton updated the Council on issues pertaining to pedestrian safety on Maine Street. He hoped to put a positive attitude to a disheartening problem on Maine Street. Chief Hinton encouraged an active, aggressive role in an educational and awareness of responsibility campaign.

Councilor Gleason questioned that reading the brochures would "create attentiveness." He was concerned with this process in that individuals would read the brochure today, but could be distracted tomorrow.

Councilor Moll commented that it is her experience that educational alert programs do work.

**5. The Town Council will consider signing a Warranty Deed to accept Baxter Lane as a Town Way. (Manager)**

This item is to accept Baxter Lane as a Town Way. The road has been reviewed by the Town Engineer and has met the Town standards.

**Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Wilson seconded to accept Baxter Lane and sign the acceptance on the Warranty Deed. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

6. **The Town Council will consider signing a Discontinuance Order for Pine Tree Road and accepting a deed from the Brunswick Sewer District dedicating Pine Tree Road in a surveyed location. (Manager)**

The Sewer District requested that the Town discontinue a section of Pine Tree Road which leads to their property. They own all the property that abuts this section of the road and are the only property owners affected by this change. This action will allow them to have better control of their property. The Council action will be to discontinue the road and then redefine the road for a shorter distance.

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**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded to approve the Discontinuance Order. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Moll seconded to accept the re-surveyed location for the southerly portion of Pine Tree Road. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

7. **The Town Council will consider the one-year reappointment of Pauline Brillant as Voter Registrar. (Manager)**

This is the annual appointment of a Voter Registrar.

**Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Swanson seconded to reappoint Pauline Brillant for a one year term as Voter Registrar. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

8. **The Town Council will consider appointments to the following boards/committees:**

*Assessment Review Board - 2 Full Members, three year terms to expire 1/12/00*

**Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Wilson seconded to re-appoint Donna Copeland to the Assessment Review Road. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*Growstown School Committee -*

*1 Full Member from AAUW, three year term to expire 01/18/00*

Councilor Wilson nominated Janet Bodwell.

*1 Full Member from the Pejepscot Historical Society, three year term to expire 01/18/00*

Councilor Moll nominated Brooks Stoddard.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for each. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*Personnel Board*

*Full Member, three year term to expire 01/12/00*

Councilor Swanson nominated William Locke.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Mr. Locke. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

Welfare Appeals Board

*2 Full Members, two year terms to expire 01/28/99*

Councilor Moll nominated Charlotte A. Springer and Ruth Benedikt.

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**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Snyder seconded that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for each. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

Zoning Ordinance Development Task Force

*1 Environmentalist/Marine Resources Board Member/Conservation Member*

Councilor Moll nominated Anne C. J. Hayden.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Gleason seconded that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Anne C. J. Hayden. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Laffely seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

The Council entered into a workshop meeting to review and discuss recommendations from the Marine Resources Committee.

*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.*

Deborah S. Cabana

Town Clerk

January 10, 1997

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Date of approval

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Council Chair