

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 1997
Municipal Meeting Room**

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 Resources Warden; Alan Houston, Natural Resources Planner; Casco Cable TV; and various members of the public.

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.)

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Moll seconded to table this item indefinitely. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

9. The Town Council will receive a report from the Marine Resources Committee concerning the Marine Resources Ordinance and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Eric Butler, Secretary for the Marine Resource Committee, spoke on behalf of the committee - recommending approval of the proposed changes to the ordinance. He noted that the price of licenses in 1998 will be \$200/resident and \$400/non-resident. These amendments will also require a Notice of Intent in order to obtain a license. The procedure to determine the number of shellfish licenses has been outlined.

Attorney Hole commented that these proposed amendments have been a cooperative effort of the Council, Alan Houston, the Marine Resource Committee, Bill Collins, the Town Clerk's Department, and himself.

Councilor Wilson suggested grammatical corrections for Section 11-140(b)(1).

Councilor Gleason asked if there would be a closure proposed for this winter.

Alan Houston did not anticipate a closure until after the Marine Resource Committee meets to decide the sixty day closure period. He suspected that a closure would be proposed for late December, 1997 into February/March, 1998. Mr. Houston stated that he was in full support of these amendments.

Councilor Moll stated that:

WHEREAS, The Town of Brunswick for many years has fostered a municipal shellfish conservation program to protect the resource and provide economic opportunities to its residents and others, and;

WHEREAS, It has become apparent a number of substantive amendments are necessary to Chapter 11, Article III, Shellfishing, particularly regarding commercial license issuance, to improve the local shellfish conservation effort;

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WHEREAS, The amendments require a number of actions to take place before the 30 day effective date of a non-emergency ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, The attached amendments to Chapter 11, Article III, Shellfishing, are enacted to become effective immediately.

These facts are declared by the Council to create the existence of an emergency under Section 212 of the Brunswick Town Charter, for the reasons stated in the "Whereas" clauses above.

and moved, Councilor Wilson seconded the emergency enactment of the amendments proposed to Chapter 11, Article III, Shellfishing, in the attachment to the emergency ordinance, and further incorporate the grammatical corrections suggested by Councilor Wilson.

Wendell Casler - a licensed commercial harvester, did not think it was a good idea to increase the number of licenses if the resources should increase.

Alan Houston - stated that this is not an "exclusive club" and thought that if there were more resources, then more licenses should be made available.

There were additional comments pertaining to the amount of bushels per day that were anticipated per harvester. The calculation was for 1.5 bushels per day.

The motion was voted on and carried with nine (9) yeas. A copy of the Ordinance with the noted changes will be attached to the official minutes.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded to set a public hearing for February 3, 1997 to consider adopting this ordinance on a regular basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

10. The Town Council will consider suspending the rules of procedure for appointments to boards and committees to allow for the advertisement for the vacancy on the Marine Resource Committee (Manager)

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Feldman seconded to suspend the rules of procedure for appointments to boards and committees to allow for the advertisement for the vacancy on the Marine Resource Committee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Laffely seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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HOURS.

Deborah S. Cabana _____ Date of approval
Town Clerk
January 15, 1997

_____ Council Chair