

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 1997 7:30 P.M.

**MUNICIPAL MEETING ROOM
OLD BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 P.M.**

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Moll seconded to enter Executive Session along with the Town Manager to discuss union negotiations. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas. (Councilors Feldman, Swanson, Galloupe, Laffely, McCausland, Wilson, Moll, Snyder and Gleason were present.)

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, Leon Laffely, Clement Wilson, Faith Moll, Ervin Snyder and David Gleason.

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Andrew Singelakis, Director of Planning and Development; William Collins, Marine Warden; Alan Houston, Natural Resources Planner; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Adam Ogden, Deputy Public Works Director; Philip Harriman, State Senator; several citizens, members of the press and Casco Cable TV.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Laffely seconded, to approve the Council minutes of May 5, 1997 as distributed. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas and one (1) abstention, - Councilor Moll.

Correspondence: A letter of resignation was received from Ed O'Neil from the Personnel Board. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Mr. O'Neil and the position will be advertised.

Councilor Swanson received correspondence from Mr. Stephen Vachon who cited reasons why he felt that the renaming of the Old Gurnet Road should be "Vachon" Road instead of the recently approved name of "Purinton" Road. Councilor Swanson requested that this be placed on the next Town Council agenda for reconsideration. It was agreed that this reconsideration would be placed on the next agenda.

Manager's Report:

- 1. Report from Public Works Dept. on Clean-Up Week-** Adam Ogden from the Public Works Department gave a presentation on Clean-up Week. A copy of his comments will be attached to the official minutes.
- 2. Report on the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust** - Tom Settlemire from the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust gave the Council an update on its activities. He spoke of fund raising activities to purchase the Dionne property known as the Crystal Spring Farm. Currently, \$500,000 has been raised toward the purchase price of \$700,000. The Land Trust's 1996 Annual Report will be attached to the official minutes.
- 3. Andrew Singelakis introduced Ron Roy the director of Passenger Transportation of the Maine Department of Transportation.** Mr. Roy, updated the Council on the status of the proposed Passenger Transportation Systems. A preliminary strategic passenger transportation plan will be attached to the official minutes.

Senator Harriman commented that he was delighted with the re-organization within the Department to implement forms of alternative transportation. He emphasized that the first leg of the journey will be the restoration of the passenger rail service from Boston to Portland. This must be successful in order for the remainder of the plans to be successful.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

87. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following applications for Victualer licenses for:

Renewals:

(18 as advertised)

88. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following applications for Alcoholic Beverage licenses for:

Renewals:

Full-time Malt

Columbus Club of Brunswick d/b/a
Columbus Club Bowling Bowl
7 Dunlap Street

Douglas Rice

Full-time Vinous

Glorious Foods, Inc. d/b/a
Pane Vino II
153 Park Row

Michele Donovan &
Susan Berger

89. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following requests for Innkeeper licenses as follows:

Renewals:

Stowe House Operating Co., Inc. d/b/a
Stowe House
63 Federal Street

Robert Mathews

Gagne C's, Inc. d/b/a
Siesta Motel
130 Pleasant Street

Camille Gagne

Brunswick Motel Associates d/b/a
Super 8 Motel of Brunswick
224 Bath Road

Mark Gesso

The Town Council considered items # 87, 88, and 89 together. The Public Hearing opened at 8:15 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m..

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the Victualer licenses as advertised, the Innkeeper licenses for Stowe House, Siesta Motel and Super 8 Motel of Brunswick, and the Alcoholic Beverage licenses for Columbus Club, Bowling Bowl and Pane Vino II.. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

90. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed amendment to Section 15-71 of the Traffic Ordinance pertaining to regulating diagonal parking in Brunswick.

Chief Hinton stated that people at night time were backing into the parking spaces in the downtown area, creating a hazard by leaving the parking space and driving against the traffic flow. The proposed amendment was reviewed by the Police Department. The language was drafted by our Town Attorney. It was Chief Hinton's opinion, however, that motorcycles are a separate type of vehicle which must be parked on an incline. The motorcycles are small enough to be moved within a parking spot and turned around. He also noted that the parking lot in front of Bull Moose has direct "head in" parking. It was Chief Hinton's opinion that this area would not be included under this proposed amendment. He stated that he would have Attorney Hole look into this language, specifically as it pertains to the Bull Moose area.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:20 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 8:20 p.m.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the amendment to Section 15-71 of the Traffic Ordinance as proposed.

Chair McCausland wanted the ordinance language to be clear if there was going to be an exception made for motorcycles.

There was additional discussion pertaining to the proposed language and how it would affect parking of motorcycles.

Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to amend the proposed language to exclude motorcycles. The amendment to the motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The main motion, as amended, carried with nine (9) yeas.

91. The Town Council will consider approving a fund-raising sign for the Crystal Spring Farm Campaign. (Manager)

This item is in accordance with the Town's new Sign Ordinance (part of the new Zoning Ordinance). Section 605.3 Non-Profit Organization Fund Raising Signs states that signs may be permitted at the recommendation of the Town Manager and approved by the Town Council. According to the ordinance, the sign could remain until one week after the fund raising event has ended.

Councilor Gleason suggested that the sign be permitted on a six month interval, because if the fund raising never ends, the sign could remain for an extended period of time.

Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the fund-raising sign for a six month period for the Crystal Spring Farm campaign. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

92. The Town Council will vote to amend their Rules of Order and Procedure by changing the location of their meetings from the Curtis Memorial Library to the Municipal Meeting Facility. (Manager)

This is a housekeeping issue. The Council's Rules of Order and Procedure need to be updated to indicate that the Council Meetings are held at the Municipal Meeting Facility. The proposed wording will be attached to the official minutes.

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Moll seconded to amend the Council's Rules of Order and Procedure by changing the Council meeting location to the Municipal Meeting Facility in the Old Brunswick High School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

93. The Town Council will consider signing a Proclamation proclaiming May 19, 1997 as Town Commons Day in honor of the 278th anniversary of the Commons. (Manager)

This is the yearly proclamation for Town Commons Day. This is the 278th anniversary of the Town Commons. A copy of the Proclamation will be attached to the official minutes.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to proclaim May 19, 1997 as Town Commons Day in honor of the 278th anniversary of the Town Commons. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

94. The Town Council will receive a recommendation from the Davis Fund Committee for funding allocations for 1997, and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Sanford Sistare, secretary of the Davis Fund Committee stated that this item pertains to the Council approving the recommendation of the Davis Fund Committee. The Davis Fund received several requests for funding this year and conducted interviews last week. The Davis Fund's recommendation is as follows:

1.	Memorial Day Committee	500
2.	Village Improvement Assn. for petunia madness	1,500
3.	Bowdoin Summer Music Festival community outreach programs, especially at low income housing for elderly	500
4.	Brunswick Natural and Marine Resources Fishway educational displays	1,000
5.	Chamber of Commerce Music on the Mall including Royal River Philharmonic Band	2,000
6.	New Year's Eve 1999 Committee start-up costs for community-wide event	1,000
7.	Mid Coast Chamber Orchestra Music To Go	500
8.	The Oratorio Circle	500
9.	Brunswick Intown Group Christmas decorations	1,000
10.	Brunswick Regional Youth Orchestra Concert for elderly	500
11.	Davis Fund Committee-mid-winter event to be determined	1,000
	Total	<u>1,000</u> \$10,000

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Laffely seconded, to approve the funding allocations as recommended by the Davis Fund Committee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

95. The Town Council will consider supporting the application by the Brunswick Housing Authority for 100 units of Section 8 housing, and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

Acting Director of the Brunswick Housing Authority Linda Ouellette - explained that this is the Department of HUD's program which will support about 2000 certificates across the country. The purpose is to provide certificates to those with disabilities. She commented that Brunswick Housing Authority would be lucky to receive five or six certificates out of the 2000.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to support the Brunswick Housing Authority's application for 100 units of Section 8 housing and to designate that the Council will submit no further comments. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 96. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 2, 1997 to amend the Zoning Ordinance relative to technical amendments and for rezoning TC-1 and MU-6 as recommended by the Planning Board. (Manager)**

These items were referred to the Planning Board for review and recommendation. The Planning Board has conducted three public hearings and have made a recommendation to the Council. The Council needs to set a public hearing in order to adopt the proposed amendments.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for June 2, 1997 in order to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 97. The Town Council will discuss and take any appropriate action concerning designating a Cable channel as a municipal government channel. (Manager)**

Manager Gerrish stated that the Cable TV Committee requested that the Council table this item for two weeks.

Councilor Galloupe suggested that the five hundred subscribers, who use the economy package, be contacted in order to obtain input from these individuals.

Jim Grant, Vice Chair of the Cable TV Committee - suggested that input could be obtained from the economy users at the public hearing.

Councilor Swanson asked her constituents what was their choice of channels to view. It was her conclusion that citizens would rather "bump" the government channel. They would rather watch the learning channel than local government.

Manager Gerrish stated that there was a presumption that a local government channel would be available to all subscribers. This is the reason that the lower tier was being considered. It has been his experience that people do watch the government channel.

Councilor Feldman felt that the Council should consider whether or not the government access channel should be a higher number.

Councilor Wilson suggested, during the next two weeks, it be determined if the local government channel could, technically, be switched to another channel. He was not sure if he wanted to deny the governmental channel to subscribers who buy the economy package.

Councilor Moll wanted a recommendation from the Cable TV Committee, when considering how to vote.

Chair McCausland reiterated that the Cable TV Committee has decided they will not make a recommendation, and will leave this decision to the Council.

Rob Rohr - suggested that the Council contact Dave Chipman of Harpswell's community television.

Manager Gerrish suggested that the 560 economy subscribers be notified and their input be solicited.

Councilor Moll moved, Chair McCausland seconded to instruct the Town Manager to write an explanatory letter to the citizens who are affected and ask for their opinion, input, and/or suggestions and collate this material, which will be used as a basis to make a decision. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay - Councilor Gleason.

98. The Town Council will consider approving the Conservation Easement from the State of Maine for the Baybridge Wetlands Project. (Manager) **There will be a 15-20 minute slide presentation on this project at the conclusion of the meeting.

This item will accept the Conservation Easement on the Baybridge Wetlands Project. The restoration is part of the Brunswick/Topsham Bypass Project. A copy of the Easement will be attached to the official minutes.

Alan Houston introduced Craig Wood (of Normandeau Assoc.), a Wetlands scientist who has been working on this project for three and one half years.

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Moll seconded, that the Town accept this easement and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Conservation Easement from the State of Maine for the Baybridge Wetlands Project. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The Council was shown a slide presentation of the Baybridge Wetlands Project.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with eight yeas (Chair McCausland was not present). The meeting adjourned at 9:40 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.

Deborah S. Cabana
Town Clerk
May 28, 1997

Date of approval

Council Chair