

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1997
7:30 P.M.
Municipal Meeting Room
Old Brunswick High School**

7:00 P.M.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor McCausland seconded that the Town Council enter into Executive Session (along with the Town Manager and the Welfare Director) to consider a request for a property tax abatement, union negotiations, and a property acquisition. The motion carried with nine* (9) yeas.

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, Robert Galloupe, Leon Laffely, Clement Wilson, Faith Moll, Ervin Snyder, and David Gleason. Councilor Swanson* left the meeting early.

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Mary Reindl, Human Services Director; 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 February 3, 1997 as presented. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Correspondence: Manager Gerrish reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Thomas Chaisson, who served on the Village Review Board. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Chaisson and the position will be advertised.

Manager's Report:

Town Clerk Deborah Cabana updated the Council and public on the Voter Registration Purge. All voters will be receiving a "verification card" in the mail. Voters need only call the Town Office if the information on the card is inaccurate or if they have questions.

Manager Gerrish informed the Council and the public of up-coming meetings regarding the bike path project and the Route One improvements. He further notified the public of a future hearing on April 23rd with the Cumberland County Commissioners to talk about the proposed changes in the county structure and the budget.

Manager Gerrish commented on receiving an Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program Grant from the Department of Conservation in the amount of \$4,100. A small committee has convened and would like to act as the steering committee for the grant. This committee consists of Bob Morrell, Priscilla Davis, Joan Shepherd, Eric Jorganson, and Tim Carr (Tree Warden). The committee will be staffed by the Planning Department with assistance from the Public Works Department. In addition, the committee intends to work closely with the Village Improvement Association which is also in the process

of developing a tree planting and maintenance program. The Council was agreeable to these recommendations.

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Adjustments to Agenda: Manager Gerrish suggested that item #29 be considered before item #27. **Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded to adjust the agenda to consider item #29 before item #27. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

28. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed amendments to Chapter 9, General Assistance Ordinance, and take any appropriate action.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:55 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.

Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Feldman seconded to approve the amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

29. The Town Council will consider adopting an amendment to the Council's Rules of Order and Procedure which will specify the municipal boards and commissions referred to in Item #25 of the Rules. (Manager)

This item pertains to the proposed amendment to the Council's Rules of Order and Procedure which will add the names of the Boards and Commissions to which appointees may serve on only one. The following is a list of the proposed boards or commissions:

Fifty-Five Plus Center	Planning Board
Zoning Board of Appeals	Village Review Board
Conservation Commission	Personnel Board
Brunswick Housing Authority	Sewer District
Parks & Recreation Commission	Water District
Assessment Review Board	Welfare Appeals Board
Marine Resources Committee	

Chair McCausland noted that the above Boards and Commissions were not previously identified. The committees included in this list were created in accordance with the statutes, the Town Charter, and town ordinances.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Laffely seconded to adopt the amendment to the Council's Rules of Order and Procedure to specify the thirteen boards and commissions which would limit a member to serve on only one. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

27. (TABLED)The Town Council will consider making appointments to the following boards/committees:

Growstown School Committee-

1 Full Member from the Growstown School Neighborhood - 3 year term to expire 1/18/00

Councilor Moll nominated Joan E. Hoppe.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Moll seconded that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Joan E. Hoppe. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Joan Hoppe was appointed

to the Growstown School Committee for a three (3) year term to expire 1/18/00.

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Brunswick Housing Authority -

1 Full Member, balance of five year term to expire 06/03/00

Councilor Moll nominated Paul H. Clark III.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Wilson seconded that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Paul H. Clark III. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Paul H. Clark III was appointed to the Brunswick Housing Authority as a full member for the balance of a five year term to expire 06/03/00.

1 Full Member, resident of subsidized or Assisted Housing, term to expire 06/03/01

Councilor Laffely nominated Earl W. McFarland.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Snyder seconded that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Earl W. McFarland. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Earl W. McFarland was appointed to the Brunswick Housing Authority as a resident of subsidized or assisted housing member for a five year term to expire 06/03/01.

1 Full Member, five year term to expire 06/03/02

Councilor Feldman nominated Mildred Zimmerman.

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Moll seconded that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Mildred Zimmerman. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Mildred Zimmerman was appointed to the Brunswick Housing Authority as a full member for a five year term to expire 06/03/02.

Marine Resource Committee -

1 Full Member, balance of a three year term to expire 05/01/99

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Wilson seconded that this position be re-advertised for applications of individuals who have been awarded a 1997 commercial shellfish harvesting license. The appointment will be made at the first regular meeting of April, 1997. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Planning Board -

1 Full Member, three year term to expire 02/23/00

Councilor Moll nominated Carol T. Liscovitz.

Councilor Wilson nominated Robert Zimmerman.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Snyder seconded that nominations cease. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Carol T. Liscovitz was appointed to the Planning Board as a full member for a three year term to expire 02/23/00 with six (6) votes - Councilors Feldman, Galloupe, Gleason, Snyder, Moll, and McCausland.

30. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Municipal Warrant for prosecuting Unlicensed Dog Owners/Keepers. (Manager)

This item is the yearly authorization for the Municipal Warrant for prosecuting unlicensed dog owners/keepers.

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Wilson seconded to authorize the Municipal Warrant for prosecuting unlicensed dog owners/keepers. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

31. The Town Council will consider the release of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed. (Manager)

This item will release a quitclaim deed for payment of taxes.

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Gleason seconded to authorize the release of a Quitclaim Deed for Map U21 Lot 10. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

32. The Town Council will consider requests to hang banners over Maine Street from the BNAS from July 14-21, 1997 to promote their Airshow; and from the Friends of Curtis Memorial Library from June 23-29, 1997 to promote their annual Booksale. (Manager)

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Snyder seconded to approve the request of Brunswick Naval Air Station to hang a banner over Maine Street from July 14-21, 1997, and to approve the request of Friends of Curtis Memorial Library to hang a banner over Maine Street from June 23-29, 1997. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

33. The Town Council will discuss setting their Goals & Objectives for 1997. (Manager)

Manager Gerrish circulated a proposed list of 1997 Council Goals and Objectives for the Council's review.

Councilor Wilson suggested that Pedestrian Safety be placed ahead of Public Access to Water.

Councilor Moll suggested expanding the language of Economic Development and Regionalism to state "The Town Council wants to continue its work of developing a program that works to promote Brunswick as a place to do business in an environmentally safe manner. Those involved in this development plan include, but are not limited to: Mid-Coast Council for Business Development (MCBD), the Bath-Brunswick Chamber of Commerce, the Brunswick Industrial Development Committee, and the Town staff (Manager, Director of Planning and Development, Finance Director, and others)." Councilor Moll further suggested that the Council Goals and Objectives be placed in the following order: (1) Pedestrian Safety, (2) Capital Improvement Plan including long-term space needs for the Town, (3) Conclude Revisions of the Zoning Ordinance, (4) Economic Development and Regionalism, and (5) Public Access to Water.

Councilor Feldman commented that the goals were ambitious but felt the goals could be accomplished.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded to adopt the Council Goals and Objectives as outlined above. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. A copy of the adopted Goals and Objectives will be attached to the official minutes.

34. The Town Council will take action on a request for a poverty property tax abatement. (Manager)

Chair McCausland moved, Councilor Snyder seconded that the request for the poverty tax abatement be denied. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Chair McCausland stated that the Council initially entered into Executive Session to discuss three items. The Council was not able to discuss the union negotiations or the property acquisition. Therefore, the Council will need to adjourn and then reconvene into the Executive Session.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded to adjourn the regular meeting and reconvene into the executive session. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 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
February 25, 1997

Date of approval

Chair