

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 21, 1998 7:30 P.M.**

**MUNICIPAL MEETING ROOM**

**OLD BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, that the Town Council enter Executive Session to discuss possible acquisition of property. The motion carried with seven (7) 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, Eleanor Swanson, Robert Galloupe, Timothy Dotts, Clement Wilson, and David Gleason.

**Others Present:** Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Reginald Pinkham, State Representative; Bill Collins, Marine Warden; Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development; John Foster, Town Engineer; Gary Howard, Fire Chief; Pam Fogg, Personnel Director/Administrative Assistant; Commander Robert Annese; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; several citizens, members of the press and Casco Cable TV.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Council minutes of April 6, 1998 as distributed. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**Correspondence:** None

State Representative Reginald Pinkham reported on the highlights of the 1998 supplemental budget from the 118th

Legislature.

**Manager=s Report:**

Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development, summarized the grant request from the Maine Arts Commission. A copy of his comments will be attached to the official minutes.

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to authorize the application for the grant from the Maine Arts Commission. The motion was carried with six (6) yeas - Chair McCausland was not present during the vote.**

1. Fire Dept. Grant - Fire Chief Howard informed the public that an application for a grant to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera in the amount of \$19,500.00 was received from the DLF Charitable Foundation. Chief Howard explained the unique features of this equipment and, once it has been purchased, will return to demonstrate it.

**Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to accept \$19,500.00 from the DLF Charitable Foundation and further moved that the money be used to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

2. **Kiwanis Family Safety Day** - Police Chief Hinton, past president of the local Kiwanis Club, informed the Council that May 30, 1998, has been proclaimed as the Kiwanis Family Safety Day and that the annual Bike Rodeo will be held on this date as well.

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3. **Report on Cleanup Week** - Town Engineer John Foster informed the public that spring cleanup started today and will continue until May 2, 1998. Landfill hours will be extended during this period. The Department has also been very busy for the last several weeks cleaning debris from the winter storm. He hoped to be finished with the storm cleanup by the middle of next week. Mr. Foster further informed the Council that Pine State was the low bidder for the street striping. They will be concentrating first on Maine Street and the school areas. Last year it took about six days to complete the striping. There are 156 crosswalks which will be striped this year.

**Adjustments to the Agenda: None**

**70. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following requests for Victualer licenses:**

Crazy River, Inc. d/b/a Duckydogs (Mobile Cart)

47 Bath Road, Seacoast Auto Body Derek Lothridge

The New Brunswick Diner

Limited Liability Company d/b/a New Brunswick Diner

101 1/2 Pleasant Street Jane E. Davis

The Public Hearing opened at 8:07 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 8:07 p.m.

**Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Victualer license requests for Crazy River, Inc. d/b/a Duckydogs, and the New Brunswick Diner. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**71. The Town Council will hear public comments on the amendments to the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance, Section 15-50 as advertised.**

Commander Annese explained the proposed amendments to the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance. A copy of the amendments will be attached to the official minutes.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:17 p.m.

*Jon Van Hoogenstyn of M. W. Sewall* - stated that his company owns and operates the Texaco Express Lube on Pleasant Street. His company feels that a prohibited left turn would negatively impact their business. Therefore, M.W. Sewall is prepared to install a traffic light at a cost of about \$5,000 to \$6,000 at the junction of Church and Pleasant Streets. They are currently waiting for final approval from M.D.O.T. to install the light.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:21 p.m.

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to approve the amendments to the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance, Section 15-50 as advertised. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**72. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed repeal of the Gurnet Shellfish Closure, Area VII, and replacement with wording as advertised.**

The Public Hearing opened at 8:25 p.m.

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Bill Collins explained that this replacement will create an additional ten acres for harvesting. The effective date would be April 22, 1998.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:26 p.m.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to repeal the existing Gurnet Shellfish Closure, Area VII, and replace with the wording as advertised. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.** A copy of the closure will be attached to the official minutes.

**73. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed Harpswell Cove Area Closure for the purpose of resource conservation. (Manager)**

The Public Hearing opened at 8:26 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 8:27 p.m.

Bill Collins explained the Department of Marine Resources found the water quality unsatisfactory and has recommended that this area be closed for harvesting. This should have very little effect on the commercial harvesters as the majority of the closure is located on the Brunswick Naval Air Station. The effective date would be April 22, 1998.

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to approve the proposed Harpswell Cove Area Closure for the purposes of conservation. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.** A copy of the closure will be attached to the official minutes.

**74. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for May 4, 1998 to amend the Ordinance Amendment procedure, Section 108, of the Zoning Ordinance, by allowing the Planning Board to initiate the Ordinance Amendment process. (Manager)**

Manager Gerrish recapped that at the February 2nd Council meeting it was explained that whenever the Planning Board feels the ordinance should be amended, it must first be reviewed by the Council and then it is returned to the Planning Board for their review and recommendations. At that time Council felt it might be more sensible to have the Planning Board review the zoning change initially, make their recommendations, and then request the Council to act upon the proposal. He recommended that a public hearing be scheduled for May 4, 1998 to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance, Section 108 (Ordinance Amendment Procedure).

**Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for May 4, 1998 to consider amending the Ordinance Amendment procedure, Section 108, of the Zoning Ordinance, by allowing the Planning Board to initiate the Ordinance Amendment process. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**75. The Town Council will consider appointing four Brunswick representatives to the Merrymeeting Council of Governments. (Manager)**

Manager Gerrish stated that this is an annual appointment to the Merrymeeting Council of Governments. He and Theo Holtwijk have been the two administrative representatives and Councilors Snyder and Galloupe have been the two council representatives (Councilor Swanson - alternate). He suggested that, if all individuals involved were agreeable, that they be re-appointed.

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**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to re-appoint Donald Gerrish, Theo Holtwijk, Councilor Snyder, Councilor Galloupe, and Councilor Swanson (alternate) as the Brunswick representatives to the Merrymeeting Council of Governments. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**76. The Town Council will consider reappointment of Alan Houston as Harbor Master for the one year term 5/1/98-4/30/99. (Manager)**

**Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to reappoint Alan Houston as Harbor Master for the one year term 5/1/98-4/30/99. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**77. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for May 4, 1998 to amend the Recreation Ordinance as it pertains to Parks. (Manager)**

Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the proposed amendments to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance as it pertains to identifying our parks and to enforcement. This will allow our park rangers to enforce our rules and regulations in the parks.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to set a public hearing for May 4, 1998 to consider amending the Recreation Ordinance as it pertains to Parks. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**78. The Town Council will consider confirmation of appointment of Pamela Fogg as Personnel Director/Assistant to the Town Manager. (Manager)**

Manager Gerrish stated that Pam has been acting Personnel Director since last September. She has accepted a full time position with Brunswick as Personnel Director/Assistant to the Town Manager, effective May 1, 1998. Mr. Gerrish stated that she has done an outstanding job for the town and he highly recommends her appointment.

**Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to confirm the appointment of Pamela Fogg as Personnel Director/Assistant to the Town Manager. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

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**Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 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 Date of Approval

April 23, 1998

Council Chair