

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 5, 1998

7:00 P.M.

MUNICIPAL MEETING ROOM

Councilors Present: Stephen McCausland, Michael Feldman, Eleanor Swanson, Robert Galloupe, Timothy Dotts, Faith Moll, Ervin Snyder, and David Gleason.

School Board Members Present: Dennis Lucas, Jr., Joanne Olson, Sharon Miller, Jeffrey Morse, James Grant, Janet Connors, and Ralph Tucker.

Pledge of Allegiance: Gary Howard, Fire Chief, called the meeting to order and asked for the pledge to the flag.

Invocation: The Reverend James McPhee offered the invocation.

Councilors-Elect Sworn to Office: Governor Angus King lead the oath for the following Town Councilors: David Gleason, Michael Feldman, Robert Galloupe, Timothy Dotts, and Faith Moll.

School Board Members-Elect Sworn to Office: Governor Angus King lead the oath for the following School Board Members: P. Dennis Lucas, Jr., Joanne Olson, Janet Connors, and Ralph Tucker.

Instrumental Selection: Paul Greenstone, Teacher of Instrumental Music, introduced Brunswick High School Students - Josh Leeman, Chris Hole, Rebekah Stilkey, Robert Vigis, who played an instrumental piece. Paul Greenstone played a tuba along with his students.

Surprise special entertainment - A group of Town employees offered a song to the Town Council and School Board members. The lyrics to the song were written by Charlie Crosby. The members of the group were Paul Greenstone (Teacher of Instrumental Music), James Ashe (Superintendent of Schools), Scott Snedden (Principal of Jordan Acres School), Gilbert Peterson (Principal of Coffin School), Jerry Hinton (Police Chief), Theo Holtwijk (Director of Planning and Development), Linda Stromski, (Assistant Town Clerk), Donald Gerrish (Town Manager), Pam Fogg (Personnel Director), Bonnie Gardner (Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager), and Deborah Cabana (Town Clerk).

Election of Council Chair:

Councilor Feldman nominated Stephen McCausland as Council Chair.

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, that nominations cease. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Stephen McCausland was appointed as Council Chair with eight (8) votes.

Election of Council Vice-Chair:

Councilor Feldman nominated Faith Moll as Vice-Chair.

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, that nominations cease. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Councilor Moll was appointed as Council Vice-Chair with eight (8) votes.

Governor King - offered a few words of congratulations and wisdom to the Town Council and School Board.

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Benediction: The Reverend James McPhee offered the benediction.

Chair McCausland opened the meeting by noting a few of the up-coming events and challenges for the year 1998. He concluded by suggesting that the Council "get started."

Correspondence: Manager Gerrish stated that a letter of resignation had been received from Matt Thayer of the Conservation Commission. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Thayer and the position will be advertised.

Chair McCausland read a letter from Robert Edwards, President of Bowdoin College, which stated that the College will be contributing \$75,000 to the Town of Brunswick in lieu of taxes for calendar year 1998.

Manager's Report:

- 1) Manager Gerrish stated that a payment for \$8,000, in lieu of taxes, was received from the United Pejepsco Housing, Inc.
- 2) Truman Libby stated that the Boosters Club had raised \$3,250 to be used for the athletic department. He requested that the Town accept the contribution on behalf of the School Department.

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to accept \$75,000 from Bowdoin College, to accept \$8,000 from the United Pejepsco Housing, Inc. and to accept \$3,250 from the Boosters Club on behalf of the Brunswick School Department. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 3) Chair McCausland presented a plaque to former Councilor Laffely of District 4.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

1. The Town Council will appoint the Town Attorney.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to appoint the firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer, and Nelson - primary representative, Attorney Geoffrey Hole. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

2. The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to the following:

These are annual appointments of Council representatives to various Town committees.

a. Brunswick Resource Corporation -

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Snyder seconded, to appoint David Gleason to the Brunswick Resource Corporation. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

b. Growstown School Committee-

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Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to appoint Robert Galloupe to the Growstown School Committee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

c. Trust Investment Advisory Committee -

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to appoint Timothy Dotts to the Trust Investment Advisory Committee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. votes.

d. Appointments Subcommittee -

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Snyder seconded, to appoint Michael Feldman, Eleanor Swanson and Timothy Dotts to the Appointments Subcommittee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

e. Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee -

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to appoint Eleanor Swanson to the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

f. Cable TV Committee -

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to appoint Clement Wilson to the Cable TV Committee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

g. MCBD (2 committees - 1 on Arts, 1 on Public Information, with 1 Council Rep. on each) -

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Snyder seconded, to appoint Michael Feldman to the MCBD (public information) Committee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Chair McCausland moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to appoint Faith Moll to the MCBD (arts) Committee. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

3. The Town Council will set the meeting dates for the second Council meeting in January, February, and April, and the first Council meeting in September:

January 19th is Martin Luther King Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, January 20, 1998);

February 16th is President's Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, February 17, 1998);

April 20th is Patriot's Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, April 21, 1998); and

September 7th is Labor Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, September 8, 1998).

This item is to formally set Town Council meeting dates for those meetings that fall on a holiday.

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to schedule Town Council meetings for the following dates: January 20, 1998, February 17, 1998, April 21, 1998, and September 8, 1998. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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4. The Town Council will set a public hearing for January 20, 1998 to amend the Personnel Ordinance, Article 7

Fringe Benefits, Section 12-73 Deferred Compensation Plans, on a regular and emergency basis relative to the Town contributing to the Alternative Retirement Plan. (Manager)

Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to schedule a public hearing on January 20, 1998 to amend the Personnel Ordinance, Article 7 Fringe Benefits, Section 12-73 Deferred Compensation Plans, on a regular and emergency basis relative to the Town contributing to the Alternative Retirement Plan. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The School Board members conducted their first business meeting of the year in the executive session room. James Grant was elected Chair of the School Board and Jeffrey Morse was elected Vice Chair.

State Representatives Reginald Pinkham, Thomas Davidson, and William Bodwell - were present at the ceremony and offered their best wishes to the Town Council and School Board.

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The reception celebrating the Oath of Office Ceremony followed the meeting. Refreshments were prepared by Maine Vocational Region Ten Food Trades Class of Richard Mosely. The students who participated were Travis Goyette, Chris Paris, Nick Caron, Becky Hewett, Sarah Wilson, and Craig Osgood.

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 26, 1998

Date of approval

Council Chair