

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**JUNE 1, 1998**

**MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY**

**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, Faith Moll, Ervin Snyder, and David Gleason.

**Others Present:** Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; John Eldridge, Finance Director; several citizens, members of the press and Casco Cable TV.

**Correspondence: NONE**

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Council minutes of May 4, 1998 as corrected and distributed. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas and one abstention - Councilor Moll was absent from this meeting.**

**Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Council minutes of May 14, 1998 as corrected and distributed. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas and one abstention - Councilor Moll was absent from this meeting.**

**Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Council minutes of May 18, 1998 as corrected and distributed. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas and one abstention - Councilor Galloupe was absent from this meeting.**

**Manager=s Report:**

**1.) Appreciation to Memorial Day Committee.** Chair McCausland read the attached letter of appreciation to the memorial day committee for very successful festivities.

**2) Update on Zoning Map Correction.** Manager Gerrish informed the Council that this zoning map correction for the Coffin Street area is on the Planning Board=s agenda for June 9, 1998. The item will be on the Council=s agenda June 15, 1998.

**3) Browntail Moth Update.** Councilor Swanson stated that the spraying against the browntail moths had begun and conditions were favorable for effective results.

**4) Successful Tree Planting Program on May 30th.** Councilor Snyder stated there was a ceremony about 9:30 in the morning and that about 100 Brownies participated with the tree planting along the Bike Path. Congressman Thomas Allen was also in attendance. Councilor Snyder felt that the Bike Path is a reality we can be proud of.

**5) 40th Anniversary of the Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick.** Chair McCausland read the attached resolution recognizing the Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick.

**6) Update of the proposed 1998-99 Budget.** As requested, both Manager Gerrish and School Superintendent Jim Ashe presented proposed budget cuts to represent a 6%, 5 1/2%, and a 5% increase in property taxes. A copy of each proposal will be attached to the official minutes.

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Councilors Feldman, Moll, and Snyder stated they would be more comfortable with the proposed 5 1/2% increase. However, the remaining Councilors did not want more than a 5% increase in the property taxes.

It was the general consensus of the Council to present a 5% budget increase to the citizens for consideration.

**Adjustment to the Agenda: NONE**

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

**Renewals:**

Leon Samuel Schenk d/b/a CJ=s Variety Store

46 Baybridge Road Leon Samuel Schenk

BPO Elks #2043 d/b/a Elk=s Club

179 Park Row Daniel Lindsley

First Wok, Inc. d/b/a First Wok

119 Maine Street Shi-Knang Hao

Dunbarton, Inc. d/b/a McGillicuddy=s

103 Pleasant Street JoAnne Gillies

Paperworks d/b/a Mix

124 Maine Street Michael Fournier

Parkview Hospital d/b/a Parkview Hospital

329 Upper Maine Street Paul James Rector

Subplease d/b/a Subway

110 Pleasant Street William Kimberly Wettlaufer

The Public Hearing opened at 7:46 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

**Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to approve the renewal Victualer licenses as advertised. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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

**Renewals:**

K & M Properties d/b/a Siesta Motel

130 Pleasant Street Karan Patel

Brunswick Motel Assoc. d/b/a Super 8 Motel of Brunswick

224 Bath Road Mark Geno

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The Public Hearing opened at 7:47 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:47 p.m.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the renewal Innkeeper licenses as advertised. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**100. The Town Council will receive a recommendation from the Davis Fund Committee for funding allocations for 1998, and take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

This is the annual recommendation of the Davis Fund Committee on funding disbursements for 1998. Millie Stewart, Chair of the Nathaniel Davis Fund Committee, made the presentation. A copy of the committee's recommendation will be attached to the official minutes.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the recommendation of the Davis Fund Committee for the 1998 grants as listed. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**101. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 15, 1998 to adopt an Ordinance relative to the purchase of Maine Street Station. (Manager)**

The Town Charter requires that the borrowing of money or capital expenditures over \$500,000 must be done by Ordinance. Manager Gerrish recommended that the Council hold a Public Hearing on June 15<sup>th</sup> on an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of Maine Street Station property. If the Ordinance passes, it goes into effect 30 days later. This process will allow the Council to purchase the property if they so choose. The passing of the Ordinance does not obligate the Council to purchase the property but merely gives the opportunity to do so. A copy of the proposed Ordinance will be attached to the official minutes.

Several Councilors felt this was an opportunity for the public to voice their opinion and give the Council some direction regarding this item.

**Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to set a public hearing for June 15, 1998 on the proposed Ordinance authorizing an expenditure of up to \$700,000 for the acquisition of real estate known as the Maine Street Station property. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**102. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 15, 1998 to amend the Curtis Memorial Library Bond Ordinance to increase the authorization of expenditures from \$5.5 million to \$5.9 million plus 1% for cost of issuance. (Manager)**

Manager Gerrish explained that when the Bond Ordinance was passed for the Curtis Library, it authorized the Town to borrow up to \$5 million dollars and to expend \$5.5 million dollars. This approval was based on the Library having \$500,000 of their \$1.5 million available and that was to be used to fund the initial cost of the project. The Library has raised \$1 million dollars to date. Therefore, the Town will not have to borrow the full \$5 million dollars for the project.

The funds in the project for furnishings (\$275,000) was eliminated when the project came in over budget. The Trustees of the Library have committed to raising an additional \$400,000 to pay for the furnishings but will not have the funds available in time to purchase the furnishings. The Trustees are requesting the Town to borrow the \$400,000 and then have the Library pay the Town back.

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Mr. Gerrish proposed that the Town borrow the Town=s \$4 million dollar share some time in July or August through the Bond Market. The remaining \$900,000 (\$500,000 remaining in the initial \$1.5 million pledge and the additional \$400,000 for the furnishings) would be borrowed in April or May of 1999. This would be a 5-year note. The Library would be responsible to pay the principal on this amount and the interest on the \$400,000. The Town had already agreed to pay the interest on the \$500,000. The Board of Trustees will formally consider this proposal at a special meeting on June 11, 1998.

The Ordinance must be amended to expend the additional \$400,000 to bring the total to \$5.9 million. A copy of the proposed Ordinance will be attached to the official minutes.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to set a public hearing for June 15 to consider amending the Curtis Memorial Library Bond Ordinance to increase the authorization of expenditures from \$5.5 million to \$5.9 million plus 1% for cost of issuance. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**103. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for June 15, 1998 to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Town=s Development Program in connection with the Town=s BTI Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District. The proposed amendments would increase the amount of Bonds contemplated by the Development Program by \$1,125,000 to allow for a 24,600+/- square foot expansion of the BTI manufacturing facility in the Brunswick Industrial Park. (Manager)**

Finance Director John Eldridge stated that this item is to amend our Tax Increment Financing Development Program to go along with the approval Council gave for the expansion of BTI. The Public Hearing, however, will need to be scheduled on June 29th because there needs to be a minimum of 14 days to advertise before the hearing.

**Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, the proposed amendment to the Brunswick Technology Tax Increment Financing plan be scheduled for a public hearing on June 29, 1998. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**104. The Town Council will discuss Regional Dispatching and take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Manager Gerrish asked for the Council's direction on where to go with the Regional Dispatching. The question remains whether or not all three communities (Brunswick, Bath, and Topsham, as well as Sagadahoc County) still plan to proceed forward for the Regional Dispatching. Ultimately, Mr. Gerrish requested the Council's support to go forward and continue to work on this program.

Chief Hinton felt this proposal is still a viable, feasible operation which can be had for a reasonable amount of money. Bath and Topsham will realize a savings over a ten year period of time. Brunswick will expend an additional \$1,000,000 over this ten year period of time. It is felt by the entire sub-committee that this is a reasonable operation for what the return will be from a combined communications operation with Police, Fire, and EMS.

There was some discussion among the Councilors regarding the merits and frustrations of the proposed regional dispatching. However, this proposal has merit and could be good for the region. They were in favor of the concept and encouraged the committee to continue pursuing it.

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**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, that the committee continue pursuing the Regional Dispatching concept. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**105. The Town Council will consider authorizing the deposit of \$2,248.51 into the Asset Forfeiture Account as the Police Department=s share of the case of the State v. James Dall. (Manager)**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to authorize the deposit of \$2,248.51 into the Asset Forfeiture Account. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**106. The Town Council will consider approving a request from Central Maine Power and New England Tel & Tel Co. to install one pole to be located on the Old Bath Road. (Manager)**

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the request of CMP and New England Tel to install one pole on the Old Bath Road as proposed. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**107. The Town Council will cast a vote for a representative to the Maine Municipal Association=s Legislative Policy Committee. (Manager)**

Brunswick has two representatives to the LPC (Legislative Policy Committee) in our district. Clem Wilson is one of our representatives. Genie Beaulieu, Councilor of Freeport, is seeking re-appointment to this committee and asked for the Council's support.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to support Genie Beaulieu as the representative to the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**108. The Town Council will consider making appointments to the following boards/committees:**

*Codes Appeal Board 1 Assoc. Member, 2 year term to expire 07/01/00*

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Snyder seconded, to appoint John Richardson Jr. to the Codes Appeal Board as an associate member for a two year term to expire 07/01/00 and appoint John Richardson Jr. to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an associate member for a three year term to expire 07/01/01. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*Conservation Commission 1 Full Member, Balance of 3 year term to expire 05/01/00*

**There were no nominations for this committee.**

*Davis Fund 2 Full Members, 3 year terms to expire 06/30/01*

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to appoint Patricia Livesay and Carolyn A. Earnest to the Davis Fund as full members for three year terms to expire 06/30/01. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

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*Fifty-Five Plus 2 Full Members, 3 year terms to expire 07/01/01*

Councilor Wilson nominated Raymond Duval as a full member to the Fifty-Five Plus Committee for a three year term to expire 07/01/01.

Councilor Feldman nominated James Porter as a full member to the Fifty-Five Plus Committee for a three year term to expire 07/01/01.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Raymond Duval and James Porter. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*Brunswick Housing Authority 1 Full Member, 5 year term to expire 06/03/03*

**Councilor Snyder moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to appoint Anne M. George to the Housing Authority as a full member for a five year term to expire 06/03/03. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*Recreation Commission 2 Full Members, 3 year terms to expire 07/01/01*

Councilor Feldman nominated Christopher Montroy to the Recreation Commission as a full member for a three year term to expire 07/01/01.

Councilor Feldman nominated Mitchell A. Rousseau to the Recreation Commission as a full member for a three year term to expire 07/01/01.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for**

**Christopher Montroy and Mitchell A. Rousseau. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 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

June 12, 1998

Date of approval

Council Chair