

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 1998

MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY

7:15 p.m.

Moved by Councilor Wilson, seconded by Councilor Moll, to enter Executive Session to consider a request for a poverty property tax abatement. The motion carried with nine yeas.

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, Timothy Dotts, Clement Wilson, Faith Moll, Ervin Snyder and David Gleason

OTHERS PRESENT: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Bonnie Gardner, Admin. Assistant; representatives from the Marine Resources Committee; Phil Carey, Planner; Council Candidate Forrest Lowe; member of the press and the TV Video Crew.

Correspondence:

A letter of resignation from Wayne Olson, a member of the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, was received. A letter of appreciation will be sent and the opening will be advertised.

Minutes of Meetings:

Moved by Councilor Wilson, seconded by Councilor Dotts, to approve the minutes of October 19, 1998 as distributed. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Manager's Report:

1. Budget Update.

Manager Gerrish noted that we are four months through the fiscal year. Revenues continue to exceed our expectations. The State Revenue Sharing amount received for the month of October was \$160,000. Expenditures are also in good shape. The first half of property taxes were due October 15th, and payments are continuing to come in.

Chair McCausland reminded everyone that election day is tomorrow. He announced the voting locations for the various districts.

Chair McCausland noted the passing of George Labbe who served our community in the Fire Department for 25 years, the last six years as Fire Chief. He died last week at the age of 74. Chair McCausland asked for a moment of silence.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Manager Gerrish asked that the Council add Agenda Item #207. The Town Council will consider the request of the Brunswick Sewer District for a Utility Location Permit for Jordan Avenue. With no objection, the item was added.

202. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed shellfish closure at New Meadows River for the purpose of resource conservation.

The public hearing opened at 7:38 p.m.

Shelagh Catlin, one of the Marine Wardens for Brunswick, gave a brief overview on the proposed resource conservation closure. She provided an information packet that included a description of the closure boundaries, a map of the proposed closure area, the approval from the Commissioner of the Dept. of Marine Resources, and a summary of the survey of the shellfish resources area. The Marine Resources Committee unanimously voted to recommend the closure. The Marine Resources Committee will come back to the Council some time in the 1999-2000 shellfish license year to ask that the area be reopened.

The public hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

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Moved by Councilor Snyder, seconded by Councilor Feldman, to approve the shellfish closure at New Meadows River as advertised. The motion carried with nine yeas.

203. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed amendment to the Aquifer Protection Zone relative to Storage Tanks.

The public hearing opened at 7:44 p.m.

Phil Carey, Planner, reviewed this item. He noted that in answer to Councilor Swanson's question from the last meeting as to what "precision testing" meant, he was able to learn that this is a sophisticated type of low pressure testing.

Councilor Galloupe proposed an amendment to Section 210.10.H.3. He would like to see the words "natural gas" added to the exception. *This Section does not apply to propane gas and natural gas storage tanks.* Staff had no concerns with this addition.

The public hearing closed at 7:47 p.m.

Moved by Councilor Galloupe, seconded by Councilor Wilson, to amend the amendments to Section 210.10.H.3. by adding the words **natural gas**, and approve the remaining amendments to the Aquifer Protection Zone as recommended by the Planning Board. The motion carried with nine yeas.

204. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town Manager to accept a deed from The Pines (Phase II) Subdivision conveying open space/recreation area and pedestrian/bicycle easement to the Town. (Manager)

Phil Carey, Planner, explained this item. He noted that last month the Planning Board approved an amendment to the Pines Subdivision (condominium project). A second phase of this project was never built. The property changed hands and a new application for development of four single family house lots was submitted and approved by the Planning Board. The plan includes a small area set aside for recreation and open space and an easement that would provide public access from the extension of Beech Drive to that property. The Recreation Commission approved the proposal along with the Planning Board.

Phil noted two positive aspects of the property. First, it abuts the Coffin Ice Pond property that the Town recently acquired. Secondly, it contains a section of the trail that runs between Bowdoin College's Pickard Field and the Town Commons. Brunswick Coal and Lumber are the developers of this land.

Moved by Councilor Moll, seconded by Councilor Feldman, to authorize the Town Manager to accept a deed conveying a .64 acre Open Space/Recreation area and pedestrian/bicycle easement as part of The Pines Phase II Subdivision amendment. The motion carried with nine yeas.

205. The Town Council will consider taking action on a poverty property tax abatement request. (Manager)

Councilor Snyder moved, seconded by Councilor Wilson, to deny the poverty property tax abatement request for Lot 3 on Map 26. The motion carried with nine yeas.

206. The Town Council will consider making appointments to the following boards and committees:

Codes Appeal Board-2 Full members, 2 yr. Terms to expire 11/20/00 and

Zoning Board of Appeals - 2 Full members, 3 yr. Terms to expire 11/20/01

Councilor Snyder moved, seconded by Councilor Moll, to reappoint Steven Garrett and William Lamb to both

the Codes Appeal Board (2 year terms) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year terms). The motion carried with nine yeas.

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Conservation Commission-1 Full member, bal. of 3 yr. Term to expire 05/01/00

Councilor Moll nominated Mary Wicklund for the full membership vacancy for the balance of the 3 year term to expire 05/01/01.

Councilor Snyder moved nominations cease and that the Chair cast a single ballot for Mary Wicklund. Councilor Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Sewer District Trustees-Full member, bal. of 3 yr. Term to expire 04/01/99

Councilor Dotts nominated Leon Laffely.

Councilor Moll nominated E. Stuart Savage.

Councilor Feldman moved nominations cease. Councilor Moll seconded. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Leon Laffely received three votes: Councilors Dotts, Wilson and Galloupe.

E. Stuart Savage received 6 votes: Councilors Feldman, Swanson, Moll, Snyder, Gleason and McCausland.

E. Stuart Savage was appointed to the Sewer District.

Village Review Board-

1 Assoc. member, 1 yr. Term to expire 10/20/99

1 Architect member, 3 yr. Term to expire 10/20/01

1 Builder member, bal. of 3 yr. Term to expire 10/20/00

Councilor Moll nominated E. Anne Carton for the Associate membership and asked the Chair to cast one vote for this appointment. Seconded by Councilor Wilson. The motion carried with nine yeas.

E. Anne Carton was appointed as an Associate Member to the Village Review Board.

Councilor Feldman nominated Campbell Clegg for the Builder position.

Councilor Feldman moved to close nominations. Seconded by Councilor Dotts. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Campbell Clegg received 5 votes: Councilors Feldman, Galloupe, Dotts, Gleason and Wilson.

Campbell Clegg was appointed to the Village Review Board as the Builder member.

207. The Town Council will consider the request of the Brunswick Sewer District for a Utility Location Permit for Jordan Avenue. (Manager)

Manager Gerrish explained that the Sewer District is asking permission to extend the sewer 75 feet on Jordan Avenue. The extension will go in a southerly direction from the intersection of Jordan Avenue and Lori Drive. This extension will allow sewer service to a house lot at 41B Jordan Avenue.

The Town Engineer has approved this request. The project will take one day and one lane of the road will remain open.

Councilor Galloupe moved, seconded by Councilor Feldman, to approve the Utility Location Permit for Jordan Avenue. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Chair McCausland noted that the Municipal Offices will be closed next Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. The next Town Council meeting will be November 16, 1998.

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Manager Gerrish wanted to make note that the Council received a report on the recent Hazardous Waste Collection Day that was held. There were 116 residents who participated in the program. A total of 301 half households (approximately 5 gallons per half household) of hazardous waste was collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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.

Bonnie L. Gardner

Administrative Assistant

November 3, 1998

Date of Approval

Council Chair

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