

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 20, 1999

MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY

7:00 P.M. MDOT held a Public Hearing on the proposed work on the Harding Road Bridge.

7:48 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, Timothy Dotts, Clement Wilson, Forrest Lowe and David Gleason.

Councilors Absent: Robert Galloupe and Vice-Chair Faith Moll

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Melissa Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; Geoffrey Hole, Town Attorney; Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Thomas Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Commander Robert Annese, Police Department; William Collins, Marine Warden; citizens, members of the press and TV Video Crew.

Chair McCausland offered a moment of silence regarding the shooting incident at the high school in Colorado.

Correspondence:

Resignation letters were received from Brian Boyle and William Smith who each served on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Smith was recently appointed to the Planning Board and cannot serve on both boards, thus his resignation. A letter of appreciation will be sent to both Mr. Boyle and Mr. Smith, and the positions will be advertised.

Minutes of Meetings:

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the minutes of April 5, 1999 as distributed. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

Manager's Report:

1. Request from Brunswick Area Arts & Cultural Alliance.

The Brunswick Area Arts & Cultural Alliance is requesting that the Town of Brunswick act as the fiscal agent for a grant request to the Maine Arts Commission. There is no cash match required by the Town. Manager Gerrish recommended that the Town support the Brunswick Area Arts & Cultural Alliance.

The Council had no objection with supporting the Commission.

2. Proposed Budget Schedule.

The Council will receive the 1999-2000 budget by April 30, 1999. There will be meetings during the month of May to review the budget with each of the departments. The total budget will be reviewed by May 24, 1999. On May 27, 1999, the Council will meet and discuss the budget, if necessary. Town Charter requires that a public hearing be held. It is tentatively scheduled for June 3, 1999. After the public hearing, the Council may adopt the budget at a regular council meeting or at a special council meeting on June 10 or 14, 1999. The Charter requires the budget be adopted by June 15.

3. Award from Maine Transportation Safety Coalition.

Commander Robert Annese stated that he had been at the Maine Transportation Safety Coalition Conference in Bangor on May 13, 1999. The Coalition awarded eight plaques to Police Departments in the State of Maine. The Brunswick Police Department was awarded one of the plaques for Recognition of Extraordinary Efforts in Promoting Occupant Safety. The Coalition felt that Brunswick had gone over and above the call of duty to promote occupant safety through child safety seat and seat belt enforcement. Commander Annese was personally very proud to receive this honor because the department has been working on this for three years. Commander Annese thanked the Council for their support.

Manager Gerrish stated that the Town was very proud of this award. He also stated that Commander Annese and Patrol Officer Terry Goan were two of only eight Certified Child Safety Seat Inspectors in the State of Maine.

62. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for Victualer's License for:

Cindi J. Neale d/b/a Wrappers
Brunswick Mall

Cindi J. Neale

The public hearing opened at 7:55 p.m. The public hearing closed at 7:56 p.m.

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to approve the Victualer's License for Wrappers. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

63. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for a renewal Special Amusement license for:

Rumrunners, Inc. d/b/a Player's Pub
1 Center Street

Peter M. Therriault

The Public Hearing opened at 7:57 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:58 p.m.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the request for a Special Amusement license for Rumrunners, Inc. d/b/a Player's Pub. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

64. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for new and renewal Alcoholic Beverage licenses for:

New:

Full-time Malt and Vinous:
The Corner Pocket, Inc. d/b/a
Corner Pocket
4 Pleasant Street

David Brunette

Renewals:

Full-time Malt:
John Guida d/b/a Rosita's
212 Maine Street

John Guida

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Full-time Malt and Vinous:
P & M Corporation d/b/a Captain Mike's
32 Bath Road

Michael C. Cota

Henry's Catering LLC d/b/a Henry and Marty
61 Maine Street

Henry J. D'Alessandris and Edward M. Perry

Full-time Malt, Vinous and Spirituous:
Someplaces Different, Inc. d/b/a
Narcissa Stone Restaurant
10 Water Street

William R. Bennett

Parkwood Inn, Ltd. d/b/a Parkwood Inn
71 Gurnet Road

Lois E. Beal

Rumrunners Inc. d/b/a Player's Pub Nightclub
1 Center Street

Peter Therriault

Star Fish Enterprises, LLC d/b/a
Star Fish Grill
100 Pleasant Street - Suite B

Thomas C. Cary

The Public Hearing opened at 7:59 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:59 p.m.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the new and renewal Alcoholic Beverage licenses for The Corner Pocket, Inc., Rosita's, Captain Mike's, Henry & Marty's, Narcissa Stone Restaurant, Parkwood Inn, Player's Pub, and Star Fish Grill. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

- 65. The Town Council will hear public comments to consider five shellfish closures for: New Meadows River, Harpswell Cove, Bunganuc Creek, Paul's Marina, and Upper Middle Bay Cove as advertised.**

William Collins, Marine Warden, explained these are State Closed Areas. If the Town of Brunswick would like to keep the fines collected, these areas must also be closed by the Town and included in the ordinance.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:59 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the five shellfish closures for: New Meadows River, Harpswell Cove, Bunganuc Creek, Paul's Marina, and Upper Middle Bay Cove as advertised. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

- 66. The Town Council will discuss the proposed new mission of the Brunswick Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and take any appropriate action.**

Manager Gerrish stated that there were representatives from the Committee present. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is requesting that the Council review a new mission statement and make-up of the committee. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

Pam Griffin, Co-Chair of the Brunswick Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, stated that she knows the Council is busy and would like to amend the committee makeup to have a Councilor act solely as a liaison.

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It appeared unanimous that Councilor Galloupe would be the liaison, but this would be discussed later when he was present.

Councilor Swanson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to advertise for two (2) additional community members and to adopt the new mission statement without a Town Council representative for the Brunswick Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

67. The Town Council will consider the one year reappointment of Alan Houston as Harbor Master from 5/1/1999 - 4/30/2000.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to reappoint Alan Houston as Harbor Master from 5/1/1999 - 4/30/2000. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

68. The Town Council will receive the 1997-98 Audit Report and take any appropriate action.

Finance Director John Eldridge reviewed the 1997-98 Audited Financial Statements (part of the Town's Comprehensive Financial Report) with the Council.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to accept the Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 1998 as presented. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

69. The Town Council will consider authorizing the purchase of property on 63 Water Street and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish stated that one of the Council goals last year was to acquire access to water and to look for open space, if available, in the Town. It came to the Town's attention that 63 Water Street was for sale by its owner. The Town has reached an agreement with the owner of 63 Water Street for the Town to purchase the property. This property is adjacent to property the Town owns. The attached map shows the location. (Attachment to permanent minutes) The Town has a signed Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner. The purchase price is \$78,000. Council action is necessary to authorize the Manager to execute the appropriate documents to purchase the property.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the appropriate documents to purchase the property at 63 Water Street for \$78,000 and to approve the resolution. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

Bill Leonard, 86 McKeen Street, was aware that the 63 Water Street property owners were considering a prior offer from a low income single mother until a higher offer was made by the Town. He felt the Town should have given more consideration to the needs of the person who made the first offer.

70. The Town Council will consider authorization of stop signs on Water Street and take any appropriate action.

Commander Robert Annese requested, on behalf of the Police Department, to place and maintain two stop signs on Water Street at the intersection of Industry Road. The proposed signs would be placed in such a manner so as to mandate a complete stop for all vehicles traveling north and south on Water Street. With the current stop sign controlling westbound traffic off Industry Road, these two signs will turn the three-legged intersection into a three-way stop. This strategy will assist the Police Department personnel in controlling the speed of vehicles in this residential area.

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Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to authorize the Brunswick Police Department to place and maintain two stop signs on Water Street at the intersection of Industry Road. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 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.

Melissa L. Smith
Deputy Town Clerk
04/21/99

Date of Approval

Council Chair