

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 2, 1999
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 Stephen McCausland, Michael Feldman, Eleanor Swanson, Robert Galloupe, Timothy Dotts, Clement Wilson, Vice-Chair Faith Moll, Forrest Lowe and David Gleason.

Councilors Absent: None

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Melissa Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development; Commander Robert Annese, Police Department; and citizens, members of the press and the TV Video Crew.

Minutes of Meetings:

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the minutes of July 19, 1999 as distributed. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Correspondence: None

Manager's Report:

1. Update on Curtis Library Construction.

Ms. Jan Wilk, Chair of the Building Committee, gave an update on the progress of the Curtis Memorial Library. In the 1904 building the restoration is nearly completed. The new building is about 90 - 95% complete. Sprinkler system is complete. The elevator is working. The carpeting and the stairwells are almost complete. The Gardens are almost complete, and grass needs to be put down. The completion date is scheduled for August 11th. The McKean Street Library will be closing August 21, 1999. The new Curtis Memorial Library will be opening October 1, 1999. Mr. Steve Podgajny, Director of the Curtis Memorial Library, responded to questions and noted that Brunswick residents were welcome to use the Portland Library while the transition was taking place.

2. Berean Baptist Church Donation.

The Town Manager received an annual donation of \$500 from the Berean Baptist Church in support of Municipal Services.

3. National Night Out Information.

Commander Robert Annese discussed the National Night Out festivities on the downtown mall which will be taking place Tuesday, August 3rd, from approximately 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. (Attachment to permanent minutes) Commander Annese stated that The Brunswick Police Department, Topsham Police Department, and the Naval Air Station will be hosting the festivities. The Brunswick Police Department Honor Guard, the Fire Department, Officer Haley and McGruff the crime dog will be among the participants. There will also be finger printing. Brunswick Shop 'N Save will provide the food for this annual worthwhile event.

4. Discussion of Commercial Bingo Hall in Brunswick.

Mr. Ernest Lamson, representative from L.&L. Entertainment explained he would like to expand his business beyond the Greater Portland area to Brunswick. His business (lease management company) is to provide a facility equipped with everything that is needed to run a successful bingo hall. (Attachment to permanent minutes) The Town of Brunswick has four non-profit organizations (55+ Center, Elks, Evergreens, and Knights of Columbus) who have existing bingo halls.

Manager Gerrish explained that no action was necessary because Mr. Lamson will not be seeking a beano license. Mr. Lamson was requesting if the Council would approve future "non-profits" that request

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a license.

The Town Council was not interested in having a commercial bingo hall in Brunswick.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Manager Gerrish apologized for having to add the following four items to the agenda:

151. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing to consider approving a T.I.F. for EnvisioNet on August 16, 1999.

152. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town Manager to convey real property interest to Albert Hansen III and Cecilia A. Hansen, as part of the purchase of real property along the Androscoggin River, when the Town Manager and the Town Attorney are satisfied with the title review, the property descriptions, the easements for access, and any issues which arise during the process.

153. The Town Council will consider a request by the American Red Cross to hang a banner across Maine Street for a one week period from September 13 to September 20, 1999, and take any appropriate action.

154. The Town Council will enter into Executive Session to consider possible acquisition of property.

There was no objection from the Council.

144. The Town Council will consider establishing a Downtown Liveability Committee, including a Charge, make-up of the Committee, length of time for the Committee to complete their tasks, and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish read a memo from Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development.
(Attachment to permanent minutes)

Listen to tape for motion.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to establish a Downtown Liveability Committee, including a Charge, make-up of the Committee, and length of time for the Committee to complete their tasks. The motion carried with nine yeas.

145. The Town Council will receive a letter from the Brunswick Housing Authority concerning funding for an Apartment for Homeless Shelter on Route 123 (97 Harpswell Road) and take any appropriate action.

Mr. John Hodge stated

(Attachment to permanent minutes)

146. The Town Council will receive a report from the Brunswick Intown Group on fund raising for the Downtown Master Plan and take any appropriate action.

147. **The Town Council will consider a request from the Brunswick Community Complex Committee and Superintendent of Schools to assist with temporary financing for athletic field improvements at the New High School and take any appropriate action.**

Mr. James Ashe, representing the Brunswick Community Complex Committee, asked the Council to loan the committee the funds (\$72,300) necessary to finish the building and place the lights at the football field. The Town would be paid back when the pledges are paid in the next three years. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to authorize \$72,300 to the Brunswick Community Complex Committee to be repaid in four years.

The motion carried with nine yeas.

Chair McCausland asked to lump the three banner requests (Items 148, 149, 153) together.

There was no objection by the Council.

148. **The Town Council will consider a request by the American Cancer Society to hang a banner across Maine Street for a two week period from October 4 to October 18, 1999, and take any appropriate action.**
149. **The Town Council will consider a request by Thomas point Beach, Inc. to hang a banner across Maine Street for a two week period from August 23 to September 7, 1999, and take any appropriate action.**
153. **The Town Council will consider a request by the American Red Cross to hang a banner across Maine Street for a one week period from September 13 to September 20, 1999, and take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the requests to hang banners across Maine Street by the above organizations at the requested time periods. The motion carried with nine yeas.

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

WELFARE APPEALS BOARD

1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER - Two year term to expire 01/28/00

Councilor Wilson nominated Yvette Mary Murray for the balance of a two year term to expire 01/28/00.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, nominations cease and that the Chair cast a single ballot for Yvette Mary Murray. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Yvette Mary Murray was appointed as an associate member on the Welfare Appeals Board for the balance of a two year term to expire 01/28/00.

151. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing to consider approving a T.I.F. for EnvisioNet on August 16, 1999.**

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to set a public hearing for August 16, 1999 to consider approving the EnvisioNet Tax Increment Financing District (T.I.F.) and adopting a Development Program. The motion carried with nine yeas.

152. **The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town Manager to convey real property interest to Albert Hansen III and Cecilia A. Hansen, as part of the purchase of real property along the Androscoggin River, when the Town Manager and the Town Attorney are satisfied with the title review, the property descriptions, the easements for access, and any**

issues which arise during the process.
Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, . . . The motion carried with nine yeas.

154. The Town Council will enter into Executive Session to consider possible acquisition of property.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to enter into Executive Session to consider possible acquisition of property. The motion carried with seven yeas. Councilors Feldman and Gleason were asked to abstain by the Town Manager.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa L. Smith
Deputy Town Clerk
08/05/99

Date of Approval

Council Chair