

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**August 16, 1999**

**MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY**

**7:00 P.M**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to enter into Executive Session to consider possible acquisition of property. The motion carried with seven yeas. Councilor Moll joined later.**

**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, and Forrest Lowe.

**Councilors Absent:** David Gleason

**Others Present:** Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Melissa Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; John Eldridge, Finance Director; and citizens, members of the press and the TV Video Crew.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to approve the minutes of August 2, 1999 with a correction for the spelling of Dave Millar's name. The motion carried with eight yeas.**

**Correspondence:** None

**Manager's Report:**

Manager Gerrish invited Brooks Stoddard, Chair of the Growstown School Committee, to the podium. Mr. Stoddard stated that the Growstown School was built in 1849 as a one-room schoolhouse and was in use until 1950. A 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration is being planned on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a short ceremony to honor students and faculty. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> there will be prizes for the oldest and youngest graduates who sign the guest book.

**1. Update on Marine Resources Interns.**

Manager Gerrish gave an update on the Town's success with the Marine Resources interns program. The first intern was Todd LaJeuness from 1985 to 1990. Mr. LaJeuness began as a high school sophomore as a Marine Technician. He attended the University of Connecticut and transferred to Cornell University in 1990. Mr. LaJeuness graduated from Cornell in 1991 with a Science Degree. He went to the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1994 for his Master's Degree. In 1999, he will receive his PhD in Microbiology. The second intern was Shelagh Catlin from 1991 to 1999. Ms. Catlin began in May 1991 as a Marine Technician. In 1992, she received the 6 Alive WCSH TV America's Future Award for Environmental work and the regional DAR Good Citizen Award. She graduated in 1993 from Brunswick High School. In 1994, she attended a 100-hour Law Enforcement training and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class. She was also deputized as a Deputy Marine Warden. In 1997, Shelagh graduated from Cornell University cum laude in sociology and was selected to the International Sociology and Criminal Justice Honor Society. In December, Shelagh will receive her Master's in Criminal Justice. She will begin her coursework for a PhD in January 2000 at the State University of New York. Both Interns have been very

successful in their careers. Mr. Gerrish asked the viewers if there was another sophomore interested in the program because it could also lead them towards their PhD. He also stated that these interns were a real asset to the Town.

**2. Update on Skate Park.**

Mr. Gerrish stated that the manufacturer of the equipment could not get his order in but it will be here the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Next week, Labbe Construction will begin working to prepare for the delivery of the equipment.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

**154. The Town Council will hear public comments to consider approving a Tax Increment Financing for EnvisioNet and take any appropriate action.**

Manager Gerrish stated he was very pleased to recommend this T.I.F. to the Council. He and the Finance Director have worked with representatives from EnvisioNet for the past year to develop this Tax Increment Financing.

Finance Director John Eldridge explained what a T.I.F. was and its process. He also explained the Tax Increment Financing Plan for EnvisioNet. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

The public hearing opened at 7:50 p.m.

Rob Rohr asked the Finance Director to repeat his information in layman's terms.

John O'Sullivan, Controller for EnvisioNet, gave a brief presentation and answered questions.

EnvisioNet will have between 300 and 500 positions available with pay ranges of \$8.00 to \$12.00 an hour. Other benefits for full-time employees include medical and dental insurance and 401K Plan.

Finance Director John Eldridge complied with Mr. Rohr's request.

The public hearing closed at 8:05 p.m.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve a Resolution adopting the Town's EnvisioNet Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing Program and Designating the Town's EnvisioNet Tax Increment Financing District. The motion carried with eight yeas.**

**155. The Town Council will consider approving an option on property located on Route One for possible development of an Industrial Park and take any appropriate action.**

Manager Gerrish explained the Option Agreement with Russell S. Douglas and Janet R. Russell, owners of property on Route 1 and Durham Road, and the Resolution for consideration by the Council. (Attachments to permanent minutes)

Rob Rohr requested removal of the airplane hanger on the property for historical purposes.

Manager Gerrish responded that something could be worked out.

Chair McCausland stated that Councilor David Gleason was the broker involved in this sale. He has had no decision-making authority and has abstained completely from discussions that the Council had on this subject.

Councilor Gleason would abstain if he were present tonight. Councilor Feldman will abstain tonight because he is an employee of The Gleason Agency. Both Councilors felt it would be a conflict of interest to vote on this item.

**Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve a Resolution for an Emergency Appropriation of \$15,000 from Unappropriated Available General Fund Revenues to Fund an Option to Purchase Property for a Possible Industrial Park. The motion carried with seven yeas. Councilor Feldman abstained.**

156. The Town Council will consider setting a Public Hearing on September 7, 1999 for the purposes of amending the Sludge and Residual Free Zone Ordinance as recommended by the Marine Resources Committee.

Councilor Swanson stated that the Marine Resources Committee would like to amend the Sludge and Residual Free Zone Ordinance and asked to set a public hearing on September 7, 1999. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to set a Public Hearing on September 7, 1999 for the purposes of amending the Sludge and Residual Free Zone Ordinance as recommended by the Marine Resources Committee. The motion carried with eight yeas.**

157. The Town Council will consider adopting an emergency appropriation resolution for an interfund loan from unappropriated available general fund revenues to a Capital Projects Fund for the Community Complex Athletic Facilities at the High School and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish stated that this Resolution was the formal result of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting. Finance Director John Eldridge was present to answer questions. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve an Emergency Appropriation Resolution for an Interfund Loan From Unappropriated Available General Fund Revenues to a Capital projects Fund for the Community Complex Athletic Facilities at the High School. The motion carried with eight yeas.**

There was no objection by the Council to combine agenda items #158 and #159.

158. The Town Council will consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing the issuance of up to \$1,000,000 of Landfill Construction Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town and Sale Thereof and take any appropriate action.
159. The Town Council will consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$2,000,000 of Library Construction Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town and Sale Thereof and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish explained that the Town had previously approved the authorization to issue bonds for these projects. These resolutions would authorize temporary financing in the form of Bond Anticipation Notes for \$1,000,000 for the Landfill and \$2,000,000 for the Library. (Both Resolutions are attached to the permanent minutes)

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to adopt adopting a Resolution Authorizing**

**the issuance of up to \$1,000,000 of Landfill Construction Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town and Sale Thereof and to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$2,000,000 of Library Construction Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town and Sale Thereof. The motion carried with eight yeas.**

**160. The Town Council will consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Overexpenditure of Certain Accounts for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999 and take any appropriate action.**

Manager Gerrish explained that this agenda item was to authorize overexpenditures in the electrical account for an additional \$5,000.00 in the fiscal year 1998-1999 municipal budget to be in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Overexpenditure of Certain Accounts for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999. The motion carried with eight yeas.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Melissa L. Smith  
Deputy Town Clerk  
08/18/99

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Date of Approval

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Council Chair