

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING****JANUARY 4, 1999 7:00 P.M.****MUNICIPAL MEETING ROOM****7:10 p.m.**

Posting of Colors: Brunswick Police Department Honor Guard - Corporal Marc Arnold, Officer Mark LaFountain, Officer Andrea Jones, Officer Steven Cribby.

Donald Gerrish, Town Manager, 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, Vice Chair Moll, Forrest Lowe and David Gleason.

School Board Members Present: Dennis Lucas, Jr., Joanne Olson, Joanne Rosenthal, Jeffrey Morse, James Grant, Janet Connors, and Ralph Tucker.

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Melissa Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Pamela Fogg, Personnel Director; Robert Tripp, Assessor; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Commander Robert Annese, Police Department; Commander Bruce Boucher, Police Department; Gary Howard, Fire Chief; John Foster, Town Engineer/Director Public Works; Geoffrey Hole, Town Attorney; citizens, members of the press and TV Video Crew.

Invocation: The Reverend Father Edward Sheehan offered the invocation.

Councilors-Elect Sworn to Office: Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk, lead the oath for the following Town Councilors: Stephen H. McCausland, Eleanor R. Swanson, Clement S. Wilson, and Forrest Lowe.

School Board Members-Elect Sworn to Office: Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk, lead the oath for the following School Board Members: Joanne S. Rosenthal, Jeffrey A. Morse and James S. Grant.

Instrumental Selection: Paul Greenstone, Teacher of Instrumental Music, introduced Brunswick High School Students - Kevin Jones, Ben Pelletier, Jon Dalgleish, and Charles Hale, who played along with Mr. Greenstone, several instrumental pieces.

Election of Council Chair:

Councilor Wilson nominated Councilor Stephen McCausland. Stephen McCausland was appointed as Council Chair with nine votes.

Election of Council Vice-Chair:

Councilor Feldman nominated Councilor Faith Moll. Faith Moll was appointed as Council Vice-Chair with nine votes.

Benediction: The Reverend Father Edward Sheehan offered the benediction.

The School Board members adjourned to the conference room to conduct their organizational meeting.

Chair McCausland noted major accomplishments of the Town Council for 1998. In 1999, he would like to see new sidewalks and a decision made regarding the old high school. On a personal note, he stated that it would be beneficial to be able to again watch Bath and Topsham Council meetings on Channel 13.

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State Senator Philip Harriman, State Representatives Thomas Davidson, John Richardson, and William Schneider were present at the ceremony and offered their best wishes to the Town Council and School Board.

Minutes of Meeting:

Moved by Councilor Wilson, seconded by Councilor Gleason, to approve the minutes of December 21, 1998 as distributed. The motion carried with eight yeas. Councilor Lowe abstained.

Manager's Report:

None

Adjustments to Agenda:

None

1. The Town Council will appoint the Town Attorney.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to appoint the firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer, and Nelson - primary representative, Attorney Geoffrey Hole. The motion carried with nine yeas.

2. The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to the following:

These are annual appointments of Council representatives to various Town committees.

a. Brunswick Resource Corporation

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to reappoint Councilor Gleason to the Brunswick Resource Corporation. The motion carried with nine yeas.

b. Growstown School Committee

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to reappoint Councilor Galloupe to the Growstown School Committee. The motion carried with nine yeas.

c. Trust Investment Advisory Committee

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to reappoint Councilor Dotts to the Trust Investment Advisory Committee. The motion carried with nine yeas.

d. Appointments Subcommittee (3 Councilors)

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to reappoint Councilors Feldman, Swanson, and

Dotts to the Appointments Subcommittee. The motion carried with nine yeas.

e. Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to reappoint Councilor Swanson to the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee. The motion carried with nine yeas.

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f. Cable T.V. Committee

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to reappoint Councilor Wilson to the Cable T.V. Committee. The motion carried with nine yeas.

g. Appointments to Contract Negotiating Committee - (Police, Fire, Public Works, AFSCME, Communications)

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to appoint Councilors Galloupe, Lowe, and Gleason to the Contract Negotiating Committee. The motion carried with nine yeas.

h. Merrymeeting Council of Governments

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to appoint Councilors Lowe and Galloupe with Councilor Swanson as the alternate to the Merrymeeting Council of Governments. The motion carried with nine yeas.

i. Zoning Ordinance Task Force

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to appoint Councilor Feldman to the Zoning Ordinance Task Force. The motion carried with seven yeas. Opposed Wilson and Dotts.

Correspondence:

Chair Stephen McCausland read a letter from former Councilor Ervin Snyder. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

Councilor McCausland moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to appoint former Councilor Snyder to the Zoning Ordinance Task Force. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to appoint former Councilor Snyder to the Library Building Committee. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Chair McCausland presented former Councilor Ervin Snyder with a plaque. Mr. Snyder is the only person in Brunswick who has served on each of Brunswick's elected bodies, first serving on the School Board from 1978 to 1983 and 1987 to 1994, and then serving the on the Town Council from 1995 to 1998.

3. The Town Council will set the meeting dates for the second Council meetings in January, February, and April, and the first Council meeting in September:

January 18th is Martin Luther King Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, January 19, 1999); February 15th is President's Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, February 16, 1999);

April 19th is Patriot's Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, April 20nd, 1999); and

September 6th is Labor Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, September 7, 1999).

This item is to formally set Town Council meeting dates for those meetings that fall on a holiday.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to schedule Town Council meetings for the following dates: January 19, 1999, February 16, 1999, April 20, 1999, and September 7, 1999. The motion carried with nine yeas.

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4. The Town Council will receive a recommendation from the Planning Board on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Additional Requirements relative to Boarding Care Facilities in the R4 District and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish recommended to set a public hearing for January 19, 1999.

Moved by Councilor Moll, seconded by Councilor Wilson, to schedule a public hearing for January 19, 1999 to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding Additional Requirements relative to Boarding Care Facilities in the R4 District. The motion carried with nine yeas.

The School Board members concluded their first business meeting of the year by electing James Grant as Chair of the School Board and Jeffrey Morse as Vice Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The reception celebrating the Oath of Office Ceremony followed the meeting. Refreshments were prepared by Maine Vocational Region Ten Food Trades Class of Richard Mosely. The students who participated were Amy Kitchen and Craig Osgood.

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

January 5, 1999

Date of approval

Council Chair

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