

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

July 19, 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 (joined the meeting at 7:50 p.m.).

Councilors Absent: None

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Melissa Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; Philip Carey, Town Planner; Commander Bruce Boucher, Police Department; Officer Robert Ramsey, Police Department; John Foster, Public Works Director; and citizens, members of the press and TV Video Crew.

Minutes of Meetings:

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to approve the minutes of July 6, 1999 as distributed. The motion carried with seven yeas. Councilor Feldman abstained because he was absent at the last meeting.

Correspondence:

Councilor Lowe stated that the Open Space Task Force had its first meeting this past week. The committee is in the process of putting together a plan for the future use of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Over the next few months, the members will be looking at open space the Town already owns, what open space plans look like, and what they hope to accomplish. In December, the committee will put together a definition of what the scope and charge should be for the Open Space Task Force.

Manager's Report:

1. Update on the New "Urban- Rural Initiative Program".

Manager Gerrish updated the Council on The Local Rural Road Assistance Program which has been replaced by the Urban-Rural Initiative Program. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

2. Introduction of Haley - the new Police Canine.

Commander Bruce Boucher introduced the Police Department's newest member, Haley. She is a 15 month old Belgium Malnois. Her handler will be Officer Robert Ramsey, who is a seventeen year veteran of the Brunswick Police Department. Haley has completed a basic Police Dog School, which is twelve weeks. She is scheduled for another five weeks of training at the Police Criminal Justice Academy. So far, Haley has been used five times to do article searches and also to search for people.

3. The Great State of Maine Air Show featuring the Blue Angels at the Naval Air Station.

Commander Bruce Boucher stated that there was an informational sign on Bath Road to inform the public that Bath Road would be closed at certain times of day while the Blue Angels are here. FAA regulations require that certain roadways be closed during the Air Show when the Blue Angels are flying. Bath Road will be closed from Roland's Auto Body to the Puffin Stop. Jordan Avenue will also be closed in the area of the pumping station.

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Tentative schedule for road closures:

Thursday -- arrival -- Bath Rd/Jordan Ave will be closed between noon and 3:30 p.m.

Friday -- at practice -- 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday -- shows -- 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

80,000 people are expected per day. Traffic should flow smoothly on Route 1 bypass.

4. Road Construction in Brunswick.

John Foster stated that Bell Atlantic will begin installing an underground conduit from Bath Rd to Maine Street next week for about 3 - 4 weeks. Also, next week Pleasant Street will be closed by Tess' Market from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to replace railroad tracks. There will be a lane closure during the day. CMP Natural Gas will be installing a gas main on Bath Road/Sills Drive/Federal Street intersection which will start one week from today. The Road Work Project on Bath Road/Sills Drive/Federal Street intersection will start August 2 and end by mid October. The Brunswick Sewer District will be installing 740 feet of sanitary sewer on McKeen Street and Spring Street. This will start one week from today and last for about two weeks. The Sewer District also has another project on Weymouth Street and Columbia Avenue. The Water District will continue to extend the water main on Maine Street to Bath Road in two weeks and it will take six weeks to complete.

5. Council and School Board Elections.

Manager Gerrish read a public notice concerning nomination papers for the seats that will be open for Council and School Board for the November 2, 1999 Election. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Manager Gerrish requested that agenda item number 143 be added.

#143. The Town Council will discuss approving the 1999-2000 Local Road Assistance Program from the Maine Department of Transportation.

There was no objection by Council.

133. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for an Alcoholic Beverage License and take any appropriate action:

RENEWAL FULL-TIME MALT:

**Columbus Club, Inc. d/b/a The Bowling Bowl
7 Dunlap Street**

Douglas A. Rice

FULL-TIME MALT AND VINOUS:

**The President & Trustees of Bowdoin College d/b/a
Magee's Pub & Grill at Smith Union
1 College Street**

Mary M. Kennedy

FULL-TIME MALT, SPIRITUOUS AND VINOUS:

**Applebee's Northeast Inc. d/b/a Gourmet Systems of Maine, Inc.
d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
11 Gurnet Road**

Robert T. Steinkamp

**Bowl New England, Inc. d/b/a Yankee Lanes
276 Bath Road**

J. Richard Corley

The public hearing opened at 7:57 p.m. The public hearing closed at 7:58 p.m.

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Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License for the Columbus Club, Inc. d/b/a The Bowling Bowl, The President & Trustees of Bowdoin College d/b/a Magee's Pub and Grill at Smith Union, Applebee's Northeast Inc. d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and Bowl New England, Inc. d/b/a Yankee Lanes. The motion carried with nine yeas.

134. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for a Special Amusement License and take any appropriate action:

RENEWAL:

The President and Trustees of Bowdoin College d/b/a Magee's Pub at Smith Union
6200 College Station Burgwell J. Howard

The public hearing opened at 7:58 p.m. The public hearing closed at 7:58 p.m.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to approve the request for a Special Amusement License for The President & Trustees of Bowdoin College d/b/a Magee's Pub at Smith Union. The motion carried with nine yeas.

135. The Town Council will hear public comments to consider an Ordinance Amendment amending the Town's three bond ordinances for the library project, landfill project, and the 1998 CIP project, previously adopted on June 11, 1996, August 4, 1997, and June 29, 1998, respectively, to extend the time in which the notes or bonds authorized thereby may be issued by the Town and take any appropriate action.

The public hearing opened at 7:59 p.m. The public hearing closed at 7:59 p.m.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve an Ordinance Amendment amending the Town's three bond ordinances for the library project, landfill project, and the 1998 CIP project, previously adopted on June 11, 1996, August 4, 1997, and June 29, 1998, respectively, to extend the time in which the notes or bonds authorized thereby may be issued by the Town. The motion carried with nine yeas. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

136. The Town Council will hear public comments to consider amending the Brunswick Personnel Ordinance, Section 12-73 regarding contribution to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and adding Section 12-71(e) regarding participation in a Medical Reimbursement Program and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish stated that these items would amend the Personnel Ordinance to have them come in line with the recently negotiated union contracts.

The public hearing opened at 8:02 p.m. The public hearing closed at 8:02 p.m.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to amend the Personnel Ordinance, Section 12-73 regarding contribution to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and adding Section 12-71 (e) regarding participation in a Medical Reimbursement Program. The motion carried with nine yeas.
(Attachment to permanent minutes.)

137. The Town Council will consider appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to study, in depth, institutional uses such as homeless shelters and other social service facilities, their impact on the quality of life in surrounding neighborhoods and what additional review process, if any, should be established for those uses, and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish stated that the Council had received a letter from Rita Worthing, Chair of the Planning Board, with the Board's recommendations. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

Planner Philip Carey stated that the Planning Board had a meeting on July 7th. Comments, presentation, and deliberation lasted for four hours. The Planning Board declined to take action to change the Zoning

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Ordinance. The Northwest Brunswick Neighborhood Association requested an Ad Hoc Committee. The Planning Board agreed.

Chair McCausland suggested that the Council discuss this issue a little tonight. He also thought they should wait a couple of weeks, develop a Charge for this committee and develop Committee representation. At the August 2nd Council Meeting, the Council should come prepared with a Charge and vote to establish this committee. Then, at the September 7th meeting, appoint the representatives.

Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development, wrote a memo considering the Downtown Livability Study. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

There was considerable discussion from the Council on what the Charge for this committee should be and who should be the representatives. Some of the suggestions included: to hold a symposium for speakers outside of our area, include Bowdoin College, make the study Town wide, have the Director of Human Services and Public Works Director be representatives, as part of the charge include the reports from Portland (Attachments to permanent minutes.), define the scope of the charge, respond in a timely manner, encourage owner occupied housing, make issues fewer rather than more, address parking, and define who the committee will report to. The Council expressed that it was not trying to make it hard for businesses to do business.

Chair McCausland opened the podium to the public.

Mr. George Glover, Chairman for the Northwest Brunswick Neighborhood Association, suggested that private landlords, landlords of section eight housing, and recipients of section eight housing should be representatives. Mr. Glover stated that the Association represented 1/4 of 1% of the geographic area of the Town of Brunswick, however, 75% of the client based social service facilities are based in this area. He also stated that people are not buying housing in this neighborhood. Neighbors are having trouble selling their houses because of the problems there.

Mr. Matthew Eddy, President of Tedford Shelter, suggested that realtors, the banking community, housing officials, and builders also be representatives. Mr. Eddy suggested that the Northwest Brunswick Neighborhood needed the attention first. He also suggested getting this committee up and running and then using that model to branch out into other neighborhoods.

Councilor Lowe suggested that the Town Manager and Planning Director develop a document matrix to help the Council.

Manager Gerrish agreed and suggested that they would get something out to the Council before the next meeting. He also suggested prioritizing the issues on short term needs or long term needs and focusing on what can be done in that time period.

Chair McCausland stated that the task would be to have a workable committee with a definitive charge and to give the representatives a time period in which to report back to the Council.

Chair McCausland also stated that this discussion would continue at the August 2nd meeting.

- 138. The Town Council will consider a request by the Brunswick Sewer District for a utility location permit for the relocation of approximately 740 linear feet of mainline sanitary sewer on McKeen Street and take any appropriate action.**

Leonard Blanchette, Assistant General Manager of the Sewer District, was present to answer any questions regarding his letter of request. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Brunswick Sewer District's request for a utility location permit for the relocation of approximately 740 linear feet of mainline sanitary sewer on McKeen Street. The motion carried with nine yeas.

- 139. The Town Council will consider abating the 1997 taxes for Nationwide Money Services, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000 in value or \$480.00 tax and take any appropriate action.**

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Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to abate the 1997 taxes for Nationwide Money Services, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000 in value or \$480.00 in taxes. The motion carried with nine yeas.

140. The Town Council will consider a three month extension of the existing one year lease with the Merrymeeting Rowing Club and take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish stated that he had received a letter from Douglas Richmond requesting a three month extension. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

Councilor Moll was concerned with the availability of the land to the Town and liability issues.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to approve a three month extension until November 30, 1999 of the existing one year lease with the Merrymeeting Rowing Club. The motion carried with seven yeas. Opposed Councilors Swanson and Moll.

141. The Town Council will consider a request by Margaret E. Lonsdale to donate a granite bench to the Town of Brunswick to be placed on the Androscoggin Bike Path and take any appropriate action.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the request by Margaret E. Lonsdale to donate a granite bench and the appropriate funding in honor of her father, Walter Lonsdale, to the Town of Brunswick, to be placed on the Androscoggin Bike Path. The motion carried with nine yeas.

Margaret Lonsdale stated her family would like to make a gift to the Town by dedicating a bench in honor of her father. Her father was thrilled when the Bike Path opened. Mr. Lonsdale used to be an avid walker. The bench would be a gift to the Town and the dedication a gift to their father for his 83rd birthday from his family. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

142. The Town Council will consider the request of the International Association of Machinists to operate Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance at the Thomas Point Beach on July 31, 1999 and take any appropriate action.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the request of the International Association of Machinists to operate Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance at the Thomas Point Beach on July 31, 1999. The motion carried with nine yeas.

143. The Town Council will discuss approving the 1999-2000 Local Road Assistance Program from the Maine Department of Transportation.

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to approve the 1999-2000 Local Road Assistance Program in the amount of \$198,929 to be used for maintenance and improvement of public roads. The motion carried with nine yeas. (Attachment to permanent minutes.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 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
07/21/99

Date of Approval

Council Chair