

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**June 7, 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, Timothy Dotts, Robert Galloupe, 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; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Thomas Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; James Ashe, Superintendent of Schools; citizens, members the press and TV Video Crew.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the minutes of May 17, 1999 as distributed. The motion carried with eight yeas. Councilor Lowe abstained.**

**Correspondence:**

Councilor Moll received a letter from George Glover, spokesperson of the Northwest Brunswick Neighborhood Association. Mrs. Moll read a paragraph from the letter concerning the issue of relocation of a family shelter.

**Councilor Moll recommended that the Council send this whole issue concerning institutional uses, density, and how this effects the quality of life in the neighborhood, to the Planning Board for discussion and debate. She also requested that the Planning Board come back to the Council with recommendations, as soon as possible, and to direct the Manager to instruct the Planning Board on the Councils' behalf. There was no objection from the Council.**

**Manager's Report:**

**1. 1998-99 Fiscal Budget Update.**

Manager Gerrish gave an update on the budget. In the final month of the fiscal year, the revenue side will be above projection by approximately \$200,000. On the expenditure side, all departments are in good shape.

**2. Report on assisting Topsham with Code Enforcement Issues.**

Topsham's Code Enforcement Officer has resigned to take another position. The backup had planned quite a while ago a three week vacation. Topsham has requested that the Town of Brunswick's Code Enforcement Officer help with plumbing and building inspections for three weeks. All expenses incurred will be reimbursed to the Town. The Brunswick Codes

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Enforcement Officer has been helping Topsham for the last week and it has worked out well.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

**92. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for Victualer's Licenses for:**

Andrie's Stand Grover Lane and 1 Water Street	Theodore Crooker/Adrianna Crooker
Cumberland Farms #5585 Cook's Corner	Tax Manager
Cumberland Farms #5580 Corner of Pleasant & Mill Streets	Tax Manager
Masonic Hall 65 Baribeau Drive	Robert Webber
Mid Coast Hospital Cafeteria 58 Baribeau Drive	Herbert Paris
Wrappers The Brunswick Mall	Cindi Neal

The public hearing opened at 7:37 p.m. The public hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

**Councilor Swanson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the Victualer Licenses as advertised. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

Chair McCausland asked to combine agenda items 93 & 94. No objection was made.

**93. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for an Alcoholic Beverage License:**

**New Full-time Malt and Vinous:**

Bo-Ed, Inc. and Sigtuck, Inc. d/b/a Atrium Hotel and Winners Sports Grill 21 Gurnet Road	Robert/Andrew Rosenthal and Gary Sagris
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**94. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for a Special Amusement License:**

Bo-Ed, Inc. and Sigtuck, Inc. d/b/a Atrium Hotel and Winners Sports Grill 21 Gurnet Road	Robert/Andrew Rosenthal and Gary Sagris
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Chair McCausland stated that these agenda items had been withdrawn. The Atrium and Winners at 21 Gurnet Road are reorganizing and will reapply.

The public hearing opened at 7:38 p.m. The public hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to table these items. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

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- 95. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for an Innkeepers License:**

Travelers Inn (f/k/a Siesta Motel)  
130 Pleasant Street

K & M Properties

The public hearing opened at 7:39 p.m. The public hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

**Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Innkeepers License for the Travelers Inn. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

- 96. The Town Council will consider adopting the 1999-2000 Budget Resolutions.**

Manager Gerrish reviewed the Town of Brunswick's 1999-2000 Budget Resolution. Mr. Gerrish also reviewed the 1999-2000 School Budget Resolutions. (Attachments to permanent minutes)

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to adopt the Town 1999-2000 Budget Resolution. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to adopt the 1999-2000 School Budget Resolutions. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

Chair McCausland stated that property taxes will increase 1.44% and the tax rate will be \$21.20.

- 97. The Town Council will consider the proposed location of the new Rotary, Kiwanis, and Exchange clubs service sign and take any appropriate action.**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to authorize the proposed Service Club Sign for the Kiwanis, Rotary, and Exchange clubs "to be displayed on public property" (in the street right-of-way, on the center island directly across from the Puffin Stop) in accordance with section 610 (General Exemption Provisions) of the Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

Les Hodgdon, Chairman of the Sign Committee, explained the sign would let the public know of the presence of these service organizations in town. The Chamber of Commerce would provide information regarding the meeting places and times. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

- 98. The Town Council will consider the VFW 100th Anniversary Proclamation and take any appropriate action.**

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to sign the Veterans of Foreign Wars 100th Anniversary Proclamation. The motion carried with nine yeas.** (Attachment to permanent minutes)

- 99. The Town Council will consider approving a request from Central Maine Power and New England Tel & Tel Co. for 1 pole to be located at the Pennellville Road.**

Councilor Swanson stated that she was going to vote against this as she strongly believed all new wires should go underground. She was making a statement. Councilor Feldman agreed.

Manager Gerrish stated that CMP would not pay to put the power lines underground.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Pole Permit application from CMP and New England Telephone to be located at the Pennellville Road. The motion carried with five yeas and four nays -- Councilors Feldman, Swanson, Moll and Lowe opposed.**

(Attachment to permanent minutes)

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

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

- 1 FULL MEMBER - Three year terms to expire 05/01/02
- 1 FULL MEMBER - Balance of three year term to expire 05/01/01
- 1 FULL MEMBER - Balance of three year term to expire 05/01/00

Councilor Dotts nominated R. Forrest Dillon for a three year term to expire 05/01/02.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, nominations cease and that the Chair cast a single ballot for R. Forrest Dillon. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

Councilor Moll nominated Walter G. Rosen for balance of three year term to expire 05/01/01.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, nominations cease and that the Chair cast a single ballot for Walter G. Rosen. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

**R. Forrest Dillon was re-appointed as a full member on the Conservation Commission for a three year term to expire 05/01/02.**

**Walter G. Rosen was appointed as a full member on the Conservation Commission for the balance of a three year term to expire 05/01/01 .**

**DAVIS FUND COMMITTEE**

- 2 FULL MEMBERS - Three year terms to expire 06/30/02

Councilor Wilson nominated Sanford R. Sistare.

Councilor Moll nominated Margaret E. Dunlop.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, nominations cease and that the Chair cast a single ballot each for Margaret E. Dunlop and Sanford R. Sistare. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

**Margaret E. Dunlop was re-appointed to the Davis Fund Committee as a full member for a three year term to expire 06/30/02 .**

**Sanford R. Sistare was re-appointed to the Davis Fund Committee as a full member for a three year term to expire 06/30/02 .**

**FIFTY-FIVE PLUS CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- 3 FULL MEMBERS - Three year terms to expire 07/01/02

Councilor Dotts nominated Robert Grasmuck.

Chair McCausland nominated Barbara Learmonth Hall.

Councilor Swanson nominated Maria van Huystee Woodman.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, nominations cease and that the Chair cast a single ballot each to appoint Robert Grasmuck, Barbara Hall, and Maria Woodman. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

**Robert Grasmuck was re-appointed as a full member to the 55+ Center Board of Trustees for a three year term to expire 07/01/02.**

**Barbara Learmonth Hall was re-appointed as a full member to the 55+ Center Board of Trustees for a three year term to expire 07/01/02.**

**Maria van Huystee Woodman was appointed as a full member to the 55+ Center Board of Trustees for a three year term to expire 07/01/02.**

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

1 FULL MEMBER - Five year term to expire 06/03/04

Councilor Moll nominated Harriet L. Bibber.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, nominations cease and that the Chair cast a single ballot for Harriet L. Bibber. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

**OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE**

3 Representatives - from the general public

Councilor Dotts nominated Barbara Desmarais.

Councilor Swanson nominated Pete Didisheim.

Councilor Lowe nominated Margaret L. Hazlett.

**Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, nominations cease and that the Chair cast a single ballot for each. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

**Barbara Desmarais, Pete Didisheim, Margaret L. Hazlett were appointed as citizen members to the Open Space Task Force.**

Manager Gerrish read who the names of the other members of the Open Space Task Force. (Attachment to permanent minutes) He also stated that the Council needed to appoint a member.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to appoint Councilor Lowe to the Open Space Task Force. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

**PLANNING BOARD**

1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER - Balance of three year term to expire 02/23/01

Councilor Feldman nominated Jeanne Parker.

Councilor Wilson nominated John Calvin Bauman.

Jeanne Parker received eight votes. (Councilors: Feldman, Swanson, Galloupe, Dotts, Moll, Lowe, Gleason, McCausland)

John Calvin Bauman received one vote. (Councilor Wilson)

**Jeanne Parker was appointed as an Associate Member of the Planning Board for the balance of a three year term to expire 02/23/01.**

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

1 FULL MEMBER - Three year term to expire 07/01/02

Manager Gerrish stated that Peter J. Slovenski had withdrawn his application from consideration.

Councilor Moll nominated John M. Murphy.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, nominations cease and the Chair cast one ballot for John M. Murphy. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

**John M. Murphy was re-appointed as a full member to the Recreation Commission for a three year term to expire 07/01/02.**

Chair McCausland opened the podium for Senator Philip Harriman. Senator Harriman stated that he had brought good news. There had been a major change in the school funding formula and that Brunswick would receive additional funds. The other good news was that there would be a bond issue this fall regarding transportation, which would also benefit Brunswick.

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Manager Gerrish thanked Senator Harriman for his help with education.

Chair McCausland felt it is a shame that the Senator will be term limited out after a short eight years. He stated that he appreciated Senator Harriman's efforts, Councilor Wilson concurred.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 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  
06/09/99

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Date of Approval

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Council Chair