

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 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 McCausland, Michael Feldman, Eleanor Swanson, Robert Galloupe, Timothy Dotts, Clement Wilson, Forrest Lowe, and David Gleason.

**Councilors Absent:** Faith Moll

**Others Present:** Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Commander Robert Annese; several citizens, members of the press and TV video crew.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to accept the minutes of September 20, 1999, as distributed. The motion carried with six (6) yeas and two (2) abstentions (Councilors Swanson and Dotts were absent from the 9/20/99 meeting).

**Correspondence:** None

**Manager's Report:**

**1. - Request from Brunswick Area Arts & Cultural Alliance.** The Brunswick Area Arts & Cultural Alliance is requesting that the Town act as the fiscal agent for a grant request to the Maine Arts Commission. The Council was in agreement with their request.

**2. – Financial Update.** We are only three months into the fiscal 1999-2000 Budget. It is still early, but expenditures are good. On the revenue side, excise tax is up 19 percent for the first three months of the fiscal year. State revenue sharing is approximately 19 percent higher than last year as well.

**3. – Curtis Library grand opening.** Chair McCausland commented that the Curtis Library had their grand opening Friday afternoon, October 1, 1999. He stated how proud Brunswick was of this great facility.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** Manager Gerrish requested that the Council add item #184 for the purpose of entering into Executive Session to discuss the possibility of acquisition of property. He noted that premature disclosure of the property could hinder the purchase. Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to add item #184 as stated by the Town Manager. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

**177. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for an Alcoholic Beverage License and take any appropriate action: (Manager)**

**NEW (Change):**

Dunbarton, Inc. d/b/a McGillicuddy's  
103 Pleasant Street

JoAnne Gillies

**RENEWAL:**

Bangkok Garden Restaurant d/b/a Bangkok Garden Restaurant  
140 Maine Street

Kaysone Senesombath

The Public Hearing opened at 7:40 p.m.

*JoAnne Gillies of McGillicuddy's* - stated she was seeking a Class A Lounge Liquor License that would allow smoking in her facility. Minors have not been allowed and will continue to be prohibited in the building.

Councilor Swanson stated she would not be voting to approve McGillicuddy's request as she felt the change was circumventing the law by "jumping through a loop hole."

The Public Hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for McGillicuddy's and Bangkok Garden Restaurant. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas and one (1) nay – Councilor Swanson opposed.**

**178. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for a Special Amusement License and take any appropriate action: (Manager)**

Dunbarton, Inc. d/b/a McGillicuddy's  
103 Pleasant Street

JoAnne Gillies

The Public Hearing opened at 7:44 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

**Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Special Amusement Licenses for McGillicuddy's. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

**179. The Town Council will hear public comments to consider creating a shot gun and black powder hunting area on the triangle of land bordered by Route 24, Route One and the New Meadows River and take any appropriate action. (Feldman)**

Councilor Feldman had been approached by some of his constituents who were concerned about the use of rifles in the triangle of land bordered by Route 24, Route One, and the New Meadows River (approximately 250 acres). This area is rapidly being developed both privately and commercially. In the near future, Midcoast Hospital will begin construction of a new facility there.

Commander Annese stated that he was amazed at the amount of development that is going on in this triangle of property. The hospital campus, when completed, will take about half of the area. He concurred that rifles should not be allowed in this area.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:46 p.m.

*Ruth Harvie of Adams Road* – supported the proposed amendments. She gives riding lessons to children and has experienced people firing rifles within 500 feet of her riding ring. She felt the high power rifles are very dangerous to houses not clearly visible from the woods.

*Walter Reil, hunter.* He agreed that rifles should not be used on Adams Road or New Meadows Road. However, he felt the ban in the hospital area was not necessary. The area is so thick that hunters would not carry a rifle in that area. Also, hunters legally cannot shoot within 500 feet of any residence.

Councilor Swanson commented that hunters cannot legally shoot within 300 feet of any residence.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:53 p.m.

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to approve the proposed amendments to Section 17-3 (Discharge of firearms prohibited) of the Weapons Ordinance for the purpose of creating a shotgun and black powder only hunting area on the triangle of land bordered by Route 24, Route One, and the New Meadows River, as advertised. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

*This Ordinance will become effective November 3, 1999. Hunting season begins October 30<sup>th</sup> this year, therefore, Council decided to consider this amendment on an emergency basis at their next meeting of October 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**180. The Town Council will consider the request of the Pejepscot Historical Society for Town funding to assist in creating a finding aid to retrieve Town Records stored at their facility. (Manager)**

*Debbie Smith of the Pejepscot Historical Society* – stated that their project of 23 cartons of government records stored at their site is almost complete. Last year (November 16, 1998), the Council approved a grant match of \$1500 to catalogue, index, and properly store these records. The Society needs an additional 200 hours to complete the task and create a “finding aid” to retrieve records stored at their facility. PHS is requesting the Town contribute funds in an amount equal to the grant request (\$750). The deadline for the grant proposal is October 1, 1999.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the request of the Pejepscot Historical Society to match a grant proposal of \$750 for the purposes of creating a finding aid to retrieve Town Records stored at their facility, contingent on the grant approval by the State Archives. Said funds to come from the Town’s Contingency Account. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

**181. The Town Council will consider setting a public hear on October 18, 1999 for the purposes of amending the Parking Ordinance, Section 15-73 (Overnight Parking Restrictions) and Section 15-74 (No Parking Areas) and take any appropriate action. (Manager)**

Commander Annese commented on the proposed amendments. A public hearing will need to be scheduled for the October 18, 1999 Town Council meeting.

Councilor Swanson asked where people who were going to the alumni house would park.

Commander Annese answered that another parking lot is being developed behind the houses. Bowdoin College anticipated this amendment and decided to create another parking lot.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to set a Public Hearing on October 18, 1999 for the purposes of amending the Parking Ordinance, Section 15-73 (Overnight parking Restrictions) and Section 15-74 (No Parking Areas). The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

182. The Town Council will consider a request by United Way of Mid Coast Maine to hang a banner over Maine Street from October 19<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup> and take any appropriate action. (Manger)

**Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the request by the United Way of Mid Coast of Maine to hang a banner over Maine Street from October 19<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

183. The Town Council will consider making appointments to the following boards/committees and take any appropriate action. (Manager)

HOUSING AUTHORITY

1 FULL MEMBER - Balance of a three year term to expire 06/03/02

Councilor Wilson nominated Austin Treworgy.

Councilor Feldman stated that he would not be voting for either applicant who applied for the Housing Authority at this time. He suggested that the position be re-advertised and hoped that there would be someone who was interested in serving the Brunswick Housing Authority rather than one particular controversial issue.

Councilor Lowe had the same concerns as Councilor Feldman. He would like to see additional candidates apply.

Councilor Gleason appreciated Councilor Lowe and Councilor Feldman's positions. However, every one brings a certain amount of luggage when they serve on a committee. He felt either of the two individuals who applied would be able to make an objective decision.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, that nominations cease and the Chair cast one vote for Austin Treworgy.**

Councilor Feldman wanted to point out that his comments were not meant to impugn the integrity of either candidate. There was a question of putting someone on the board or committee who is truly interested in what the committee is doing.

Chair McCausland commented that Mr. Treworgy has served this community well. Mr. Treworgy served on the Brunswick School Board for fifteen years. His business has been downtown for at least two generations. He had no problem voting for this particular candidate. He felt Mr. Treworgy has shown community spirit in the past and his experience will bring another viewpoint to the Housing Authority.

**Austin Treworgy was appointed to the Housing Authority with five votes (Councilors Gleason, Wilson, Dotts, Swanson, McCausland) – Councilors Feldman, Lowe, and Galloupe opposed.**

WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE  
1 FULL MEMBER - Three year term to expire 09/13/02

Councilor Swanson nominated Maurice Lacharite.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, that nominations cease and that the Chair cast one vote for Maurice Lacharite. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.**

**184. The Town Council will enter into executive session to discuss possible acquisition of property.**

**Councilor Gleason moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to enter into executive session to discuss possible acquisition of property. Premature disclosure of said property could hinder the purchase of the property. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 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.*

Deborah S. Cabana  
Town Clerk  
May 19, 2011

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Date of approval

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Council Chair