

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**October 18, 1999**

**MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, that the Town Council enter Executive Session to discuss Firefighter Union Negotiations and possible Acquisition of Property. The motion carried with seven yeas. Due to conflict of interest, Councilor Feldman and Councilor Gleason (absent) will not join the discussion for possible Acquisition of Property.**

**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.

**Councilors Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Melissa Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; John Foster, Town Engineer; Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development; citizens, members of the press and TV Video Crew.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the minutes of October 4, 1999 as distributed. The motion carried with eight yeas. Councilor Moll abstained.**

**Correspondence:**

Manager Gerrish stated two resignations were received, one from Austin Treworgy, who resigned from the Brunswick Housing Authority because of a conflict and the second from Loukie Lofchie who served on the Brunswick Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee. A letter of appreciation will be sent to both and the positions will be advertised.

Manager Gerrish also stated a petition (Attachment to permanent minutes) was received from Coombs Road residents requesting to extend black powder and shot gun only hunting in their area. (See Managers' Report)

Councilor Wilson stated that he was acquainted with residents of Harpswell Road, Longfellow Avenue, Coffin Street, Chamberlain Avenue, Hawthorne Avenue and Garrison Street in his district, who have a great concern with the loud parties in their neighborhoods. One neighbor distributed a petition that was signed by these residents to have an ordinance that would help the Police and Bowdoin College Security to solve these problems. Councilor Wilson also asked that this neighbor be able to say a few words concerning the petition and noted that a representative from Bowdoin College was also present. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

Chair McCausland welcomed Robert Simmons to the Council Meeting and stated that he may explain what he is proposing but this is something that the Council will not be addressing tonight.

Mr. Robert Simmons, 79 ½ Harpswell Road, made comments to the Council concerning the

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problems in his neighborhood. The last couple of years there have been problems associated with under age drinking and loud parties every weekend. He continued to explain horror stories he heard from other neighbors.

Mr. McCausland stated that he appreciated Mr. Simmons petition and that the Town Manager and the Police Chief would address this issue with the College.

### **Manager's Report:**

#### **1. Chamberlain Statue Proposal.**

Mr. Dick Morrell gave a very preliminary update on this proposal. He is part of a self appointed committee of about nine members. This committee would like to have a statue of Joshua Chamberlain, one of Brunswick's most prominent citizens, erected and placed on the northern end of the mall, near the Chamberlain House. One of the suggestions has been to erect a statute 7 to 7 ½ feet tall, mounted on a pedestal, duplicating the statue located in Brewer where Chamberlain was born. The Committee is also open to other options. Mr. Morrell felt a statue would be an enhancement to the Town. The Committee hopes to have a Maine artist do the Sculpture at a cost of approximately \$50,000 installed. There would be no funding from the community. The committee will have a very limited fund drive. The Pejepscot Historical Society supports this program. The Society will be doing a more substantial drive later. Mr. Morrell invited any citizens who were interested to join his committee.

Councilor Gleason asked who would be responsible for the maintenance, the Town or the Historical Society.

Mr. Morrell responded that he didn't believe that there would be need for much maintenance other than occasional cleaning. He believes it would probably be a cooperate effort between the Town and the Society.

#### **2. Report to the Council on extending shotgun and black powder only hunting on east Brunswick from Route 24 westerly to the Naval Air Station Property and Princes Point.**

Manager Gerrish stated that the citizens on Coombs Road asked for the Council to review for consideration the extension of the shotgun and black powder hunting only in east Brunswick from Route 24 westerly to the Naval Air Station property and Princes Point. (Attached map shows the proposed area) Mr. Gerrish suggested that a public hearing be held November 1, 1999 on an Emergency and Regular Basis. Since hunting season begins on October 30, 1999, signage would be posted as soon afterward as possible.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to set a public hearing for November 1, 1999 on an emergency and regular basis. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

#### **3. Update on roadwork.**

John Foster, Town Engineer, stated that the roadwork on Bath Rd/Federal St/Harpswell Rd is almost finished but MDOT notified Mr. Foster that they would not be able to put the final top course paving on because the season is closing. The top course will be done next season. The Cleaveland St/Federal St Public Works project should be completed tomorrow and Stanwood St/Weymouth St will be completed Wednesday. Public Works is working with Bell Atlantic to put granite curbs and concrete pavers from Maine Street Station to Noble Street and also from Coastal Typewriter to Potter Street. This project should begin in a couple of weeks. Also pending, the Water District has installed a new water main on Maine Street between Bath Road and Belmont Street and the Public Works Department is working with the Water District to have the entire width of the road repaved by next week. Simpson Point Road and Raymond Road Projects are on schedule to be paved. Along the mall, granite curb will be replaced between College Street and opposite Page Street after the paving is completed and the granite curbing is available.

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**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

- 185. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following requests for Victualer Licenses and take any appropriate action.**

**NEW:**

Gary N. Furbish & Doris L. Furbish d/b/a The Gurnet Inn  
679 Gurnet Road

Gary N. Furbish & Doris Furbish

Lo Maine Express, Inc. d/b/a Lo Maine Express, Inc.  
182 Bath Road

Li & Geoffrey Belanger

The public hearing opened at 8:25 p.m. The public hearing closed at 8:25 p.m.

**Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Victualer Licenses for The Gurnet Inn and Lo Maine Express, Inc. contingent on final inspection approvals. The motion carried with nine yeas.**

Gary Furbish came to the podium to introduce himself and his wife Dee-Dee to the Council as the owners of The Gurnet Inn. The Furbishes' just purchased the blue Victorian house on the left hand side going toward Gurnet on Route 24.

- 186. The Town Council will hear public comments to consider amending the Parking Ordinance, Section 15-73 (Overnight Parking Restrictions) and Section 15-74 (No Parking Areas) and take any appropriate action.**

Police Chief Hinton explained the changes in the Overnight Parking Restrictions and the No Parking Areas. The Chief had received no complaints regarding any of the amendments. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

The public hearing opened at 8:27 p.m. The public hearing closed at 8:27 p.m.

**Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to approve the proposed amendments to the Parking Ordinance, Section 15-73 (Overnight Parking Restrictions) and Section 15-74 (No Parking Areas) as advertised.**

After much discussion, **the motion carried with nine yeas.**

Mr. Mark Wild came to the podium to speak about the no parking amendment on Maine Street. Due to recent roadwork, cars are parking on both sides of Boody Street. The residents of Boody Street are now seeing that their street is quite crowded. The informal sidewalks are now disappearing because cars are parking on it to get off the street.

- 187. The Town Council will hear public comments to consider creating, on an emergency basis, a shot gun and black powder hunting only area on the triangle of land bordered by Route 24, Route One and the New Meadows River and take any appropriate action.**

Manager Gerrish stated that this ordinance was passed October 4, 1999 on a regular basis to become effective November 4, 1999 but the intention was to have it effective for hunting season. Mr. Gerrish recommended passing this ordinance on an emergency basis to be effective immediately. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

The public hearing opened at 8:40 p.m. The public hearing closed at 8:40 p.m.

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Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Lowe 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 hunting area on the triangle of land bordered by Route 24, Route One, and the New Meadows River, on an emergency basis. The motion carried with nine yeas.

188. The Town Council will consider authorizing the extension of the option on the Douglas Property off Route 1 and take any appropriate action.

Councilor Feldman and Councilor Gleason each stated that they had a conflict of issue and would abstain.

Manager Gerrish recommended that the Town extend their option for another two more months for an additional \$10,000. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve a resolution for an emergency appropriation of \$10,000 from unappropriated available general fund revenues to fund an extension of an option to purchase property for a possible Industrial Park. The motion carried with seven yeas. Councilors Feldman and Gleason abstained.

189. The Town Council will consider approving a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Adjacent to Sawyer Park and an Emergency Appropriation of up to \$225,000 from Unappropriated Available General Fund Revenues for the Purpose of Acquiring the Property.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Adjacent to Sawyer Park and an Emergency Appropriation of up to \$225,000 from Unappropriated Available General Fund Revenues for the Purpose of Acquiring the Property. The motion carried with nine yeas. (Attachment to permanent minutes)

190. The Town Council will consider signing the Election Warrant for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election and take any appropriate action.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the Election Warrant for the November 2, 1999 election. The motion carried with nine yeas.

191. The Town Council will consider approving the election officials' list and take any appropriate action.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the list of Election Workers for the November 2, 1999 election. The motion carried with nine yeas.

192. The Town Council will consider a request by Bowdoin College to hang a banner over Maine Street for their Reunion Weekend from May 31 through June 4, 2000 and take any appropriate action.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the request by Bowdoin College to hang a banner over Maine Street for their Reunion Weekend from May 31 through June 4, 2000. The motion carried with nine yeas.

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- 193. The Town Council will consider making appointments to the following boards/committees and take any appropriate action.**

DOWNTOWN LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

- 5 Neighborhood Residential Representatives (geographically representing the study area)
  - Single Family Property Owner(s)
  - Multi Family Property Owner(s)
  - Tenant(s)
  - At least one representative being a Northwest Brunswick Neighborhood Association member
  
- 2 Business Representatives
  - Neighborhood Commercial Business Owner
  - Brunswick Intown Group
  
- 2 Institutional Representatives
  - Independence Association OR Shoreline Community Mental Health Services
  - Tedford Shelter OR Brunswick Housing Authority'
  
- 2 Citizens
  - Residing outside the study area

After much discussion, the consensus was that since there were not enough people applying to fill the charge, then maybe the committee is not now needed.

Councilor Wilson believes that the applicants that applied should be given the opportunity to serve either with a reduced charge or at least try to come up with whatever they think the Council should hear before the Council shuts them out. He also believes that the eight applicants should be appointed.

**Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, not to appoint a Downtown Livability Committee. The motion carried with eight yeas. Councilor Wilson opposed.**

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  
10/20/99

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Date of Approval

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Council Chair