

-- APPROVED --
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2002 – 7:00 p.m.
Municipal Meeting Facility

7:00 P.M. Chair Priest called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge to the Flag.

Councilors Present. W. David Watson, Jacqueline A. Sartoris, Robert A. Galloupe, Douglas A. Rice, Charles R. Priest, Nancy E. Randolph, Forrest Lowe, and Thomas E. Crimmins.

Councilors Absent: Stephen McCausland.

Others Present: Donald H. Gerrish, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Patricia Harrington, Assistant Town Manager; Deputy Chief Clark Labbe, Fire Department; members of Fire Station Building Committee; members of the press, and TV video crew.

220. The Town Council will discuss hiring a consultant to perform a station location analysis for the new Fire Station and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish discussed the proposal from TriData to do a thorough analysis to determine a possible location for a central fire station. The cost for the full study is eighteen thousand eight hundred thirty five dollars (\$18,835). The funds would come from the fire department's budget. For nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$9,800), they would do a smaller analysis of the four (4) sites proposed by the Fire Station Building Committee. It will take thirty (30) to forty five (45) days to complete either study. He reviewed the scope of the proposal. The end result will be a recommendation as to where to put the central station and possible substation.

(A copy of the TriData proposal will be attached to the official minutes.)

Councilor Galloupe said this will give much more information than where to put the fire station. It will include future needs, staff and equipment. He supports the full study.

Manager Gerrish, responding to Councilor Crimmins' question, said the study will look at Enhanced 911, ambulance and homeland security needs.

Councilor Randolph said the proposal is beyond the Fire Station Committee's charge. It is spending more money, but she will support it because of the valuable information it will provide.

Councilor Lowe said he will not support the study since he felt that the town should not have to spend money to go back to square one. What the Committee has proposed has a minimum impact on residents. The site makes sense - if a traffic study of Pleasant and

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Maine Street supports it. He would like to see the traffic study done for the proposed sites.

Councilor Rice said the study is still an important step and may confirm what the Committee has proposed. The study will provide more information. The Fire Department deserves an adequate facility.

Manager Gerrish, responding to Councilor Crimmins' question, said either he or the Fire Chief will be the town's project manager as laid out in the TriData proposal.

Chair Priest, responding to Councilors Crimmins' and Watson's questions, said once the report is completed, it will be up to the Council as to what the next step will be. He hopes that there will be enough information to pick a location shortly after the report's completion. The Council will then need to look at funding, which will take a longer time and could include a referendum.

Councilor Crimmins asked that the report go to the Fire Station Building Committee prior to Council action.

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to support the full study by TriData, which would look at a central fire station and a location for a possible substation. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Lowe was opposed.

Councilor Rice moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
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Date of Approval

Council Chair

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