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BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2002
7:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY

7:30 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, and Stephen H. McCausland.

Councilors Absent: Councilors Forrest Lowe and Thomas E. Crimmins.

Others Present: John Eldridge, Acting Town Manager/Finance Director; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Gary Howard, Fire Chief; Steven Walker, Natural Resource Planner; Richard Desjardins, Police Commander; several citizens, members of the press and TV Video Crew.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 4, 2002

Councilor McCausland moved, Councilor Rice seconded, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2002. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor Sartoris abstained since she was not present at February 4 meeting.

Manager's Report:

1. Accept Funds from Mid Coast Hospital for improvements to Cook's Corner Traffic Light.

Chief Howard discussed this grant from Mid Coast Hospital for a light which will be used by emergency vehicles only.

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to accept and to authorize expenditure of funds from the Mid Coast Hospital for improvements to the Cook's Corner Traffic Light. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

(A copy of the letter from Mid Coast Hospital regarding this item will be attached to the official minutes.)

2. Report from Cable TV Committee

Roger Fenn, Chair of the Committee, gave this report.

(A copy of Mr. Fenn's report and the Town of Brunswick Maine Cable Television Guidelines will be attached to the official minutes.)

Correspondence:

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Councilor Sartoris said the Curtis Library sponsors several programs for February vacation. If anyone is interested, please call the library.

Katie Liscovitz, third grader, presented the Council with drawings of the Councilors made by the students. They were done as part of a school assignment.

Chair Priest congratulated the High School Boys Basketball team for finishing the season at eighteen (18) and zero (0), and wished them good luck at the tournaments.

Adjustments to Agenda: None.

21. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following requests for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses and will take any appropriate action:

Full Time Malt:

**Brunswick Golf Club d/b/a Brunswick Golf Club
River Road**

Chris Doyle

**Columbus Club, Inc. d/b/a Knights of Columbus
2 Columbus Drive**

Robert Rainville, President

Chair Priest opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve Alcoholic Beverage Licenses from the Brunswick Golf Club and the Columbus Club, Inc. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

(A copy of the public hearing notice will be attached to the official minutes.)

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

Victualers:

**Mid-Coast Bagels, Inc. d/b/a Mister Bagel
106 Pleasant Street**

Robin Taylor and Linda Smith

Chair Priest opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to approve a Victualer License from Mid-Coast Bagels, Inc. d/b/a Mister Bagel. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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(A copy of the public hearing notice will be attached to the official minutes.)

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

Special Amusement:

**Brunswick Golf Club d/b/a Brunswick Golf Club
River Road**

Chris Doyle

**Columbus Club, Inc. d/b/a Knights of Columbus
2 Columbus Drive**

Robert Rainville, President

Chair Priest opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve Special Amusement Licenses from the Brunswick Golf Club and the Columbus Club, Inc. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

(A copy of the public hearing notice will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 24. The Town Council will hear public comments on No Parking Amendments for Longfellow Avenue and Federal Street and will take any appropriate action.**

Commander Desjardins explained the need for the ordinance changes. Longfellow Avenue would make what is already labeled as no parking officially so in the ordinance. The additional space on Federal Street is to allow for better visibility when turning on Route One.

Chair Priest opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Councilor Randolph moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve no parking amendments for a section of Longfellow Avenue to be enacted on an emergency and regular basis, and to approve no parking amendments for a section of Federal Street to be enacted on a regular basis. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

(A copy of the public hearing notice and adopted amendment language will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 25. The Town Council will consider accepting and authorizing expenditures of a grant for the Respite Care Program in the amount of \$51,500 and take any appropriate action.**

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Mr. Eldridge said this item will accept the grant that the Council had previously authorized applying for.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Rice seconded, to accept and to authorize expenditure of a grant from Respite Care Program in the amount of fifty one thousand five hundred dollars (\$51,500). The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

26. The Town Council will receive an update report on the Browntail Moth situation and take any appropriate action.

Steve Walker, Natural Resources Planner, discussed this item as outlined in his memo.

(A copy of Mr. Walker's memo will be attached to the official minutes.)

Dick Bradbury, Maine Forest Service, discussed the browntail moth problem in Brunswick. The entire town is effected by the problem, but only a portion is expected to be sprayed. The goal of the project is to protect people, not to get rid of the browntail moth. The criteria for spraying include four (4) or more webs with at least four (4) to five (5) houses per mile.

Councilor Randolph discussed points presented in Dee William's letter including the damage the chemical that is sprayed will do to lobsters and other marine life.

(A copy of Ms. Dee Williams' letter will be attached to the official minutes.)

Mr. Bradbury responded to Ms. Williams concerns. It is a balancing of risks between those who have severe rashes and the use of the chemical Dimilin, which has low health risks for people. There is a one hundred fifty foot (150 ft.) buffer between the high water mark and where spraying can occur. This is to help protect the marine life. In addition, the concentration is not high enough in the water to effect life. The spraying occurs when the larvae are in their early stages and they do not have many hairs, which are what cause the problems. The Board of Health does not track the health cases caused by the moth.

Responding to Councilor Sartoris' questions, Mr. Bradbury said Maine law requires them to avoid water which is visible from the air. The drying time after spraying is twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) minutes. He could not confirm if the moths were in a ten (10) year cycle since there is not way to determine this with winter temperatures being one of the variables. They will be using three (3) ounces of Dimilin per acre. What homeowners use can be much stronger. They are only treating a small portion of the infected area.

Responding to Councilor Rice's question, Mr. Bradbury said the cost for aerial spraying would be approximately twenty-five dollars (\$25) per acre. Ground application would be approximately nineteen hundred dollars (\$1,900) per mile. He recommended the aerial spraying.

Councilors Sartoris and Galloupe discussed the number of calls they had received from people who had severe reactions to the moths.

- 27. The Town Council will receive an update on the Mere Point Boat Launch Facility and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Sartoris gave an update on the Mere Point Boat Launch. On January 24, 2002, the Land for Maine's Future board approved the grant to purchase the property. In order to keep residents informed, there will be a meeting prior to the end of March to discuss their concerns and what information should be included on the website. She thanked Councilor McCausland for his presentation on behalf of the town to the Land for Maine's Future board.

- 28. The Town Council will consider a resolution Authorizing the Town Treasurer to waive foreclosures on certain Real Estate Tax Lien Mortgages and take appropriate action.**

Mr. Eldridge said this item is an annual approval that allows the Town Treasurer to waive foreclosures on certain real estate tax liens. As the Council is aware, when tax liens expire (18 months) the property automatically becomes town property. This resolution allows the town to decide not to foreclose on property that could cost the town more to dispose of than the amount of taxes due. This occurs mostly with mobile homes. This authorization is given each year.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Randolph seconded, to approve a Resolution Authorizing The Town Treasurer To Waive Foreclosure On Certain Real Estate Tax Lien Mortgages. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

(A copy of the Resolution Authorizing The Town Treasurer To Waive Foreclosure On Certain Real Estate Tax Lien Mortgages will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 29. The Town Council will consider the request from The Friends of Curtis Memorial Library for a banner and take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Rice moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to approve a request from the Friends of Curtis Memorial Library for a banner over Maine Street. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

(A copy of the request from the Library will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 30. The Town Council will consider the following appointments:**

Androscoggin Pedestrian Bridge Committee

2 Citizen members 1 yr terms to expire 2/1/03

Personnel Board

2 Full members 3 yr terms to expire 1/12/05

2 Alternate members 1 yr terms to expire 1/12/03

Trust Investment Advisory Committee

1 Full member 3 yr term to expire 5/10/04

Welfare Appeals Board

1 Full member 2 yr term to expire 1/28/04

Assessment Review Board

2 Full members 3 yr terms to expire 1/12/05

Davis Fund

1 Full member 3 yr term to expire 6/30/04

Growstown School Committee

1 AAUW 3 yr term to expire 1/18/05

Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to appoint Councilor Randolph to the Androscoggin Pedestrian Bridge Committee as the Council representative from District 6. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Elizabeth Glover to the Androscoggin Pedestrian Bridge Committee for a term to expire on February 1, 2003, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Ms. Glover to the Androscoggin Pedestrian Bridge Committee.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Benson Ford to the Assessment Review Board for a term to expire on January 12, 2005, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Mr. Ford to the Assessment Review Board.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Richard McInnes to the Assessment Review Board for a term to expire on January 12, 2005, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Mr. McInnes to the Assessment Review Board.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Karen Hastings to the Davis Fund Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2004, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Ms. Hastings to the Davis Fund Committee.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Jane Millett to the Personnel Board as a full member for a term to expire on January 12, 2005, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Ms. Millett to the Personnel Board.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Craig Worthing to the Personnel Board as a full member for a term to expire January 12, 2005, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Mr. Worthing to the Personnel Board.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Charles Updegraph to the Personnel Board as an alternate member for a term to expire on January 12, 2003, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Mr. Updegraph to the Personnel Board.

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Councilor Sartoris nominated Pauline Brilliant to the Welfare Appeals Board for a term to expire January 28, 2004, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Ms. Brilliant to the Welfare Appeals Board.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Millie Stewart to the Growstown School Committee as the AAUW member for a term to expire on January 18, 2005, and asked that the Chair cease nominations and cast one vote for the nominee. With support of the seven (7) Councilors present, the Chair cast one vote to appoint Ms. Stewart to the Growstown School Committee.

Councilors Randolph and Sartoris encouraged people to apply for the Welfare Appeals Board since there are currently four (4) vacancies.

Councilor Randolph moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 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.

Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
February 22, 2002

March 4, 2002

Date of Approval

Charles R. Priest

Council Chair