

7:00 p.m. – EXECUTIVE SESSION ON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to go into executive session on contract negotiations. The motion carried with six (6) yeas.

**- APPROVED -
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2001
7:30 P.M.
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, Jacqueline Sartoris, Timothy Dotts, Robert Galloupe, Charles Priest, Faith Moll, Forrest Lowe, and David Gleason.

Councilors Absent: Councilor Feldman.

Others Present: Don Gerrish, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; School Board members; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Clark Labbe, Deputy Fire Chief; several citizens, members of the press, and the TV video crew.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: **June 7, 2001**
June 11, 2001

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2001, and June 11, 2001. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Correspondence: None

Manager's Report:

1) Maine State Planning Office Grant to PWD for Mercury Added Storage Shed Package

Mr. Gerrish explained that the Public Works Department received a grant for a “mercury added storage shed.” It will allow the town to recycle fluorescent lights.

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

2) Fire Department Safety Grant

Deputy Chief Labbe discussed the safety grant they received from MMA. The department has selected the “Touch n Track Accountability System,” which will track location of firefighters at the scene.

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

Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to accept the grant for the Fire Department and to thank Clark Labbe and the Fire Department staff for their work to get this grant. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

3) Update on trains

Mr. Gerrish said the major issue is how the train will go through Portland. This will effect how and when the train comes to Brunswick. It could be as much as two (2) years before it comes to Brunswick.

4) Donation for Bike Path from Junior High School students

Tom Farrell said Ann Dasenbrock, a teacher, and Junior High students raised monies with a bottle drive and wanted to donate sixty dollars (\$60) for the bike path. Mr. Farrell suggested the funds be used to purchase a tree to plant along the path.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to accept the donation for the bike path in the amount of sixty dollars (\$60) from the Junior High School. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

5) Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application

Mr. Gerrish said if the town applies for and receives this grant, they will have an opportunity to get matching funds up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The town could use the funds for a parking area at Cox Pinnacle.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to authorize the town to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Adjustments to the Agenda None.

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

Full-time Malt, Spirituous and Vinous:

Bo-Ed, Inc. d/b/a Atrium Travelodge
Sagtuck, Inc. d/b/a Winners Sports Grill
21 Gurnet Road

Robert Rosenthal and Gary Sagris

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

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License applications for the Atrium Travelodge and Winners Sports Grill. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

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

Special Amusements:

Bo-Ed, Inc. d/b/a Atrium Travelodge

Sagtuck, Inc. d/b/a Winners Sports Grill

21 Gurnet Road

Robert Rosenthal and Gary Sagris

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

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to approve the Special Amusement License application for Winners Sports Grill. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

The Council added the approval of victualer license applications, which had been advertised for this meeting.

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to approve Victualer License applications, per the list received from the Brunswick Town Clerk. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

The Council moved Item 93 before Item 79.

93. The Town Council will hear a presentation on the “Cuba Sister City” program.

Chair McCausland recommended the Council listen to the presentation and take no action this evening.

Tina Phillips, President of the Cuba Sister City Project, discussed the value of this project to Brunswick and listed those groups that have supported this project.

(A copy of her remarks will be attached to the official minutes.)

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Peter McGuire discussed the draft resolution they had attached and quoted those groups who supported the project. In response to Council questions, he gave examples of how the town could benefit in the areas of education exchanges and farming techniques. There are no public funds required and local officials are not expected to participate.

(A copy of the resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the Town of Brunswick and Trinidad, Cuba and the quotes from supporting groups will be attached to the official minutes.)

79. The Town Council will hear a request from the Town Manager to transfer funds to the Old High School account for necessary work to the building and take any appropriate action.

Mr. Gerrish discussed this item. The resolution will transfer the balance of one hundred eighty-six thousand dollars (\$186,000) from the leasing of the old high school and another thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) from the General Fund to be used for building improvements, capital projects, and operating costs at the old high school.

Councilor Sartoris stated this resolution is not in any way indicating any long-term decision as to what to do with the old high school.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to approve the resolution to transfer funds into the Old High School account. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

(A copy of the resolution to transfer the funds to the Old High School account will be attached to the official minutes.)

The Council moved Item 92 before Item 90.

92. The Town Council will consider the approval of the 6-month bingo/games of chance license renewals for the Elks Club, 55+ Center, Evergreen Senior Citizens Club and Knights of Columbus, and take any appropriate action.

Mr. Gerrish said it is time to approve the six-month bingo licenses within the town. A request has been received (copy attached) from Evergreen Senior Citizens Club, asking to move the Thursday night bingo to either Tuesday or Wednesday night. In 1993 the town met with all license applicants to work out a schedule, with the understanding that no organization would run in direct competition with another. If Evergreen runs a game on either Tuesday or Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., they will be in direct competition with the Elks or with the Knights of Columbus. The other clubs have been notified of their request.

(A copy of the letter from Evergreen Senior Citizen's Club requesting a different date will be attached to the official minutes.)

Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to renew the six-month bingo/games of chance licenses for the Elks Club, 55+ Center, Evergreen Senior Citizen's Club, and Knights of Columbus with the same restrictions and schedule as before. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

90. The Council will set a Public Hearing regarding the Coastal Protection Ordinance amendments petition.

Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to set a public hearing on the petition regarding the Coastal Protection Ordinance Amendments for July 2, 2001. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

91. The Council will consider a request from Councilor Priest to create a "New Business Park" committee and will take any appropriate action.

Councilor Priest read his proposed resolution. This proposed business park is a way to help fund schools and take some of the tax burden off of residential property owners by increasing the business valuation. He discussed the advantages to his approach to getting a business park: 1) asks for a number of sites, 2) requires the sites be accessible to public sewer and water, and 3) requires they be a minimum of eighty (80) acres. On December 10, the committee will provide the Council with a number of sites to choose from and what changes have to be made to the town ordinance and comprehensive plan, if any.

(A copy of the resolution creating the committee to recommend a Brunswick Business Park Site will be attached to the official minutes.)

Councilor Gleason said the Brunswick Resource Committee had three times gone through this process of identifying parcels for business parks. The problem has been "not in my backyard" syndrome, which he thinks the town could get again.

Councilor Priest said his idea was to have the basic stakeholders, involved in the decision, on the committee. When the issue comes to the Council, the basic arguments will be presented to them. The hard decision will still be the Council's.

Chair McCausland expressed concerned about the growth zone roadblock with sites not being in them, and that negotiating in public is a disadvantage. There has to be a serious discussion on expanding the growth zone first and how it should be adapted to Brunswick's needs.

Councilor Priest said, in response to Chair McCausland, they may have to deal with the growth zone issue and the multi sites would help with the negotiation process. The committee is only making recommendations and it is not binding. Looking at the growth zone issue is not a bad idea; his concern is that it gets into bigger issues other than finding a location for a business park. Those issues could multiply to the point the town does not have a business park in two (2) years, let alone one (1) year.

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Councilor Lowe said with the interest in where growth should be and the growth zone issue, he is uncomfortable moving ahead with the proposal at this time when the Council has spoken as a group about the need to study and review where growth should occur. He would be supportive of reviewing the growth zone and taking action on it. He would prefer that existing buildings and smaller parcels be looked at and considered as viable locations.

Councilor Moll said they know where the land is and she is concerned about public negotiation of land. If the purpose of the committee is to speed up the process, an eleven-person committee will slow things down. She would support a motion for the Town Manager to find and recommend parcels for another industrial park and report back to the Council.

Chair McCausland said if the proposed sites come back and are out of the growth zone, there is nothing they can do until the growth zone is expanded.

Councilor Priest said if the sites are outside of the growth zone, the Council will have to look at that issue.

Councilor Gleason discussed the application for Fox Run, which is a private project. They may want to look to those developers to see what can be done. The Council has to look at what the town already has, as well.

Councilor Galloupe felt the town staff and Brunswick Resource Committee could come up with the parcels quicker. The comprehensive plan could be changed if necessary. The need for the industrial park is there.

Councilor Sartoris said there is a need for people to understand what the constraints on lands are. This proposal is an opportunity to get public input and to provide education. She would prefer to have a discussion about changing the zoning for specific sites, rather than changing zoning altogether up front. She feels the town has nothing to lose and she supports revising the comprehensive plan, both from the information from the open space planning and from this process.

Councilor Priest felt it was important not to cut the public or environmental groups out of the process. If this is done the town will not get the zoning change. This is going to happen if the manager brings the suggestions, and the Council holds a public hearing to change the zoning without public education. His proposal will allow for a short time of public education, which is needed.

Councilor Lowe would be interested in seeing a proposal from the staff on how to look at the growth zone and the way it is designed. It is important to have a new business park. The timeframe for such a large committee is physically impossible in three (3) months.

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Councilor Sartoris said land is becoming less available and the longer this process is dragged out, the more limited the choices are going to be. The proposal binds the Council to nothing.

Mr. Gerrish said there is consensus on one (1) issue; that the Council wants staff to do work to create a process for them to talk about this issue of a business park. He can bring back at the next meeting a process to make it happen. The growth zone and going outside of the comprehensive plan are concerns. He added there is a cost to develop a business park, and in the urban area it would be more costly.

Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to adopt the resolution creating "A Committee to Recommend A Brunswick Business Park Site." The motion failed with three (3) yeas. Opposed Councilors Galloupe, McCausland, Moll, Lowe, and Gleason.

83. The Town Council will consider making appointments to the following Boards and Committees:

Cable Television Committee

2 Citizen Members

Three year terms to expire 9/6/03

Marine Resource Committee

1 Full Member

(Commercial Shellfish Harvester)

**Balance of three year term
to expire 5/1/03**

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to table the appointment to the Cable Television Committee until the next meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Councilor Sartoris nominated Dana Ginnett for appointment to the Marine Resource Committee.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Moll seconded, that nominations cease and the chair cast one vote to appoint Dana Ginnett to the Marine Resource Committee as a Commercial Shellfish Harvester member for a balance of a term, expiring on May 1, 2003. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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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

June 21, 2001

July 2, 2001

Date of Approval

Stephen McCausland

Council Chair