

-- Approved --
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
March 3, 2003
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: Chair Charles R. Priest, W. David Watson, Robert A. Galloupe, Douglas A. Rice, Nancy E. Randolph, Thomas E. Crimmins and Stephen H. McCausland.

Councilors Absent: Councilors Jacqueline A. Sartoris and Forrest Lowe.

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; John Eldridge, Finance Director; John Foster, Public Works Director; several citizens, members of the press, and TV video crew.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: February 18, 2003

Hearing no objection from the Council, Chair Priest declared the minutes of February 18, 2003, accepted as written.

Correspondence:

Councilor McCausland discussed the public forum for the Cable TV Franchise Committee to be held on March 24, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Randolph announced an economic development forum on March 10, 2003, at 7:00 pm. It is sponsored by the Brunswick Resources Corporation and Mid Coast Business, Development and Planning group.

Manager's Report:

1) Financial Update

Manager Gerrish said at eight (8) months through the fiscal year, revenues for excise taxes and state revenue sharing are ahead of what was projected. Under expenditures, the town is still in good shape. The winter works budget is going to be stretched, depending on what happens weather wise the next few weeks.

2) Update on River Road "S" Curve

Manager Gerrish said the town is planning to place the "S" Curve project out to bid. It has not appropriated the funds for the project at this time, but the town is bidding the project with the understanding that the funds are not appropriated and letting the bidders know that a decision on funding will be made by June 15, 2003. He has discussed this

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process with potential bidders and they understand what the town is doing. The town will then have a bid price to use as it decides on our future commitment.

Adjustments to Agenda:

Add Item #37 regarding appointing Council members to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

- 28. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following requests for Alcoholic Beverage license renewals and will take any appropriate action.**

Full-time Malt and Vinous

**Maine Pines Racquet Club, Inc. d/b/a Maine Pines Racquet & Sports
120 Harpswell Road**

Robert Manter

Full-time Malt, Spirituous and Vinous

**Brunswick Golf Club, Inc. d/b/a Brunswick Golf Club
River Road**

Chris Doyle

Ly-Corp d/b/a China Rose Restaurant

42 Bath Road

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Columbus Club, Inc. d/b/a Knights of Columbus Sekenger Council

2 Columbus Drive

C. Matthew Rich, President

Masagana Corp. d/b/a Oriental Restaurant

13 Mill Street

Cecilio H. Juntura

Chair Priest opened the public hearing.

Matt Rich spoke on behalf of the Knight of Columbus' license request.

Chair Priest closed the public hearing.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Crimmins seconded, to approve requests for Alcoholic Beverage license renewals from Maine Pines Racquet Club, Brunswick Golf Club, China Rose Restaurant, Knights of Columbus, and Oriental Restaurant. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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

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

Brunswick Golf Club, Inc. d/b/a Brunswick Golf Club

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River Road

Chris Doyle

Columbus Club, Inc. d/b/a Knights of Columbus Sekenger Council

2 Columbus Drive

C. Matthew Rich, President

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

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Crimmins seconded, to approve requests for Special Amusement license renewals from the Brunswick Golf Club and Knights of Columbus. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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

- 30. The Town Council will consider the following requests for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways applications for the Brunswick Mall and will take any appropriate action.**

**Brunswick Farmers Market Association, Inc. d/b/a Brunswick Farmers Market
Chas Gill**

**Sean McDonald d/b/a Danny's Dogs
Sean L. McDonald**

**Sandra Webber d/b/a Down East Hot Dogs
Sandra Webber**

**Ken and Ann Hough d/b/a Wrappers
Ken and Ann Hough**

Charles Gill spoke on behalf of the Farmers Market Association.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Randolph seconded, to approve requests for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways applications for the Brunswick Mall for Brunswick Farmers Market, Danny's Dogs, Down East Hot Dogs, and Wrappers. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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

- 31. The Town Council will consider the following requests for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways applications for the Town's sidewalks and will take any appropriate action.**

Peter M. Robbins d/b/a Bohemian Coffee House

111 Maine Street

Councilor Randolph moved, Councilor Rice seconded, to approve a request for Sellers of Prepared Food on Public Ways application for the town's sidewalks for the Bohemian Coffee House. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

32. The Town Council will consider passing a Resolution for Refunding General Obligation Bonds and will take any appropriate action.

John Eldridge, Finance Director, discussed the refinancing of the High School bonds. It could save as much as four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the remainder of the life of the bond.

Councilor Rice moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to adopt the proposed Resolution designating \$9,850,000 Principal Amount of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds as Bank Qualified. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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

33. The Town Council will consider realigning the property line between town owned property on Graham Road and property owned by Rebecca and John Ungemach on Graham Road and will take any appropriate action.

John Foster, Public Works Director, discussed this item as outlined in his memo.

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

Councilor Randolph moved, Councilor Rice seconded, to approve the proposed agreement line between the Town of Brunswick and John and Rebecca Ungemach for properties located on Graham Road. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

34. The Town Council will consider a request from the Brunswick Sewer District for a Utility Location Permit on Harpswell Road and will take any appropriate action.

John Foster discussed this request from the Sewer District for a utility location permit on Harpswell Road to extend the sewer into the new John Thompson Estates development, near Baxter Lane.

Councilor Rice moved, Councilor Crimmins seconded, to approve the Brunswick Sewer District request for a Utility Location Permit on Harpswell Road, with conditions outlined in a memo from John Foster, Public Works Director, to Don Gerrish, Town Manager, dated February 27, 2003. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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(A copy of Mr. Foster's memo dated February 27, 2003, will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 35. The Town Council will consider a request from the Tax Assessor to abate the 2000 and 2001 personal property tax for International Training Inc. and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Gerrish said this would abate taxes for International Training, Inc. that were incorrectly assessed for personal property equipment for the 2000 and 2001 tax years.

Councilor Randolph moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to abate 2000 and 2001 personal property tax assessed to International Training, Inc. as recommended by the Tax Assessor. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

- 36. The Town Council will consider a request from the Tedford Shelter for the Town to make a request to the State of Maine for a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant/Public Service Grant and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Gerrish discussed this request for a grant for the Tedford Shelter. A CDBG grant requires that a municipality serve as the fiscal agent for the grant, similar to what was done for Respite Care. The fiscal note states that there will be a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) cost to the town to administer the grant. He is requesting that the Tedford Shelter reimburse the town for this cost.

Donald Kniseley, Director of the Tedford Shelter, explained the need for the grant as explained in a memo he prepared. It will assist with paying for a Homeless Prevention Coordinator.

(A copy of the Tedford Shelter – Homeless Prevention Program memo will be attached to the official minutes.)

Manager Gerrish explained that this would require a public hearing. In addition he discussed how the Council may wish to establish a policy if they continue to get these types of block grant requests. Responding to Councilor Watson's question, Manager Gerrish said that the one thousand dollars (\$1,000) was a recommended flat fee to the town.

Councilor Randolph shared an experience she had with a homeless family and how she very strongly supported this project.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Randolph seconded, to set a public hearing on March 17, 2003 for the request from the Tedford Shelter for the town to support an application for a Community Development Block Grant/Public Service Grant. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

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37. (ADDED) The Town Council will consider appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

Councilor Galloupe explained that he felt that Council representatives to committees should take direction from the Council and that they represent the Council. In the past there had been Councilors who have represented their own interest on a committee.

Councilor McCausland suggested that if the Council wants to give direction it needs to, since this has not always happened in the past.

Chair Priest recommended that either the Councilor or representative of a committee could report back to the Council. Councilor Galloupe liked that idea, along with Councilor Watson.

Councilor Randolph said it would be hard for her to work on the Comprehensive Plan Committee at the direction of the Council. She understood she was there to use her own experience on it. She likes the reporting back to the Council, but does not like the idea of taking orders, which would be hard to deal with.

Chair Priest appointed Councilors Randolph and Sartoris as the Council representatives to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

No Council action was required to affirm other committees' representatives to this Review Committee.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 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
March 10, 2003*

March 17, 2003

Date of Approval

Charles R. Priest

Council Chair