

**-- APPROVED --**  
**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2001**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
**MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY**

**7:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Possible Property Acquisition**

**Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible property acquisition. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. [Note: Councilor Lowe arrived late.]**

**7:30 P.M.** Chair McCausland called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge to the Flag.

**Councilors Present:** Chair McCausland, Michael Feldman, Jacqueline Sartoris, Robert Galloupe, Charles Priest, Faith Moll, Forrest Lowe

**Councilors Absent:** David Gleason

**Others Present:** Don Gerrish, Town Manager; Joyce Cronk, Executive Secretary; Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning; several citizens, members of the press, and the TV video crew.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:      October 15, 2001**

Councilor Lowe pointed out two corrections to the October 15 minutes:  
Under "Correspondence", the last sentence of the paragraph should read: "This is the third time in four (4) years that town schools have won this award."  
Under "Item 170", Chair McCausland made the motion to deny the poverty abatement.

**Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to approve the minutes of October 15, 2001 as corrected. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**Correspondence:**      None

**Manager's Report:**

**1. Financial Update** – Mr. Gerrish reported that revenues from excise tax were up for the month, making up the decrease seen last month. State revenue sharing was also up from last month so that revenues for this year to date are equal to last year at this time. The Town's finances are in good shape, but Mr. Gerrish remains cautious regarding revenues.

**2. Report on Household Hazardous Waste Collection** – The Town's hazardous waste collection was the most successful one to date. The Town had budgeted \$6,000 for the collection; however there was so much participation that the actual cost was closer to

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\$12,000. Mr. Gerrish stated he felt it was money well spent, considering the volume of hazardous waste that was kept out of the landfill and removed from residential areas.

**3. East Coast Greenway Alliance Award** – Mr. Gerrish said the Town was presented with a “Local Trail of Merit” Award from this organization for the Bike Path, which they believe is an exemplary project.

**4. Veteran’s Day** – Mr. Robert Coffin spoke about the Town’s Veteran’s Day observation. Captain Keith Koon from Brunswick Naval Air Station will speak at the North end of the Mall, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 11. He encouraged everyone to make an effort to attend.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

**171. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following Alcoholic Beverage license applications:**

**Full Time Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous**

**Hospitality Concepts, LLC d/b/a Player’s Pub/Pedro O’Hara’s  
One Center Street Peter Therriault**

**Full Time Malt and Vinous**

**Thai House Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Thai House  
207 Pleasant Street Khone Sanasy**

**Full Time Malt**

**Capital Pizza Huts, Inc. d/b/a Pizza Hut, Inc. d/b/a Pizza Hut  
107 Pleasant Street Richard Bloomer**

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

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for Player’s Pub/Pedro O’Hara’s, Thai House Restaurant, Pizza Hut (107 Pleasant Street). The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

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

**172. The Town Council will hear public comments on Victualer’s license applications:**

**Mid Coast Hospital, d/b/a Mid Coast Hospital  
123 Medical Center Drive Ross Taylor**

**Hospitality Concepts, LLC d/b/a Player’s Pub/Pedro O’Hara’s**

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**One Center Street**

**Peter Therriault**

**Thai House Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Thai House  
207 Pleasant Street**

**Khone Sanasy**

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

**Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to approve the Victualer's License applications for Mid Coast Hospital, Player's Pub/Pedro O'Hara's, and Thai House Restaurant. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

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

**173. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following Special Amusement license application:**

**Hospitality Concepts, LLC d/b/a Player's Pub/Pedro O'Hara's  
One Center Street**

**Peter Therriault**

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

**Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to approve a special amusement license application from Player's Pub/Pedro O'Hara's. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

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

**174. The Town Council will hear public hearing comments on the proposed amendments to the Planning Board Ordinance that would change the appointment, tenure and voting status of members.**

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

Councilors Galloupe, Moll and Feldman all spoke in support of this amendment, stating that the new number of voting members would better serve the democratic process of the town. Councilor Feldman also reminded the Council that over the next few months the Council will need to look at ways of reducing the amount of work that is required of the Planning Board.

**Councilor Galloupe moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to approve the proposed amendments to the Planning Board Ordinance that change the appointment, tenure and voting status of members. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Opposed Sartoris.**

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

- 175. The Town Council will review a request from the Assessor on a property tax abatement for a non-resident serviceman, and will take any appropriate action.**

**Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to abate Year 2000 property tax assessed to a non-resident serviceman. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

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

- 176. The Town Council will hear a report on the Downtown Parking Study, and will take any appropriate action.**

Mr. Gerrish reviewed the Downtown Parking Study, giving a brief overview of the committee's work and membership. He then went on to highlight the seven recommendations that the study offers:

1. Undertake a program to increase knowledge of parking available (signs, brochures, etc.)
2. Manage short-term parking aggressively, particularly as it is affected by employees.
3. Expand the supply of short term parking availability (2 hour parking).
4. Downtown businesses should address parking for their employees.
5. Controlled overnight parking should be allowed in municipal lots for downtown residents.
6. The Town should develop a permanent way of funding parking improvements.
7. Attention should be paid to the quality and accessibility of pedestrian ways into parking lots.

**Mr. Chuck Mull**, a member of the Parking Committee, urged the Council to act on the Parking Survey. He stated that the issue had been studied carefully, and that it was now time to begin action.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to accept the report and to send it back to staff to develop an implementation plan and timetable and report back to the Council. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

*(A copy of the Downtown Brunswick Parking Study Report will be attached to the official minutes.)*

- 177. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing on the proposed change to the Personnel Ordinance regarding call back pay for non-union employees and will take any appropriate action.**

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Mr. Gerrish stated that he would like to have the non-union employees receive the same amount of call back pay (2 hours) as their union counterparts.

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to set a public hearing for November 19, 2001, on a proposed amendment to the Personnel Ordinance regarding Call Back pay for non-union employees. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**178. The Town Council will consider accepting a state grant for the Bike Path Study to be done with the City of Bath, and will take any appropriate action.**

**Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to accept the \$60,000 grant from the State of Maine for the purpose of studying an extension of the Bike Path into Bath. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

**179. The Town Council will consider appointments to the following Boards and Committees and will take any appropriate action:**

**Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 Full Members**

**Three year terms to expire 11/20/04**

**Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to close nominations and reappoint Steven Garrett and William Lamb to the Zoning Board of Appeals for terms to expire on November 20, 2004. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 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.**

*Joyce Cronk*  
*Executive Secretary*  
*November 7, 2001*

**November 19, 2001**

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*Date of Approval*

*Stephen H. McCausland*

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*Council Chair*