

7:00 P.M. – The Town Council will vote to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to enter into executive session. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
APRIL 2, 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, Michael Feldman, Jacqueline Sartoris, Timothy Dotts, Robert Galloupe, Faith Moll, Forrest Lowe, and David Gleason. Councilor Priest arrived at 8:45 p.m.

Councilors Absent: None.

Others Present: Don Gerrish, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; John Foster, Public Works Director; several citizens, members of the press, and the TV video crew.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 19, 2001
March 26, 2001

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Galloupe seconded, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2001, and March 26, 2001. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Correspondence: Resignation, Timothy M. Johnson
Marine Resources Committee

Councilor Feldman invited citizens to a round table discussion relative to the Cooks Corner Master Plan, to be held on May 1 and May 8. The Planning Board is seeking input and if someone is interested in participating, he/she should submit a letter of interest by April 6 so the Board can select a few to participate.

Manager's Report:

Financial Report

Mr. Gerrish said the town is seventy-five percent (75%) through its fiscal year. Revenue sharing and excise taxes are lagging behind based on what was expected. Excise is flat and is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) below what was expected. State revenue sharing will be short seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), but the town should be able to cover that loss with other larger revenues and with budget cuts.

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Chair McCausland read a letter praising the Town Manager for all his hard work and accomplishments over the past year.

- 46. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Bus Stop Ordinance, to create a bus stop on Elm Street, and will take any appropriate action.**

There were no public comments.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to amend the Bus Stop Ordinance, removing the bus stop at 9 Pleasant Street and adding one on Elm Street, north side from Maine Street for one hundred eighteen (118) feet. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 47. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Traffic Ordinance, designating a “No Parking” area on Cumberland Street, and take any appropriate action.**

George Glover, President of the Northwest Brunswick Association, said the police chief has taken recommendation from members in that area and incorporated them into the ordinance changes. The Association supports the ordinance change.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to amend the Parking Ordinance to designate “no parking” on Cumberland Street, southerly side, from Maine Street to Cushing Street. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

- 48. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Traffic Ordinance, designating a “No Parking” area on High Street, and take any appropriate action.**

Citizens **John Berger**, **Ms. Minugh**, **George Glover**, and **Elizabeth Glover** spoke in favor of adding an additional forty (40) feet to the no parking area on High Street.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to amend the Parking Ordinance to designate “no parking” on High Street, south side, commencing at Union Street and extending westerly one hundred forty (140) feet, and north side, commencing at Union Street and extending westerly to Cushing Street; and to have an additional forty (40) feet reviewed by town staff to see if parking should be prohibited and to set a public hearing on April 17 to seek comments on the additional forty (40) feet of no parking area. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

49. The Town Council will hear public comments on the placement of a Traffic Light at the intersection of McKeen and Maine Streets, and will take any appropriate action.

Chief Hinton discussed why the traffic light is needed. With a widening of the intersection it would be safer and faster to get to Maine Street from McKeen Street. It could take traffic off the side streets and bring it back to McKeen Street, allowing for a better flow of traffic. He hoped the light would decrease the number of accidents at this intersection.

(A copy of Chief Hinton's report will be attached to the official minutes.)

Scott Hood, Bowdoin College, said the College supports having this traffic light installed.

Ben Swan, Page Street, said he did not support the light and felt that McKeen Street should be narrowed. A traffic light is not the solution and would have a cost to the quality of life.

Tom Henze, Page Street, said there should be a plan for the area before putting in a light. He is not against the traffic light at McKeen Street, but he would like a crossing light at Page and Maine Streets.

Peter Lowe, Thompson Street, said the Council should look at Maine Street as a whole. It should be made more inviting to pedestrian traffic.

Mark Wild, Boody Street, disagreed with the traffic light. It will not slow traffic or improve safety. With the light, more traffic will be pushed into the neighborhoods.

Elizabeth Webb, Maine Street, said she was concerned about the light being a distraction for motorists.

Councilor Lowe said he supported pedestrian safety and not enlarging the intersection. He would like to see other options. He wanted options on types of lights and how they would look.

Councilor Feldman was concerned about the streets adjacent to McKeen and the safety there.

Councilor Galloupe said he feels when the hospital traffic is gone, there will be a great reduction in traffic on McKeen Street.

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Councilor Sartoris said she did not see how this light would help pedestrians. She felt this was a planning issue and wanted additional information on pedestrian and traffic flow.

Chair McCausland said the light may, at least artificially, provide a break in the traffic and the town has done everything short of a light there.

Councilor Moll suggested having different options put together for further discussion. Examples would be speed enforcement, reduction in speed limit, and re-engineering McKeen Street.

Councilor McCausland moved, Councilor Priest seconded, to table this item until additional information could be gathered on the traffic light and other options. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 50. The Town Council will hear public comments on the submission of a \$400,000.00 Community Development Block Grant application to establish a Senior Health Center at the Mid-Coast Hospital site, and will take any appropriate action.**

Chris Schrum discussed this grant proposal.

(An explanation of the grant will be attached to the official minutes.)

Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) on behalf of Mid-Coast Geriatric Services Corp. to establish a Senior Health Center at the Mid-Coast Hospital site. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 51. The Town Council will hear public comments on the submission of a \$50,000.00 Community Development Block Grant application to expand the current service offered by Respite Care for treatment of individuals with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease, and will take any appropriate action.**

Chris Schrum discussed this grant proposal.

(An explanation of the grant will be attached to the official minutes.)

Nancy Herk-Bott, Director of Respite Care, stated her support for the grant.

Ms. Minugh spoke of the importance of the respite care program.

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) on behalf of Respite Care to expand their program to a medical model for patients with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 27. The Town Council will discuss the formation of a committee to assist with planning a train station in Brunswick and will take any appropriate action**

Mr. Gerrish said the town is monitoring the progress of Amtrak's arrival in Portland, which is hoped to be by fall. It will be at least one (1) year to two (2) years after that before it comes to Brunswick. The state is prepared to move forward with planning the train station when the time is right. He will report back to the Council as necessary with any developments.

- 43. The Town Council will consider adopting Goals for 2001 and will take appropriate action.**

Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Gleason seconded, to adopt Town Council Goals for 2001. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

- 52. The Town Council will discuss further action regarding the Coastal Protection Zone and will take any appropriate action.**

Janet Brand, resident, brought up several points that were of concern to her. She spoke about protecting the rights of property owners and discussed issues surrounding current laws and marinas in the Coastal Protection Zone.

Councilor Priest moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to refer the Coastal Protection Zone issue to the Planning Board for their review and comment, excluding provisions for marinas. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The Council will take up this item again at their May 7, 2001 meeting.

- 53. The Town Council will discuss the Town Manager's annual evaluation and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor McCausland moved, Councilor Lowe seconded, to compensate the Town Manager as follows: to increase his annual salary to \$90,766.69 effective April 1, 2001; to authorize a contribution of 10% to his retirement fund; and to reward him a one-time performance bonus of \$4,334. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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(A memo from the Council outlining the compensation will be attached to the official minutes.)

54. The Town Council will consider the Appointment of a Harbor Master.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to appoint Alan Houston as the Harbor Master. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 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
April 6, 2001*

April 17, 2001

Date of Approval

Council Chair