

-- APPROVED --
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2002
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Meeting Facility

7:00 p.m. Posting of Colors: Brunswick Police Department Honor Guard – Lt. Marc Arnold, Sgt. Mark LaFountain, Officer Steven Cribby, and Officer William Collins.

Manager Donald Gerrish called the meeting to order and asked James Ashe, Superintendent of Schools, to lead the audience in the pledge to the flag.

National Anthem: Sung by Shelby Ellery, Brunswick High School student.

Invocation: The Reverend Daniel Warren from St. Paul's Episcopal Church offered the invocation.

Councilors-Elect Sworn to Office: Town Clerk Fran Smith led the oath for the following Town Councilors: Thomas E. Crimmins, W. David Watson, Robert A. Galloupe, Douglas A. Rice, and Nancy E. Randolph.

School Board Members-Elect Sworn to Office: Town Clerk Fran Smith led the oath for the following School Board members: Allen L. Springer, P. Dennis Lucas, Jr., Dugan Slovenski, and Alan G. Yuodsnukis. School Board member elect Janet Connors was not present and will be sworn in at a later date.

Entertainment: The Brunswick High School Sextet, Shelby Ellery, keyboard; Katherine Ballentine, clarinet; Jennifer Kish, alto saxophone; Phoebe Williams, Kelsey Lamdin, Angelina Wakely, flute; will perform Reunion – Aeris' Death, composed by Nobuo Uematsu arranged by Shelby Ellery for a clarinet, saxophone and three flutes.

Benediction: The Reverend Daniel Warren offered the benediction.

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Jacqueline Sartoris, Robert Galloupe, Douglas Rice, Charles Priest, Nancy Randolph, Forrest Lowe, Thomas Crimmins and Stephen McCausland.

School Board Members Present: Dennis Lucas, Dugan Slovenski, Eileen Murphy, Corinne Perreault, William Dana, Alan Yuodsnukis, Rebecca Shepherd, and Allen Springer (Janet Connors was absent).

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Melissa L. Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; Jerry Hinton, Police Chief; Cathleen Donovan, Assessor; Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development; Geoffrey Hole, Town Attorney; Commander Richard Desjardins, Police Department; Commander Timothy Young, Police Department; Gary Howard, Fire Chief; Clark Labbe, Deputy Fire Chief; Elin Gould, Deputy Town Clerk; State Representative District 49, John Richardson; State Representative District 50, Stanley Gerzofsky; State Representative District 85, William Schneider; State Senator District 23, Betheda Edmonds; citizens, members of the press and TV Video Crew.

The School Board members adjourned to the conference room to conduct their organizational meeting.

Election of Council Chair:

Councilor Sartoris nominated Councilor Priest as the Council Chair.

Councilor Lowe nominated Councilor McCausland as the Council Chair.

Councilor Randolph moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, that nominations cease.

Councilor Priest received four (4) votes (Councilors Sartoris, Galloupe, Priest, Randolph).

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Councilor McCausland received four (4) votes (Councilors Rice, Lowe, Crimmins, McCausland).

Town Clerk Fran Smith stated that there was a four to four vote and asked Councilor Watson how he would like to cast his vote.

Councilor Watson stated that he was interested in hearing how the two candidates' planned to lead the Council.

After responses from Councilors Priest and McCausland, the final vote was taken.

Councilor Priest received five (5) votes (Councilors Watson, Sartoris, Galloupe, Priest, Randolph).

Councilor McCausland received four (4) votes (Councilors Rice, Lowe, Crimmins, McCausland).

Town Clerk Fran Smith turned the meeting over to the new Council Chair, Charles Priest.

Election of Council Vice-Chair:

Chair Priest thanked the Council and thanked Councilor McCausland for his gracious remarks. Mr. Priest also thanked Mr. McCausland for his service to the Town and indicated that it involved a lot of time and sacrifice on his behalf. The Chair stated that the Town appreciated Mr. McCausland's service, as did the Town Council.

Councilor Randolph nominated Councilor Galloupe as the Council Vice-Chair.

Councilor McCausland nominated Councilor Lowe as the Council Vice-Chair.

Councilor McCausland moved, Councilor Crimmins seconded, that nominations cease. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Watson requested that they hear from the two candidates.

Councilors Galloupe and Lowe spoke briefly.

Councilor Galloupe received four (4) votes (Councilors Sartoris, Galloupe, Priest, Randolph).

Councilor Lowe received five (5) votes (Councilors Watson, Rice, Lowe, Crimmins, McCausland).

Chair Priest announced that Councilor Lowe would be the Council Vice-Chair for 2002.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: December 17, 2001

Councilor Lowe moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2001 with one noted exception, that under item 198 the name was Ed Hawes, not Hawkes.

There was no objection from the Council to make the correction.

Councilor Randolph asked that the date of June 8th be added to the letter Councilor Moll read, written by the Brunswick Intown Group (under correspondence).

There was no objection from the Council to add this date.

Councilor Randolph seconded. The motion was unanimous of the Councilors present at that meeting. Councilors Watson, Randolph, and Crimmins abstained as they were not present at the December 17, 2001 meeting.

Correspondence: None

Manager's Report: None

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Adjustments to the Agenda: None

1. The Town Council will appoint the Town Attorney.

Manager Gerrish stated that Attorney Geoffrey Hole of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer, and Nelson had served the Town for the past five years.

Councilor Sartoris nominated the firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer, and Nelson.

Councilor Lowe seconded the nomination.

Councilor Randolph moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, that nominations cease. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Seeing only one nomination, Chair Priest declared that the firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer, and Nelson was appointed as the Town Attorney.

2. The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to the following:

These are annual appointments of Council representative to various Town committees:

a. Appointment Sub-committee – 3 councilors

Councilors Sartoris, Crimmins, and Rice volunteered for the Appointment Sub-committee.

b. Brunswick Development Corporation

The Chair of the Council is automatically the Brunswick Development Corporation representative.

c. Brunswick Resources Corporation

Councilor Randolph expressed an interest and was appointed to the Brunswick Resources Corporation.

d. Cable Television Committee

Chair Priest will continue to serve on the Cable Television Committee.

e. Growstown School Committee

Councilor Galloupe stated that Growstown School was in his district and he would like to continue to be on the Committee. Councilor Galloupe was appointed to the Growstown School Committee.

f. Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

Chair Priest stated that the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee was renamed the Recycling Committee. Councilor Sartoris stated she would be happy to continue on the Recycling Committee and was re-appointed to it.

g. Trust Investment Advisory Committee

Councilor Lowe volunteered and was appointed to the Trust Investment Advisory Committee.

h. Mid Coast Business Development and Planning

Councilors Watson, Galloupe, Priest, Lowe and Randolph volunteered.

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- 3. The Town Council will consider accepting as public streets the remainder of Arrowhead Drive, Parsons Farm Road and Cyprus Lane, and will also consider accepting the drainage easements for the roads, and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Gerrish explained that Town Engineer John Foster's letter indicated that these three streets and drainage easements meet the Town's specifications and may be accepted. *A copy of the letter and map from John Foster will be attached to the official minutes.*

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Randolph seconded, to accept the remainder of Arrowhead Drive, Parsons Farm Road, and Cyprus Lane and expressed a desire to have the Town Manager report back to the Council on the conditions which are involved in accepting public streets. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

- 4. The Town Council will set the meeting dates for the second Council meeting in January, February and April, and for the first Council meeting in September, as follows:**

January 21st is Martin Luther King Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, January 22, 2002)

February 18th is President's Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, February 19, 2002)

April 15th is Patriot's Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, April 16, 2002)

September 2nd is Labor Day (Council to meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2002)

Councilor Lowe moved, Councilor Crimmins seconded, to approve the meeting dates suggested for the second Council meeting in January, February, and April, and the first Council meeting of September 2002. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Manager Gerrish thanked Town Clerk Fran Smith and her staff for their work in arranging the activities and decorations for the evening. He also thanked Richard Mosely and his students in the Food Trades Class for the refreshments.

Manager Gerrish reminded the public that there would be a Special Council Meeting next Monday, January 14, 2002.

Chair Priest welcomed the Town of Brunswick's State Representatives: John Richardson, Stanley Gerzofsky, William Schneider and the Town of Brunswick's State Senator Betheda Edmonds.

Representative Gerzofsky complimented Mr. McCausland on his excellent job over his many years of serving Brunswick, wearing many different titles with many different roles. Mr. McCausland received a standing ovation from the Council and public that were present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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.

*Melissa L. Smith
Deputy Town Clerk
January 9, 2002*

January 14, 2002

Date of Approval

Charles R. Priest

Council Chair