

**North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes**  
**February 23, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Present: Julie Fernee, Lynn Manley, Michael Johnson, Sr, Maurice Dolbec, Stephen Dumont, David Bentley, Lendell Quint, Patrick McLaughlin, Anne Plant and Christopher Rosen

Also Present: Michael Dunn, Richard Anderson, Brian Gosselin and Dwayne Morin

Chairman Rosen opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Rosen led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Committee Recommendations:**

Dwayne presented the committee with meeting minutes for the February 18, 2015. It was moved by David and seconded by Maurice to approve the minutes as amended. Vote 9-0-1 in favor.

**Public Works Articles:**

Chairman Rosen read **Article 19** regarding ***Public Works Appropriations*** of \$488,205.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by David and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$488,205.00 as follows.

Winter Public Works	\$125,000.00
General Public Works	\$109,500.00
Patch	\$2,500.00
Salaries	<u>\$251,205.00</u>
Total	\$488,250.00

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Rosen read Article 20 regarding *Debt Service - Public Works Road Bond* of \$115,945.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by David and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$115,945.00 from Excise Tax. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Rosen read Article 21 regarding *Capital Improvements - Roads Appropriation* of \$289,055.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by David and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$289,055 with \$98,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Dwayne and Mike Dunn, Road Foreman, explained that the capital improvements planned for this year include the following roads: Pleasant street (shim and overlay), Lower Main Street (shim and overlay), Dyer Street (reconstruct), Gould's Bridge Road (pave), Hammond Road (shim and overlay) and Beech Ridge Road (cover estimated cost overrun from FY2015 project). In addition it is planned to repave the sidewalk along Route 9 from Portland Street to the end of sidewalk. The breakdown of the funds is as follows:

Roads – Sidewalks	\$5,000.00
Roads - Reconstruction	\$68,000.00
Roads – Pavement	<u>\$216,055.00</u>
Total	\$289,055.00

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Rosen read Article 22 regarding *Capital Improvements – Public Works* of \$19,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by David and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$19,000.00 from Equipment Fund. Vote 10-0 in favor.

### **Fire Department Articles:**

Chairman Rosen read Article 7 regarding *Fire Department Appropriations* of \$131,210.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by David ought to pass \$131,210.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Rosen read Article 9 regarding *Debt Service – Fire Pumper* of \$41,220.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by David ought to pass \$41,220.00 with \$1,220 from Equipment Fund. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Rosen read Article 10 regarding *Capital Improvements– Fire Tanker* of \$30,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by David ought to pass \$30,000.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Patrick McLaughlin moved to dispense with the reading of Article 11 authorizing the Board of Selectmen to purchase *Capital Improvements– Fire Tanker* in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 and it was seconded by Maurice. Vote 10-0 in favor. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by David ought to pass with the Board of Selectmen choosing either a lease/purchase or bonding arrangement for the financing of the vehicle based on the best terms than can be obtained at time of purchase. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Rosen read Article 12 regarding *Capital Improvements– SCBA Bottle Replacement* of \$11,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by David ought to pass \$11,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 10-0 in favor.

### **Transfer Station Articles**

Chairman Rosen read Article 17 regarding *Transfer Station Appropriation* of \$226,200.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$226,200.00 with \$119,725.00 from Enterprise Fund. Vote 9-0-1 in favor.

Chairman Rosen read Article 18 regarding *Capital Improvements– Transfer Station* of \$15,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Michael and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$11,500.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance and \$3,500 from Designated Fund Balance Vote 10-0 in favor.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Michael and seconded by David to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin, Town Manager