

North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes
February 17, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Present: Barry Abbott, Elisabeth Glidden, Dale Clock, Julie Fernee, David Bentley, Thomas Cashell, Maurice Dolbec, Sharon Hilton, Lorinda Hilton and Rebekah Yonan.

Also Present: Jack Murray, Mike Dunn, Gregg Drew, Paul Danforth and Dwayne Morin

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

Review of Committee Recommendations:

Dwayne presented the committee with meeting minutes for the previous meeting. David moved to approve the minutes, Dale seconded the motion, Vote 10-0 in favor

Public Works Articles:

Chairman Abbott read **Article 14** regarding ***Public Works Appropriations*** of \$481,665.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by David ought to pass \$481,665.00; After discussion it was moved by Dale and seconded by David to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations; \$473,665.00 from Excise Tax as follows.

Winter Public Works	\$125,000.00
General Public Works	\$116,100.00
Patch	\$2,500.00
Salaries	<u>\$230,065.00</u>
Total	\$473,665.00

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read Article 15 regarding *Capital Improvements - Roads Appropriation* of \$395,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by David. ought to pass \$395,000.00: \$234,000.00 from Excise Tax, \$79,000.00 from Road Grant and \$82,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Dwayne and Mike Dunn, Road Foreman, explained that the capital improvements planned for this year include the following roads: Main Street(reconstruction), Main Street Sidewalks, Portland Street(surface), Oakwoods Road from Bridge to Route 4(Shim and Overlay) and Pine Meadow Drive(Shim and Overlay) and West 5(Base Pavement). The projects were deviated from after the notification from Unitil Gas Company that they intend to repair their gas line on Portland Street. The Town will amend the Portland Street project from a shim and pave to a grind and pave. The Town has already raised funds in this fiscal year (10) to accomplish much of the work but in order to complete the project without impacting the budget the town will forego surface on Sid Hall Drive for a years and will only base West 5 in the next fiscal year. The reason Portland Street was only going to shimmed and overlaid was due to the shallow depth of the high pressure gas line and with it off line, the Selectmen felt that this is an opportunity to complete a better project on Portland Street. The new breakdown of the funds is as follows:

Roads - Reconstruction	\$149,830.00
Roads – Pavement	<u>\$245,170.00</u>
Total	\$3955,000.00

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read Article 16 regarding *Capital Improvements - Vehicle* of \$160,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$160,000.00. Dwayne informed the Committee that in the original budget recommendations, Selectmen and he had decided to forego the truck for the next fiscal year. However, this past week a deal came about where Freightliner of Maine has a cab and chassis for a wheeler and a drastically reduced price. The list value on the truck is \$165,000.00 and they are willing to sell it the town for \$82,000.00. Add to this the equipment needed at \$73,000.00 and the Town can purchase the truck for \$155,000.00. This is a significant savings to the Town that does not come around very often. The Board of Selectmen after reviewing the proposal from Freightliner is recommending that the Town pursue the purchase of this truck in the present fiscal year (10). The Board is recommending to move \$155,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance into the Equipment Fund and appropriating \$155,000.00 from the Equipment Fund to purchase the Truck with the Town reimbursing the Equipment Fund at a rate of \$31,000.00 for four years beginning in budget FY12. Funds to be expended during the FY10 Fiscal year.

After discussion it was moved by David and seconded by Dale to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations; move \$155,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance into the Equipment Fund and appropriating \$155,000.00 from the Equipment Fund to purchase the Truck with the Town reimbursing the Equipment Fund at a rate of \$31,000.00 for four years beginning in budget FY12. Funds to be expended during the FY10 Fiscal year.

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Rescue Department Articles

Vice Chairman Clock read Article 12 regarding *Rescue Department Appropriations* of \$81,330.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$81,330.00. After discussion it was moved by David and seconded by Maurice to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations; \$77,330.00 from Taxation. Vote 9-0-1 in favor.

Protection Articles

Vice Chairman Clock read Article 11 regarding *Street Lights, Hydrant Rental and Dispatch Services Appropriation* of \$206,900.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$206,900.00; \$94,500.00 from Taxation, \$45,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance and \$67,400.00 from State Revenue Sharing as follows:

Street Lights	\$30,000.00
Hydrant Rental	\$107,400.00
Dispatch Services	<u>\$69,500.00</u>
Total	\$206,900.00

Vote 9-1 in favor.

Outside Agencies

It was moved by Dale and seconded by Lorinda to request only those outside/social service agencies who have requested an increase in funding to attend the meeting on March 1, 2010. The meetings are open to the public so anyone can attend the meetings, however, the Committee will hear only from those agencies requesting increased funding. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Adjournment

It was moved by David and seconded by Dale to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin
Town Manager