

North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes September 1, 2015

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

Present: Chairman Galemmo, Selectman Folsom, Selectman Johnson, Jr.,
Selectman Hall, Selectman Cowan

Also Present: Dwayne Morin

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of August 18, 2015

Dwayne stated that he added the Parks and Recreation Committee members that were present. They had not stated their names when speaking and the stenographer was not present at the meeting so she did not know who they were. Dwayne added their names within the minutes.

Selectman Cowan motioned to approve the minutes of August 18, 2015. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

3. Public Input

There was no public input at this time.

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Roads: Update on Road Projects

Dwayne stated that they had put the shim on Lower Main Street, Dyer Street and Pleasant Street. They were hoping to put the surface on by the end of this month but the pavers came back and said that they had a spot next Thursday. They will be grinding the joints on this week and once the surface is on it will look really good. He said that he spoke to the painters today and they said that as soon as we get it paved, they will try and get over there and paint it.

Dwayne stated that he has had a request from one of the residents on Lower Main Street to have 25 mph speed limit painted on the road. He stated that this is a 25 mph zone and it has always been a bone of contention because people will usually go faster than that. It would be painted on Lower Main Street right after the railroad tracks, about half way down and then at the town line. Selectman Cowan asked if there was an additional cost for this. Dwayne stated that it would cost about \$250. Selectman Cowan said that she doesn't see the point of incurring that kind of cost for this. Selectman Folsom also said that if they do it here, they will be asked to do it in other places around town. Dwayne stated that they have done it on one road and that road is Madison Street at the speed bump. Dwayne said that the residents on this road have been concerned about the speeding on that road. The police do keep a watch on this road as much as they can. Selectman Cowan said that they did add the additional "Slow" sign there last year because Gregg Drew had mentioned that it may be a good idea. Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked if there were speed limit signs posted. Dwayne said that it is posted three times. There is one when you come on to Lower Main, one halfway down and another one at the town line. Selectman Cowan feels that there is more than adequate signage and the police do patrol it regularly. She is concerned with the additional cost and the extra cost each year to repaint it.

Selectman Folsom motioned to deny the request for the painting of the speed limit on Lower Main Street. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Dwayne stated that they are going to start next week on Gould's Bridge Road. The gas company still has not given us an answer as to what they are going to do down there. Dwayne spoke with the gas company yesterday and they told him that they were going down on Thursday to do testing. Now they don't even know if they are going to need to replace the pipe. Dwayne told them that he was very upset about this because we could have paved it a week ago. Dwayne said that they told him that if they are going to replace it, they will definitely do it by the end of the month.

Dwayne said that they are also working on the Transfer Station right now. They are waiting for the updated HHE200 form to be done. He said that Paul is going to do that for us because he is the one that did the original design. We need to have it updated in order to add the tank. Dwayne said that they are actually looking at adding a 1500 gallon tank instead of a 1000 gallon tank because it is only a difference of about \$200. It would buy us 1 ½ times the capacity. We just need to see the length and see if we can make the elevations work. Paul said that he should have it done by the end of this week or beginning of next week. We will then work on the sidewalks on Route 9. This will be the end of our projects for the year. It will only leave Hammond Road to be done in the spring.

We also need to start working on winter issues. Dwayne just ordered winter sand today. Selectman Folsom asked what was going on with the salt. Dwayne said that the salt price did go up but he said that they had anticipated that already. He said that they are getting sand at a price of \$3.50 per yard. He stated that the cost itself is not actually the sand but the trucking of it. He said that we are getting it here in town from a company on Route 4. Selectman Folsom asked if it was screened and Dwayne said that it was. Selectman Cowan asked what the name of the company was. Dwayne said that it is O'Brian Construction but the corporate name is actually Goldmark. Dwayne stated that the \$3.50 included them loading the trucks. He stated that we

will be buying about 3,000 yards of sand this year. Selectman Folsom asked if the building was currently empty. Dwayne said that it was about a third full. Selectman Cowan asked if this was typical to previous years. Dwayne said that it is on the low side. The 3 winters before, it was about half full. Dwayne said that he was actually hoping that they would empty it, because they would like to go in and seal the concrete. He said that they also use less sand now than they used to because we don't use sand in the Village. They only use salt there and use the sand out in the country.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – September 15, 2015 – 6:30 pm Community Center

5. New Business:

A. Fire Department: Approve Bond Bank Resolution for Purchase of Tanker

Dwayne stated that we were approved for our Bond Bank loan. He stated that the Board has to pass a Resolution as it relates to the Bond Bank itself. Dwayne said that on page 21 of their packet was the resolution that their Attorney had put together.

Selectman Folsom moved that the Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize \$225,000 Bond Issue to Acquire a Fire Truck," be approved in form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion.

Chairman Galembo asked what the rate was and Dwayne stated that they did not know yet. He said that it goes out to bid on the 28th of September. He stated that for the past couple of years, it has been between 2.5% and 3.5%. He does not anticipate it being high interest rates.

VOTE: 5-0

Dwayne stated that the Attorney will now prepare all of the paperwork. Dwayne stated that we will be closing on the 22nd of October.

B. Town Meeting FY17: Review Schedule for FY17 Town Meeting

Dwayne stated that he had included a timeline in their packet regarding the budget process for FY17. He stated that they looked at a few dates. He said that they typically try to do it the first Saturday in April. Dwayne stated that this year the 2nd is the first Saturday in April. He also looked to see if the 9th was available as well. He said that on the 9th the auditorium is available but one of the gyms is not. He said that they have a dance the night before. We usually set up the night before so this will not work. He said that the 16th was not available either.

Selectman Folsom motioned to adopt the timeline for the Town of North Berwick Budget Process FY 2017 and for the Town Meeting to be held on April 2, 2016. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

C. E911: Appoint Addressing Officer

Dwayne stated that the State now wants the towns to appoint an Addressing Officer. Selectman Cowan asked what an Addressing Officer was and Dwayne said that it was the person who actually assigns the addresses for the houses. Dwayne stated that it has always been our Code Enforcement Officer. He said that it is written in our Zoning Ordinance that the Addressing Officer is our Code Enforcement Officer. Dwayne said that the State actually wants the Board of Selectmen to appoint someone to be the Addressing Officer.

Selectman Cowan motioned to appoint James Marchese to be the Addressing Officer. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

6. Other Business:

Dwayne stated that the tax bills have gone out. He said that he has not heard any negative comments at all.

Selectman Folsom said that she has received many positive comments regarding the flags.

Dwayne stated that he was contacted by the Boy Scouts regarding the lending libraries. He said that they were not aware of the aesthetic value of it either. They stated that their Scout leader will be back next week and they will set up a meeting with us to discuss the lending libraries. Dwayne said that they gave him a copy of the original plan and the picture that is in the plan is definitely not what the boy scout built.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant:	August 25, 2015	- \$ 11,990.27
Warrant:	September 1, 2015	- \$ 49,143.72

Selectman Hall motioned to approve the Warrant from August 25, 2015 for the amount of \$11,990.27 and the Warrant from September 1, 2015 for the amount of \$49,143.72. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Folsom motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Selectman Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Respectively submitted,
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Wendy Cowan

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectman: Jonathan Hall