

North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes September 15, 2015

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

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

Also Present: Dwayne Morin, Kristie Michaud, Laurienne Missud Martin, Dayna Mayrose, Aimee Jordan, Lincoln Harrison

Chairman Galemmo opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of September 1, 2015

Dwayne Morin stated that he made a correction. On Page 3 of the packet, in the last paragraph, in the 5th sentence, the word “salt” should be “sand”.

Selectman Cowan motioned to approve the minutes of September 1, 2015 as amended. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

3. Public Input

There was no public input at this time.

5. New Business:

A. Parks and Recreation: Review Trail Proposal for Community Center

Dwayne Morin stated that, at one of the last meetings, the Board had discussed the proposal for a walking trail at the Community Center. One of the things that was asked was if the trail could be made around the perimeter of the facility itself. He stated that he walked it with Mike to see if it was an option and he stated that it could be done. He stated that the red line that it is shown on the picture in the packet is the proposed trail. It measured to be 2,000 feet and about 350 feet through the parking lot. It is just under a half mile. The green line on the picture would add about another half mile to the trail. Chairman Galemмо asked if there were more trails that went beyond where the green line ends on the picture. Dwayne said that there are more trails that extend out beyond the back end of the soccer fields. They are looking at keeping the trail right along the perimeter of the facility and keeping it between the ditch and the roadside on the back side of the trees. He stated that they would most likely have to put a fence along the road to protect anyone that is walking. Dwayne stated that they did look at it and it is something that is doable.

At this point, Dwayne stated that they need to decide if they are going to move forward with the project. If they are not going to move forward, then they won't spend any more time trying to figure things out. If they are going to move forward with the project, Dwayne needs to know if this proposal he just talked about is the way that they will go. Dwayne stated that if they wanted to, they could go outside and he could show them where it would all be located. The Board agreed that they would go walk the trail.

The Board of Selectman and Parks and Recreation members went out at 6:35 pm to check out the trail. They returned at 7:00 pm to continue with the meeting.

Chairman Galemмо asked the Parks and Recreation members what they thought of the trail now. Dayna Mayrose stated that she liked this new proposal much better. Aimee Jordan liked how it would go around the bigger field. Kristie Michaud stated that she liked this proposal a lot more as well. Lincoln Harrison asked about the cost of the project. Dwayne stated that he wanted to make sure that everyone wanted to move forward with this proposal before he figured out the actual costs. Aimee asked if it was still going to be 8 feet wide. Dwayne stated that they were looking at doing it between 6 to 8 feet wide. He said that 6 feet is just a little bit wider than a sidewalk so you can have 2 people walking side by side. If we do the 8 feet, than it would accommodate 3 people walking side by side. He said that there is plenty of width so they could do the 8 feet wide. Kristie asked if it would be a huge cost difference between the 6 and 8 feet. Dwayne stated that there would be a cost difference, but it would all be with the material because we are going to use our town workers to construct it. He said that they may also have to rent a small excavator. Selectman Cowan stated that she would like it to be 8 feet because if there are a number of people using it, it allows for some passing room.

Selectman Folsom asked if they were going to put up a few benches around the trail. Dwayne stated that they could put a few of them out there. Selectman Folsom feels that the senior citizens that use the trail might like that so they can sit and rest if they need to. Dwayne stated

that he would also like to look into getting some aluminum bleachers out there during soccer season. He would also like to replace the sign. He stated that they could wrap these things into the same project. Kristie stated that she doesn't really see a lot of parents standing around because they all bring their own chairs. Selectman Johnson, Jr. stated that they are busy on Saturday mornings. One of the Parks and Rec members was wondering where they would put bleachers because there are so many fields. Kristie stated that she thinks it would be a good idea to put some benches by the playground. She said that a lot of people lug the picnic tables out and don't put them back.

Selectman Hall asked the Parks and Recreation what else they may want to have. Kristie said that they have been talking about getting a rebound wall. She stated that it is just a wall that the kids can throw a ball or something against. Selectman Hall asked where they would put it. Dwayne stated that wherever they put it, they will need to have pavement. Selectman Hall asked if the basketball courts were just for recreational use. Kristie said that they were used just for pickup games or just to shoot around. Selectman Hall asked if the rebound wall could be incorporated into the basketball court. Lincoln Harrison asked if people used the full court or just the half court when they played basketball. Kristie said that she has never seen them use the full court. They are usually using the half court to play Horse or Around the World. Chairman Galemme asked if they could put it at the end of the basketball court and extend the pavement so they wouldn't be playing on the court. They would be playing on the other side of the wall. Kristie said that she never sees that basketball court used at both ends. Chairman Galemme asked if the wall was made of concrete. Dwayne stated that they are made out of wood. Chairman Galemme said he was concerned about people hitting into it while they are playing basketball. Selectman Hall stated that they would need to put it on the side of the basketball court and not on the end of it. Laurienne Missud Martin asked how tall the walls were. Dwayne stated that they are usually 6-8 feet tall. Selectman Cowan asked how much labor is involved in putting this together and Dwayne said that it is something that our guys could do. Dwayne stated that they can look into it and see what options that they had.

Selectman Hall asked if they were considering putting the benches along the back side of the trail and was wondering how many they were considering. He stated that he doesn't think that there should be any along the roadside and the other members agreed. Dwayne stated that they can just lay it all out so they can see where it makes sense to have them. He said they may want a couple along the long stretch of the trail. Selectman Cowan stated that right now they are just establishing conceptually the fact that we like the idea of the walking trail. She stated that they can work on it further and tweak it as they go along.

Selectman Cowan motioned to approve the concept of establishing a walking trail at the Community Center as proposed with further refinements to be determined. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Roads: Update on Road Projects

Dwayne stated that yesterday and today, they had been paving on Pleasant Street, Lower Main Street and Dyer Street. They should be done by tomorrow. He stated that if they don't get the striping done this week, it will be done in a month when the stripers come back. He said they may want to hold off striping so they can get the shoulder on the roads done first. He said that they finished graveling Gould's Bridge Road today so it is ready for pavement. They are also working on getting the Transfer Station done and the sidewalks on Route 9. Selectman Cowan asked if there was a deadline to getting these things done. Dwayne said that he wants to be done by November before any big frosts occur. Selectman Cowan asked if it looked like they were going to be done on time. Dwayne stated that Paul was going to have the septic design to him by Friday. Once he gets that, they will get the permit and start working. He said that they have already gone out there and checked everything including the storm drainage so Mike already has a plan for that. He stated that once they get the tank in the ground everything else should go relatively smooth.

Dwayne stated that he received a visit from the State last Friday concerning walkability in the town, specifically for visually impaired people. He said that they were very happy with the extension of the sidewalk to Hannaford. One of the concerns that they had was for the people on the western side of Route 4 crossing over to the sidewalk which is on the eastern side of Route 4. Dwayne said that we used to have 5 crosswalks all along Route 4 from traffic light to traffic light. When the State came in 7 years ago and redid the road, they took all of the crosswalks away except for the one in front of Allards. Dwayne said that we did not have a say in it. The only way they would give them back is if we created sidewalks on the other side of Route 4. Dwayne said that would be very expensive and there is not enough room in some areas to do this. The person from the State said that they would like it to go from the Manor up to Maple Street but Dwayne told him that there is no way that they will be able to do that. Selectman Cowan asked who initiated this. Dwayne stated that there is a group in the State that looks after visually impaired and hearing impaired people. They are looking at all communities, especially the ones with downtown areas. One of the ladies that has some clients in our town came with the person from the State to see what could be done. Dwayne told them that he would love to have a crosswalk back at Maple Street. That is where a lot of people would like to have one back. The problem is that to have a crosswalk, you have to have a receiving area on both sides. He said that it would be highly unlikely that we would build sidewalks on Maple Street because our right of way doesn't have the width and it would not be the best way to spend our money. Dwayne did tell them that we could put a receiving area there. The State will consider giving us back some of our crosswalks.

They were also concerned with the signalization at Route 9 and 4 and also the receiving areas at that intersection. He said that the Perkins Store intersection is a very wide open and is not well defined. You have the parking lot where the old Perkins Store was and then you have the sidewalk coming down Route 4. He stated that until something happens with that property, it really is never going to be well defined. Dwayne told the State that one thing that would help is to put up a Braille pad on both areas. He stated that it is also a very long crosswalk and our

signals are not audio signals. He told the State that they would have to do something with the signalization there at some point because they are the old signals. That is the State's responsibility. They put them in and we maintain them.

B. Town Hall: Installation of TV in Conference Room

Dwayne stated that they installed the TV in the Conference Room to replace the projector. He stated that it will be a great tool for them to use.

Dwayne stated that they had to buy a new badge ID maker because the other one was no longer working. The cost was \$1500 and it is split with the school.

C. Fire Department: Update on Bonding Process for New Tanker

Dwayne stated that there was a copy in their packet of the lawyer's opinion on the bonding. He stated that everything was moving along nicely. He stated that they are actually going to use our bond package as a sample on how people should complete their bond application. Chairman Galemme asked if the Governor's holding of bonds would impact this. Dwayne stated that it would not because these bonds are issued in our name not in the State's name.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – October 6, 2015 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

6. Other Business:

Dwayne said that they will need to start talking about the budget. He told the Board to think of anything that they want to discuss or include in the next year's budget. At the next meeting, he will give the Selectmen the proposed CIP for next year so they can see what they are looking at for capital.

Dwayne stated that they will be setting up meetings with the committees. He said that they will try to meet with the Planning Board the first week of December. They are working on a few things and they should meet to discuss these issues. They should meet with the Conservation and Agricultural Committee to see what they have been doing. Chairman Galemme would like to set up a meeting with some of the committees such as Conservation & Agricultural Committee, Parks and Recreation and Historical Society to discuss and possibly start formulating a plan regarding the trail systems in North Berwick.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant:	September 8, 2015	- \$ 14,848.51
Warrant:	September 15, 2015	- \$ 685,844.00

Selectman Folsom motioned to approve the Warrant of September 8, 2015 for the amount of \$14,848.51 and the Warrant of September 15, 2015 for the amount of \$685,844.00. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Folsom motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Selectman Cowan 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