

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: September 23, 2014**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES SEPTEMBER  
23, 2014**

**Present:** Chairman Danforth, Selectman Galemmo, Selectman Drew, Selectman Folsom, Selectman Cowan

**Also Present:** Dwayne Morin

Chairman Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes of September 9, 2014**

Dwayne Morin stated that he had made a couple of changes. On Page 3 under Section B, it stated that it was Chairman Chase but it should be Chairman Danforth. Also under Section E, Holiday Flags, the first sentence reads, "Dwayne stated that last year, the business associates decided...". It should read, "Dwayne stated that last year, the business association decided...".

Selectman Folsom motioned to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014 as amended. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**3. Public Input**

No public comment at this time.

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Canoe Launch: Update on Progress**

Dwayne stated that they started on the canoe launch last week and they got the culvert in. He stated that they started cutting trees down for the parking lot area today. He said that there was about 15 trees that needed to be cut. He said that if everything goes well, they should be done by the end of next week.

**B. Roads:** Update on Road Projects

Dwayne stated that they are done on Beech Ridge Road. He stated that as of today, they are still on budget, but he knows that there are some bills that have not come in yet. The stump bill and all of the force equipment have not been taken into account yet. Chairman Danforth stated that he spoke with his neighbor, Jeff Anderson regarding the stone walls. Mr. Anderson was wondering when they were going to come back and fix the stone walls. Dwayne stated that he has also spoken with Mr. Anderson. Dwayne told him that they were going to be fixing the stone walls. Chairman Danforth stated that the walls were disturbed by the tree cutting. Dwayne stated that they have gone ahead and fixed the stone wall on Mr. Anderson's property. Dwayne stated that he did videotape the entire road prior to the work being done so he will go back and take a look to make sure that it is back the way that they were.

**C. Mill Field:** Gazebo Repairs

Dwayne stated that they did receive the new DVR and he hopes to install it sometime this week.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – October 7, 2014 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**5. New Business:**

**A. Fire Department:** Red Light Authorization for Joshua Gosselin

Dwayne stated that Joshua Gosselin is requesting to get authorization to have a red light for his personal motor vehicle.

Selectman Folsom motioned to accept the request for Joshua Gosselin to operate a red light in his personal vehicle. Selectman Galemme seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**B. Holiday Schedule:** Review Proposal From Employees for 2014 Holiday Season

Dwayne stated that this year, Christmas falls on a Thursday, so the staff has asked what was going to happen with that Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>. Dwayne stated that they usually work from 8-1 on Fridays, but the staff would like to know what could be done to allow them to have this day off. He stated that the staff is proposing to work the full day on Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> and take the day off on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Drew asked if they wanted to do the same for the New Year's holiday. Dwayne stated that they were mainly concerned with the Christmas holiday. Selectman Cowan asked Dwayne if they should deal with the holidays separately or include the New Year's holiday in the same motion. Dwayne stated that it was up to the Board.

Selectman Cowan motioned to allow the staff to have Friday, 12/26/14 and work a full day on 12/24/14 and to have Friday, 1/2/15 off and work a full day on 12/31/14. Selectman Drew seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**C. Town Meeting:** Determine Town Meeting Date for 2015

Dwayne stated that he included two separate timelines for the Board to consider for the Town Meeting schedule. He stated that one is for the Town meeting to be held on 4/4/15 and one for 4/11/15. He stated that Easter is on 4/5/15 and people usually don't like to have the Town meeting held on the day before Easter, so he created a second timeline for the Town meeting to be 4/11/15.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to hold the Town meeting on April 11, 2015. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**6. Other Business – Executive Session – Poverty Abatement**

Dwayne stated that the people that need to be here for the abatement are not here yet. Chairman Danforth stated that they would move on to the approval of the Warrants.

**7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence**

Warrant:	September 16, 2014	- \$ 842,111.16
Warrant:	September 23, 2014	- \$ 0.00

Selectman Galemmo motioned to accept the Warrant of September 16, 2014 for the amount of \$842,111.16. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

**6. Other Business:**

Dwayne stated that they have been having some parking issues at the Community Center with the soccer teams that are playing there. People have been parking in the Fire Lane. They actually park there and sit in the car to watch their kids play soccer. He stated that he met with the Noble Travel Soccer about this issue and they said that they were not going to police it. Dwayne told them that if they were not going to police it, the Town would. Dwayne told Kristie that it was not her job to tell these people to move their cars because all they do is yell at her. He has told her to just call the police. They have now started to give out the tickets and people are now mad. Dwayne stated that they have a couple signs up as well as a sandwich board sign stating that there was no parking in the fire lane, but people totally ignore it. Selectman Galemmo stated that maybe they should double the fines in the Fire Lanes. Dwayne stated that they have an even bigger issue at the High School with people parking where they shouldn't.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to double the fines when people park in Fire Lanes. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Selectman Galemmo motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:57 pm.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to accept the property abatement numbered 2014 #2 of \$756.11.  
Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**8. Adjournment:**

Selectman Galemmo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Selectman Drew seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Respectively submitted,  
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Gregg Drew

Selectman: Wendy Cowan