

North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes December 16, 2014

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

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

Also Present: Dwayne Morin, Shirley Barto, Lorinda Hilton, Mary Craig, Alan Craig, Richard Braly, Sharon Braly, Lynn Manley, Laurie Dunn, Sue Caler, Geoff Aleve, Richard Reynolds, Barry Chase, Jon Morse, Kristen Marchant, Laura Shaw, Dan Staples, Mike Barker, Matthew Qualls

Chairman Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes of December 2, 2014**

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve the minutes of December 2, 2014. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0 Abstain: 1

3. Public Input

Susan Caler stepped forward to represent the North Berwick Neighborhood Craft Fair. She stated that this was the seventh year that they have held the craft fair. It takes place at the elementary school on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. She stated that every year, the proceeds go to the North Berwick Fuel Assistance Fund and the Food Pantry at the New Covenant Church on Maple Street. This year they were able to raise \$5,420. She stated that the fair is put together by so many businesses, groups, organizations and individuals from our town. It is a group effort from citizens of North Berwick. Mrs. Caler asked Mary and Alan Craig from the Food Pantry to come up. Mrs. Caler stated that they have already given \$1,000 to them and they are now being presented with a check for an additional \$2,210. Mary Craig stated that it all goes

toward food. Alan Craig stated that they are up to 142 families and 260 people that they feed each month. They are also up to about 55,000 pounds of food that they give people which averages to about 40 pounds per person per month. He stated that they are steadily growing. He stated that it is three times larger than when they took it over three years ago. He stated that they are averaging about 3 new families a week. He stated that they definitely appreciate the money that they have received. The Selectmen stated that they appreciate everything that the Craig's have done with the pantry.

Susan Caler stated that she would like to introduce some of the members of their Executive Board. She stated that Lorinda Hilton has been serving on the committee for seven years and is one of the original organizers of the craft fair. Laura Shaw is one of the newer members. Linda Rose and Sally Eldredge are also on the committee but could not attend tonight. Mrs. Caler then presented a check to Dwayne for the Fuel Assistance Fund in the amount of \$3,210. Selectman Drew asked if they had done well this year. Mrs. Caler stated that they brought in a couple of hundred more this year. She stated that they have raised a total of \$47,610 so far. Selectman Cowan asked Dwayne to submit something to show some public recognition to the Sentinel and he stated that he would do so.

4. Unfinished Business:

B. Planning Board: Member Renewal Applications – Chase and Reynolds

Chairman Danforth stated that they asked Barry Chase and Richard Reynolds to come in so the Selectmen could ask them any questions before renewing their applications. Selectman Cowan asked them what motivated them to serve on the Planning Board and what their vision is for the Town and the direction it is headed. Barry Chase stated that he was just interested in what was going on in town. He moved here from Wells 27 years ago. He stated that when he first applied, he told the Board of Selectmen at the time that he was pro-business and he still is. He feels that they have made some great strides in the time that he has been on the Board such as the Mill and Hannaford. He is proud of what the Planning Board has accomplished so far and would just like to continue. Selectman Cowan asked if he had any comments about some of the things that were brought up at the last Selectmen meeting. Barry Chase stated the whole issue with the animals was brought before the Planning Board by Larry Huntley for them to review. They have spent some time discussing some options but there has nothing that has been approved yet. He stated that at their last meeting they decided to wait to change anything with the zoning ordinance in regards to the livestock issue. He stated that since the town was now going to have an Agriculture and Conservation Committee, they would wait to see what kind of recommendations this committee could bring to the Planning Board.

Mr. Chase also stated that they were going to hold off on doing anything with the sign ordinance at this time. He stated that they would wait and see what some of these exterior lit signs will look like in a year or so. They will observe and see if they get knocked out of position and what they will look like. Selectman Cowan stated that she is wondering why they would still want to revisit the sign ordinance again in the near future, since it had just been approved by the town already last year. She doesn't think that they townspeople will have changed their mind in just a year or so. Mr. Chase stated that it had only been a few years since the sign ordinance had been

previously approved as well. He feels that the exterior lit signs are nice but they have the most risk of the lights being knocked out of whack. Selectman Cowan stated that she still feels that an externally lit sign with a light out of whack is still better than an internally lit plastic sign. Mr. Chase stated that he does see both sides of it. Selectman Cowan stated that she just wants to make sure that all the voices are heard and taken into account.

Selectman Galemme asked Mr. Chase where he comes down when a business wants to do something that the neighbors of that business might find disruptive in some manner and where does he find the balance between the two. Mr. Chase stated that he was for the Ordinance that was approved last year to make the exterior of the buildings look more appropriate. He stated that the Planning Board had been talking about doing something like that for years. Mr. Chase stated that he thinks that the Planning Board takes into account what people are saying and that the Ordinance is pretty cut and dry with what they can and can't do.

Selectman Drew stated that there is a sense that when decisions are made by one Board there is contention with some of the other Boards. He stated that he feels that in the past few months, there have been some times when it appears that the Boards were not listening to each other. He asked Mr. Chase if he had noticed that anything like this was transpiring. Mr. Chase stated that he has not felt like that recently. He stated that, last year, with some of the changes the Selectmen had brought forward, the Planning Board did feel like they were taken by surprise. They felt that they would have liked to have been a part of the discussions earlier.

Selectman Drew stated that two meetings ago, when they asked the Planning Board to attend the Selectmen meeting, he didn't feel like they were being heard. He asked Richard Reynolds if this is what he had observed. Mr. Reynolds stated that the way he likes to do things is to get all of the information first and then make a decision. He stated that what motivated him to reapply is that he was part of the putting together of the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that he didn't say anything at that meeting because he was hearing a lot of things going on. He stated that Dwayne did a good job of correcting the ignorance of people not knowing the procedures that are necessary to change an ordinance. Mr. Reynolds feels that one of the problems that they have on the Planning Board is that sometimes, the definitions are not all inclusive. At times, the Board needs to make a decision without knowing exactly what something means. For example, he said that it should state equine not horses because horses are one type of equine. It could be a mini or a pony. He said that when it says horses, it is really specific about what a horse is. He thinks that some of that language needs to be corrected. Chairman Danforth stated that the Ordinances that the Planning Board goes by is very technical and it is hard for non-technical people to look at plans and understand what it is saying. He stated that most of the people on the Board are technical people and read plans for a living. He thinks it is an asset to have these technical people on the Planning Board so when there needs to be some discussion or interpretation, there is somebody on the Board that can do so. Selectman Cowan stated that their backgrounds are definitely an asset, but her concern is having a good mix. She wants to make sure that they have representation from all walks of life so it makes the decisions in the town fair and balanced. Barry Chase stated that he and Mr. Reynolds are about as far apart politically that two people can get, but when it comes down to their votes on the Board they are usually in agreement. He stated that they discuss things and come to some sort of consensus prior to voting.

Selectman Folsom thanked them for their time on the Board. She said that there have been some tough issues the past few years. She states that she has been here since 1970 and she has seen so many nice changes in the Town. They have been slow and easy but they have been progressive. She stated that they used to have a Businessmen's Association and they were instrumental in getting Pratt & Whitney. She stated that they have to work hard to keep the taxes low and she feels that it is part of the Planning Boards job as well as the Selectmen's.

Selectman Galemmo stated that he does appreciate the work that the Planning Board does. He stated that it is the "hot button" Board. He said that if he disagrees, it is not personal. He stated that he is not going to say that he is pro-business but he is also not anti-business. He looks at it from the perspective of what the Town needs and gets. He stated that Hannaford is bringing in some tax revenue and Dollar General is essentially a wash. He stated that if they put in all businesses on Route 4 it would probably be a wash compared to the tax revenue that we are getting from the residences. When a business wants to come into Town, he thinks about what the Town will get out of it in the end and what is it going to do to the quality of life for the residents in the Town. He said that they are running out of space to put businesses in that are commercially viable. Further businesses are not going to be fully productive from a tax revenue standpoint. He does feel that another business to consider is farming.

Chairman Danforth stated that as Selectman Cowan had mentioned about seeing a balance on the Planning Board, it is also important to have a balance in businesses in Town. He stated that he originally ran for the Board in the mid-90's because we had all our eggs in one basket with Pratt. He stated that the Town is slowly growing. The businesses we currently have would not offset Pratt, but we are finally making some strides towards having other businesses come in that will help to diversify the town and to build a broader base. That way if one business is having a tough time, others are not. He stated that having that balance is important for a town.

Selectman Cowan stated that she does agree with Selectman Galemmo regarding farming. She thinks that there is greater interest all of the time in the whole farming initiative. She does feel that we need to support this initiative as much as we can, not only from a business perspective but also as far as a quality of life and quality of use of the land.

Selectman Drew stated that the Planning Board had the longest terms of 5 years. He commended Mr. Chase and Mr. Reynolds for wanting to commit to another 5 years of service on the Board. He stated that the longer terms are better for planning things for the future. He said that if it was just 3 years, they would just get started and then somebody else would come in with a new idea.

Selectman Galemmo stated that he would like to reinforce that further business development except for the very few areas that we have, will be simply replacing property taxes that we are collecting from personal property. He stated that that kind of diversification is not going to do anything to stabilize our tax base. If Pratt pulls out, that is going to hurt our tax base tremendously. Simply putting businesses where there are homes now is not going to change that. It's only going to change who is giving you the dollars but the dollars are going to be the same. Chairman Danforth stated that this might be important though depending on what part of the economy is being hit. Selectman Galemmo stated that if the economy is being hit and residents are losing their jobs in large amounts, it will not matter what business are here. That's why when

we talk about business development we have to look at what it will do to this town and what the cost is going to be. He is not saying that there should be no business development, but that we need to be careful about the kind of business development we have.

Barry Chase stated that just because he is pro-business, it doesn't mean that he wants gigantic stores. It could be something as simple as somebody want to run an excavating business from their home.

Selectman Folsom motioned to approve the reappointment of Barry Chase and Richard Reynolds to the Planning Board. Selectman Drew seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

5. New Business:

A. Rescue Squad: Discussion with Rescue Squad

Michael Barker and Dan Staples stepped forward to discuss upcoming issues with the Rescue Squad. Michael Barker stated that with the budget this year they are at their five year mark of what they set out to do when they changed everything with Rescue about four years ago. They have been looking at the landscape of where everything is going and where the Town is going. For example, when something gets approved to be done in the town it puts an added strain on their services so they have to look at changing things also. Mr. Barker stated that they have not had a licensed volunteer Emergency Medical Technician in over two years. The average age of everyone in this town is a lot older and don't have the time to commit. The State has changed a lot of requirements that are needed to obtain and retain your license. They do have a great staff and great group of volunteers that do live in town. They work full time jobs and work part time or volunteer with us when they can. However there are only about six true volunteers so it is hard to schedule somebody on at all hours. Selectman Folsom stated that she remembers when Rescue started in town and they had about 20 volunteers. Mr. Barker stated that this was how it was nationally but now the trend is less. He stated that the towns around us are changing. South Berwick just went with York. He stated that Wells is probably the most comparable to our town as far as what their Rescue does, but their budget is a lot larger than ours. Shapleigh and Acton have pretty much adopted the model that we currently have. They are going to pay to have more people on during the day and night. They are still waiting to see what Lebanon is going to do. Mr. Barker stated that the last bid that they heard was from American Ambulance at \$750,000 per year. Berwick has gone with American Ambulance but they do not have to pay a lot of money because the fireman have to be the first responders on any call and they do not have a dedicated ambulance in town.

Mr. Barker stated that their ambulance is getting older and they would like a new ambulance so they could have two available to rotate things. They have come to the conclusion that it is not the right time to purchase a brand new ambulance. The more fiscally responsible thing to do would be to look for a used ambulance. There are some out there that are in good condition.

Mr. Barker stated that their number one priority at this time is to have the people to be able to answer the calls because seconds matter. He stated that they are not saving as much money as they used to in years past because they have invested that money into having at least one licensed

provider on from 6 pm to 6 am. This is one licensed provider that can get the ambulance out the door and can potentially start some life saving techniques but they need to wait for another town to help if they can't get anyone from in town to volunteer or somebody from the Fire Department. He stated that their relationship with the Fire Department is better than it has ever been in the ten years that he has been here. He stated that they have multiple people that are cross-trained so this is an added benefit for the Town. Selectman Folsom stated that they can't forget about the police officers. Mr. Barker stated that they are great but they can't take the officer out of the cruiser to get in the ambulance and go to the hospital. Dan Staples stated that what the officers can do is becoming more stringent. He stated that for years and years, police have carried oxygen. The State of Maine recognizes oxygen as a medication and you need a license to administer a medication. Selectman Folsom stated that it is something that they should look into getting the officers to be licensed for. Mr. Staples stated that Wells does license their officers and they get a stipend attached to their pay for holding an EMS license. Mr. Barker stated that it would cost about \$800 per officer just to get trained.

Mr. Barker stated that they have always tried to take care of things in small increments and really look at what their needs were. They have come a long way since then with now having two people on during the day to where we didn't have anybody on at night or on the weekends to adding back that one person on the weekends and adding one person on overnight. They have been studying what the trends are. They do a pretty good job collecting some insurance money. They still do not bill the heck out of their patients, but they are seeing a little bit of a decrease. He stated that the Affordable Care Act did put a strain on this. People's copays went up so they don't pay the copay. Unfortunately, if they don't pay the copay, the insurance company will not pay them. He stated that a lot of the insurance company payments have gone down but the cost of the equipment has gone up.

Mr. Barker stated that they have two proposals. One of the proposals is to put 2 people on during the day and 2 people on at night with one of the people being a paramedic. This would help us recoup other money because if we need a paramedic from another town, we pay them up to \$800 for their services. Selectman Folsom asked how often they need a paramedic. Dan Staples stated that any call for chest pain, difficulty breathing, seizure activity, diabetic emergency or any critically injured traumatic patient would need a paramedic. Mr. Barker stated that the cost of this proposal for 24/7 coverage would be about \$394,000 per year. He stated that the Rescue brings in about \$150,000- \$180,000 per year to offset this. He stated that the \$150,000 is more realistic of what they are looking at. Any extra money that they would bring in would go towards Capital Improvements. He stated that they do have state of the art equipment. They have brand new cardiac monitors that they were able to purchase and get a great deal on. They did not have to ask anyone to help pay for those. They have outfitted their crews with proper safety gear. Mr. Barker stated that this proposal would allow the town to be completely covered. He stated that when he found out that Hannaford was coming to town, he looked at some studies and he stated that it will bring in at least 15 to 20 more calls per year. They may not be calls that require people to be transported but they will still need to respond. He stated that the addition of the doctor's office in town added about 15 additional calls per year.

The second proposal is a modified 24/7 coverage schedule. They would still leave Friday night, Saturday day, Saturday night and Sunday day with one licensed provider. Traditionally they

have most of the volunteers around on the weekends. Chairman Danforth asked if the weekends were the busiest and Mr. Barker stated that it was actually Monday and Tuesdays that were the busiest. This proposal would be at a cost of \$362,418 per year.

Selectman Cowan asked how these proposals differ from what they have in place right now. Mr. Barker stated that the current budget is at about \$262,000. The coverage level is two personnel on with a paramedic on sporadically. There are two licensed providers on Monday through Friday, one licensed provider on at night on Monday through Friday, one on Saturday during the day, one on Saturday night, one on Sunday day and one on Sunday night.

Dan Staples spoke about the \$2,000 charge that some towns are now charging other towns for when they are the first responders on the scene. He stated that he also works for Sanford and they are trying to save money there as well. He stated that people are asking why they are paying for emergency services to send them repeatedly out of town. He stated that it is a valid point. If a person is a taxpayer and they call 911 for help but, unfortunately our ambulance is in another town helping somebody else so they will have to wait longer for an ambulance from a neighboring town. This is why the \$2,000 surcharge has come about. Selectman Cowan stated that they are in favor of providing mutual aid when it is feasible, but the needs of the residents of North Berwick have to be met first. Mr. Staples stated that the surcharge was not established as a way to make money but as a way to force the hand of certain communities to do something for themselves.

Mr. Barker stated that he is a taxpayer in this town also and he thinks that some things need to be looked at more closely with the budget. The Town appropriates more money to run a Library than they do to run a lifesaving service. He stated that right now they are appropriating \$108,000 per year for Rescue and the Library is getting a little over \$200,000. He is wondering where that line is drawn. He said that he knows that nobody wants to pay for something that they may never use, but it is an important service. He stated that they also provide a lot of education to the town. He stated that Pratt is pretty self-sufficient with their staff but they still rely on Rescue to transport people out of there sometimes. They also had a success story with Hussey where, through a grant, they provided AED's and education on how to use them to the employees. They have since used them to save someone's life.

Selectman Folsom asked if they looked into getting grants. Mr. Barker stated that a lot of these grants are drying up quickly. Selectman Cowan asked Dwayne how much of an impact these proposals would have on the town. Dwayne stated that it would result in a massive tax increase. Dwayne stated that he has started to receive the budgets from all of the departments and none of them have gone down. He stated that they might not get Revenue Sharing and we still have not talked about what will be happening with the schools.

Selectman Galemme stated that the whole volunteer issue is a problem with the Fire Department as well. People are working longer hours and plus the costs for certification are getting more expensive and time consuming. He stated that this is something that they are going to start dealing with in this town. They are going to have to talk to the townspeople and see what exactly they want for service in the town. Mr. Barker stated that he is a member of the Fire Department in town. He stated that the call volume for the Rescue is far greater than the call

volume for the Fire Department. Rescue does about 450 to 500 calls per year and the Fire Department does about 100 to 120 calls per year. He stated that they have worked it out with the Fire Chief that when they have the people that are dual certified, they help each other out.

Selectman Folsom asked if the Board of Directors was backing them and Mr. Staples stated that they were. Mr. Staples stated that they are trying to be completely transparent with their actions and suggestions. He stated that if the Board gets asked questions about anything to just let them know. They will be more than happy to field any questions.

Selectman Galemme asked Dwayne how the Fire Department was working out. Dwayne stated that they are having the same issues with volunteers. He stated that they have very dedicated volunteers. He stated that after 5:00 pm and into the morning hours, we have great response because a lot of people are home. The biggest problem is during the day hours. Dwayne stated that because of the good relationship between Fire and Rescue, they now co-train everybody. So it would make sense that if we have to go to daytime coverage with Fire, we would not have to have five people on during the day. We could use Rescue as our coverage. Also with the talk of building a new Fire station, the place that is being looked at is with the Rescue Department. This would help a lot with coverage.

Selectman Galemme stated there should be some sort of comprehensive plan and outlook for what is going to happen with our emergency response services. As we deal with the challenges of declining volunteerism and the more technical needs that are required, there should be a conversation with the town to let people know what is coming down the road and that we will need to make some hard choices.

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Budget FY16: Continuing Discussions on Budget

Dwayne stated that they know what their police costs are because the contracts are fixed. The CPI is at 1.65 as of today. He stated that it will not hit 2% because our contracts are at 2% floors. He stated that they will save some money on the health insurance because of the HRA program that they put in place last year. He does not see massive increases anywhere else. We already know that we will see fairly large increases on electricity. He is hoping that we will see some converse savings on fuel and heating oil.

Dwayne stated that starting on page 18 of the packet, it shows the last two years of the capital plan. It shows what we have done, eliminated or postponed. The next page is the plan for the next three years. Next year we are looking at buying a new police cruiser. We were also going to get a sidewalk plow, but this has been postponed. They have done some work on it a couple of years ago so it can wait. There are still a few things that need to be done to it so the cost will go from \$85,000 to about \$25,000. The Road Bond, road reconstruction and pavement maintenance is budgeted for a total of \$400,000. We budgeted \$5,000 for sidewalks. We are on the second year for our SCBA Bottles lease for a budget of \$15,000. He believes this will be less. This year is we have a payment on our fire truck lease. We are looking to buy the tanker

next year. We will also be postponing the Public Works one ton. They will do some repair work on it instead.

Dwayne stated that they will be adding a few things as well. He stated that they have had two significant bomb threats at the High School this year. During those threats, it became very evident that we have some communication issues. When the Police Officers get inside the building, their radios do not work. He stated that the school has an issue with their bus communications so the school is looking to put up a communications tower. When they do this, we can add a repeater to the tower. This would cost around \$7,500.

Dwayne stated that they have a problem at the Transfer Station. The Recycling Center sits on garbage and unfortunately, it is sinking. All of the pipes for our plumbing are also sinking and this causes dips. In the winter, these dips are freezing. Because they are only open 29 hours a week, the bathroom is not being utilized a lot. When they flush the toilet, the water freezes. They have to then pull everything apart and jet it all out. They jet it out and get it unfrozen and two days later it freezes again. Also because everything is sinking, unfortunately, our drainage systems are not working properly. They are sitting up three inches and the water doesn't go anywhere. The catch basin is just outside the garbage line so it is not sinking. They will need to dig along the side and the back of the Recycling Center, fix the sewage line and lower the catch basin. They will need to take up the pavement and repave over it. He estimates that it will cost about \$15,000 to \$20,000. He also stated we have three oil tanks which we are looking to connect together. He stated that the transfer of the oil is becoming more difficult. He stated that there will be some impact fee.

Dwayne went on to talk about the roads. He stated that because of going over budget on the Beech Ridge Road project, some things need to be moved around. He stated that on Page 24 of the packet, it shows what roads need to be done. They have moved Diamond Hill Road back a year to help with the \$25,000 over budget cost. They moved Pleasant Street so they could do Lower Main Street, Dyer Street and Pleasant Street together to save money on paving. They brought Hammond Road forward to do with Lynn Street. He stated that Diamond Hill Road will be very expensive to fix. It is our longest dirt road and it is not an easy fix road. He also stated that some of the people that live on the road don't want it paved but some do. It will need to be done in a course of years. The question that Dwayne has for the Board is that there are paved roads falling apart so do we go ahead and pave a dirt road. Selectman Galemмо asked how much it would be to upkeep once it is paved. Dwayne stated that they would not have to touch it for at least 15 years. Dwayne stated that the way it is in this CIP is that it is for \$174,500 for 2017, \$125,000 for 2018 and \$73,000 for 2019. This is broken up as follows: The first year we do gravel, the next year we do base paving and the third year we do the surface paving. Selectman Galemмо asked if they could just make it a good gravel road and asked how much money that would save. Dwayne stated that it would save about \$200,000. Selectman Galemмо asked if people would be okay with that. Dwayne stated that he did not know but one of the complaints that he gets is that in the summer it gets dusty. Dwayne stated that one of the things that would happen is that once they pave the road, every high school student is going to use that road to go to school and there will be massive amount of traffic increase.

Dwayne stated that another thing that they are looking at is chip sealing. You take paved roads and do chip sealing over those paved roads. There are two different kinds. There is a rubberized chip seal and an oil emulsified chip seal. They are saying that you get 10 to 15 years life when you do this. You put down about a quarter of an inch of rubber than throw stone in it. It seals all of the cracks and prolongs the life of the road. They will be doing their first Southern Maine projects next spring in Eliot and York. Dwayne stated that the cost is \$5 per square yard versus \$25 per square yard. Dwayne stated that it doesn't drive well or look good. He stated that the first road that would be eligible for this would be Buffum Road. He stated that these companies will not do small roads. They typically want you to do about 2 miles. The Selectmen all stated that they would like to see what it looks like so they would like to check out the road in Eliot and York once it is completed.

Dwayne stated that they may have to change a few of these projects around again. One of the roads that will probably run into some money is Dyer Street. It is not a big project as far as paving it. They are basically looking at doing a shim and overlay. The problem is with the under drain. It was put in in 1989 and it is all rotted so it needs to be replaced. One of the costs that they are looking at on this project is for the sidewalk. It currently is bituminous curbing but we now need granite curbing. They were also looking at eliminating the sidewalk all together. He is getting all the figures together for the project.

Dwayne stated that they also need to address the sidewalk on Route 9 from Portland Street to the end of the sidewalk. The State has paved a lot in that area so there is no curb line anymore. It is 1800 feet of sidewalk. He stated that it is not a lot of money for the paving cost. Because it is on a State road, we will need to hire flaggers. This is where the cost will be. He stated that we currently have \$20,000 in our sidewalk account. Chairman Danforth stated that they should probably just go to the bridge. Since not a lot of people walk in this area, then going to the bridge would probably be sufficient. Selectman Galemme stated that they could probably do it in a two year span using the bridge as the midway point.

Dwayne stated that he included a picture of the walking and bike trail at the Community Center. He stated that the Walking/Bike Trail portion was about 1,500 feet long and it would be about 8 feet wide. The walking trail would continue down the stairs and to the back of the building. He stated that the cost would be about \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Dwayne stated that the zoning changes that the Selectmen sent to the Planning Board were reviewed. The proposed street design and construction standards in reference to the installation of stabilized construction entrances was approved by them. On page 35, it shows a definition for an externally lit sign as well as an internally lit sign. They read as follows:

Externally Illuminated sign – A sign illuminated by a separate light fixture that casts light directly on the face of the sign.

Internally Illuminated sign – A sign illuminated directly or indirectly by a light fixture located within the sign structure. Internal illumination includes illumination designed to project light against the surface behind the sign lettering or graphic, commonly referred to as backlit channel lettering or halo lighting. This shall also include LED signs and neon signs.

The other item that was brought up was in regards to the granite curbing. It currently reads:

All curbing associated with the development shall be made of granite in keeping with the curbing maintained by the Town of North Berwick.

It is proposed to read:

All curbing that extends into the public way shall be made of granite in keeping with the curbing maintained by the Town of North Berwick.

All curbing within the development, not extending into the public way, shall be made of granite, monolithic or slip-form concrete. Bituminous curbing and pre-cast concrete curbing shall be prohibited.

Dwayne stated that the Planning Board rejected that proposal. They would like the last line about the bituminous curbing and pre-cast concrete to be eliminated. They feel that the developer can put any kind of curbing on their property that they want. Dwayne stated that the vote was 5-0.

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

B. Kerry Briggs: Discussion with Briggs Regarding Foreclosed Property.

Chairman Danforth stated that they would wait until the next meeting since Mr. Briggs was not present.

C. Transfer Station: Review Proposal for Bulky Waste Disposal

Dwayne stated that they have been looking at bulky waste disposal because our costs will be going up. We are currently paying \$80 per ton and it is going \$100 per ton in January. We are able to send it to Casella at the cost that we pay for our regular waste which is at \$72.50 and it would increase a \$1.00 a year, so in 5 years it would be \$76.50. He also spoke with Waste Management Turnkey and they are offering a 3 to 5 year contract. They would limit it to either CPI or 4%. He would recommend going with Turnkey for the 3 year contract. He said that he would only do the 3 year because if it does hit the 4% by year 3, it would end up costing more to send it than to Casella.

Selectman Galemme motioned to accept a 3 year contract with Turnkey. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

6. Other Business:

No other business at this time.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant:	December 9, 2014	- \$ 18,825.62
Warrant:	December 16, 2014	- \$ 629,695.69

Selectman Cowan motioned to accept the Warrant of December 9, 2014 for the amount of \$18,825.62 and the Warrant of December 16, 2014 for the amount of \$629,695.69. Selectman Galemmo seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Drew motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm. Selectman Galemmo seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Respectively submitted,
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

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Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Gregg Drew

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Wendy Cowan