

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: May 21, 2013

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SLECTMEN MINUTES MAY 21,
2013**

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

Also Present: Heather Eastman, Dwayne Morin

Chairman Galemmo opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:32 pm.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes of May 7, 2013**

Selectman Drew motioned to accept the May 7, 2013 minutes as amended. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

- 3. Public Input**

No public input at this time.

- 4. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Parks and Rec:** Heather Eastman Application for Membership

Dwayne Morin introduced Heather Eastman to the Board and stated that she had completed an application to be on the Parks and Rec Board.

Selectman Folsom asked Heather Eastman what the three businesses were that she manages. She stated that her husband has two businesses-Eastman Landscaping and Excavation and Nature's Acres and she also helps out with the books for one of her husband's clients.

Selectman Folsom motioned to accept Heather Eastman as a member of the Parks and Rec Board. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

B. Rescue: Final Agreement and Lease Between Town and Rescue

Dwayne Morin stated that the Town Attorney has approved both the Agreement and Lease with just some minor changes. The biggest change is in the Agreement under the heading Term. We didn't have a written consent section saying how many months prior to expiration of the agreement, if we wanted to cancel the agreement. We agreed to three months. Under the Lease Agreement, we removed a section from the original draft because it didn't really apply in this circumstance. So there are now only 20 sections.

Selectman Drew motioned to accept the Agreement between North Berwick Rescue and the Town of North Berwick. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Selectman Drew motioned to accept the Lease Agreement between North Berwick Rescue and the Town of North Berwick and to authorize Dwayne Morin to sign the Lease Agreement. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

C. Roads: Update on Road Projects

Dwayne wanted to just update the Board on the current and upcoming road projects. He stated that they were supposed to start paving this week but they could not due to the rain. He did state that the culvert on Lebanon Road was replaced and they did a little work at the entrance of Beech Ridge Road. Next week, they will be starting on Maple Street, primarily where it connects with Governor Goodwin Road. Also down by the pond between the church and the Parker property, there is an issue with their outflow structure and the culvert has started to rot. It is not rotted out enough to replace but can be repaired and saved. F.R. Carroll is going to be doing the paving on these 2 roads. Within the next couple of days, they will be putting a shim on Lebanon Road. This will sit for a couple of weeks before being paved. The goal is to have these all done by the end of June.

D. Area Selectmen Meetings: Revival of the Area Selectmen's Meetings

Dwayne Morin stated that they are working on putting together meetings with several area towns. He is planning to have a meeting with the area Town Managers to discuss possible times and agenda items. They do not have a set date yet because they are waiting for all the towns to be done with their annual Town Meetings.

E. Elroy Day Canoe Launch: Grant Approval and Pratt Progress

Dwayne Morin stated that the Town received the grant from the Maine Community Foundation to fund the entire project so there will be no cost to the town taxpayers for the completion. Pratt has been made aware of this. Dwayne stated that they are meeting with their legal people tomorrow and they will get back to him. Selectman Cowan asked about thank you letters and how that works. Dwayne stated that they usually put together a close out packet, which includes pictures of the project. They also send a thank you letter signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – June 4, 2013 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

Fallen Warrior Ceremony – May 26, 2013 – 2 pm – Mill Field

Memorial Day Parade – May 27, 2013 – 9 am

Dwayne stated that the Selectmen should meet for the parade at 8:30 here at the Municipal Building. Selectman Drew asked if the memorial sign was going to be completed. Dwayne stated that the main sign would be back up but wasn't sure if the additional names that are to be added would be done in time. Dwayne stated that they are adding two additional sections to include about 50-60 additional names.

5. New Business:

A. Insurance: Review Bid Results

Dwayne stated that they had put out to bid for insurance for the town. He stated that we budgeted for \$46,000 but we came in at \$41,900. Dwayne recommended that we don't put this out to bid again for another two years. He stated that it is not good for the Town to bid out every year because that can actually work to a detriment to the community. He recommends that we stay with MMA for at least another two years and that we award our insurance to Maine Municipal Risk Management for next year.

Selectman Danforth motioned to approve Dwayne's recommendation to accept MMA Risk Management for the insurance. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

B. Surplus Equipment: Review Bid Results

Dwayne stated that we had put out the surplus fire truck back out to bid three weeks with a minimum bid of \$2,500.00. We received one bid from Oak Woods Lumber for \$2,750.00. Dwayne recommends that we accept the bid for \$2,750.00 from Oak Woods Lumber for the International Fire Truck. Selectman Drew motioned to accept the bid. Selectman Drew seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Dwayne state that the Generator that the Board had declined to put back out to bid for \$200.00 was sold for scrap metal for \$225.00.

C. ZBA: Glenn Gobeille Appointment – Need for Members

Dwayne Morin stated that Glenn Gobeille emailed him to let him know that he would have to decline the nomination to be on the Zoning Board again. His job has him spending a lot of time in Vermont so he cannot commit to the Board at this time. Selectmen Folsom asked Dwayne who was currently on the Zoning Board. He said the current members are Craig Linscott, Butch Thibodeau and Kevin Mayberry. Dwayne stated that he had reached out to a few people, including Todd and Cheryl Hoffman to see if they would be interested but had not heard back yet. He stated that they need at least a minimum of 2 new members but would like to have 4.

D. Rescue: Authorization to Operate a Red Light – Daniel Burbank

Dwayne stated that we have a request from Chief Staples to allow Daniel Burbank to operate a red light in his private vehicle. Selectman Danforth motioned to approve the red light permit for Daniel Burbank. Selectman Folsom seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

E. Fire: Authorization to Operate a Red Light – John Clark

Dwayne stated that we have a request from Chief Gosselin to allow John Clark to operate a red light in his private vehicle. Selectman Danforth motioned to approve the red light permit for John Clark. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

6. Other Business:

Dwayne wanted to keep the Board in the loop regarding our Dispatch services. We currently are using Sanford as our regional dispatch center. When we switched to Sanford, we went out and spent a very large amount of money to buy a police program for our police database, which is called IMC. This allowed computers in our police cruisers. He stated that they used to have Vision Software and the primary reason that they switched to IMC is because we were the only users of Vision in the state of Maine. Every police department in York County uses IMC software. Dwayne stated that last fall, he heard that Sanford was looking into alternatives for IMC. When he spoke to them about it, he was told that they were just looking and not to worry about it. Then he gets an email to send a representative to a meeting they were having to discuss this issue. He stated that at the meeting, it was pretty much all said and done that they were switching to Tiburon. When Dwayne questioned it, he was again told that they were just looking and no decisions had been made. There was another meeting last Friday, Chief Peasley was told that the new system would be up and running by September. Chief Peasley asked them what would happen if they didn't switch. They told him that he was a dissenter and they were not going to let just one dissenter throw off this whole thing. Sanford Police Department stepped in and said that they had two dissenters because they were not changing.

Dwayne stated that there are several concerns that he has with this whole situation. If we do switch to Tiburon then it forever ties us to Sanford for our dispatching needs. The bigger issue is of course the cost. The cost of changing software was not included in the budget. Tiburon states that it would cost the towns nothing to switch over. Dwayne has a hard time to believe this since it cost the town \$100,000.00 to switch over to IMC. He does not believe that they will switch over Sanford and all the other towns involved including Old Orchard Beach, Kennebunk and the County sheriffs for free. Another big concern is the loss of all our data. When we switched over to IMC, it would have cost \$75,000.00 to create a bridge that even IMC said would not be 100% effective. IMC suggested that they start new and create a new database, which is what we have been doing for the past five years. Another positive thing for staying with IMC, is it allows us to search any other town's database that uses IMC also. When Chief Peasley asked Tiburon about all of our data, they stated that they would convert it all at no cost to the Town. Chief Peasley also inquired about the training of all the personnel on the new equipment. Tiburon stated that they would not pay for that. The towns would have to take responsibility for that. Sanford stated that it would probably cost them about \$12,000.00 to train their staff so it would probably cost us around \$4,000.00. Our budget for next year for training is \$4,500.00.

Dwayne stated that there is a meeting next week after Memorial Day with all the Managers from the towns involved. The Sanford City Manager has pulled this back into his office because he was unaware at what stage this was at.

Chairman Galemme asked what our other options for dispatching would be if Sanford does switch. Dwayne stated that the options are back to the state, Wells or South Berwick. The biggest problem with these other options is that we share our channels with Fire and Rescue with 11 other towns. If we pull out, we don't get to utilize those channels.

Dwayne feels that we would be better off putting pressure on IMC to meet all of the contractual obligations.

Selectman Folsom asked Dwayne how the skate park was coming along. He stated that we held off putting out the stuff for the skate park because of something that happened. The police department met with the skaters in town as kind of a proactive approach. He stated that the meeting went okay. The police spoke about respect and cognizance of the neighbors. After the meeting, the skaters went and vandalized our bathrooms. Dwayne spoke to some of the parents and they said to not put the stuff out for them to skate yet. Dwayne did state that the skaters have been keeping the area they are allowed to skate in on Canal Street very clean at this point.

Selectman Cowan asked if these were the same kids that had done the graffiti around town. Dwayne stated that they did not know who did that. She asked if the graffiti on the big brick building in town would be taken care of, but he stated that this was up to the landlords to take care of. Dwayne stated that the town had taken care of all their things like the signs.

Selectman Cowan inquired about the firing range that she can hear very clearly from her home and is located in Berwick. She stated that her problem is that it went into operation before 7:30 am on Saturday and wants to know if there was a noise ordinance. Dwayne stated that there is nothing that they can do about it. He stated that they had talked to Berwick in the past about this but they do not have a noise ordinance.

Selectman Drew asked Dwayne how we were doing with the speed signs on Lower Main Street. Dwayne stated that they would be putting in some signs. They are replacing the speed limit signs with a big sign that says SLOW.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant:	May 14, 2013	- \$	0.00
Warrant:	May 21, 2013	- \$	505,705.76

Selectman Folsom motioned to approve the Warrant of May 7, 2013 for \$ 0.00 and the Warrant of May 21, 2013 for \$505,705.76. Selectman Danforth seconded the motion.
VOTE: 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Folsom motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Respectively submitted:
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Gregg Drew

Selectman: Wendy Cowan