

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: June 4, 2013**

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2013**

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

**Also Present:** 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 21, 2013**

Selectman Folsom motioned to accept the May 21, 2013 minutes as amended. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

- 3. Public Input**

No public input at this time.

- 4. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Roads:** Update on Road Projects

Dwayne Morin stated that they laid the shim surface on Lebanon Road. The crew began to work on Maple Street this week with the shim coat hopefully being applied at the later part of the week or beginning of the following week.

Dwayne also stated he included in the packet the FEMA confirmation that they approved \$32,403.19 in cost for the town. The town will be receiving 85% of that which is about \$27,500.00.

**B. Area Selectmen Meetings:** Revival of the Area Selectmen's Meetings

Dwayne stated that there is nothing further at this time. They are waiting until after Berwick has their Town meeting in June.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting** - June 18, 2013 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**5. New Business:**

**A. ZBA:** Todd Hoffman Appointment, Fernee and Cutter Applications

Dwayne stated that Todd Hoffman has agreed to be on the Zoning Board. He has also spoken with Julie Fernee and David Cutter regarding joining. They also said that they would be willing to be on the Zoning Board. Dwayne has sent the applications out for them to complete.

Selectman Danforth motioned to accept the applications of Todd Hoffman, Julie Fernee and David Cutter for members of the Zoning Board. Selectman Drew seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Dwayne then stated that the Board just needed one more alternate position to be filled for it to be complete. He also stated that Todd Hoffman and David Cutter become the full time appointees and Julie Fernee is the alternate. This is because Todd and David were the first two to reply.

**B. Employees:** Vacation Carry Forward

Dwayne stated that under the Personnel policy, employees are allowed to carry over a balance of 40 hours into the next year. Employees can also ask the Board to bring forward up to an additional 40 hours. There are three employees that have asked to bring forward some additional hours. Gerald Schulmaier is asking for an extra 25 hours, Marianne Benedict is asking for an additional 27 hours and Richard Anderson would like an additional 20 hours. Marianne actually has her time to go on vacation at the beginning of July. Gerald always saves his time so he can do haying in July. Richard has been trying to hire people this past year and has not had a chance to use his time up. Dwayne recommends that the Board approve all three requests.

Selectman Danforth motioned that we approve the extended vacations for the next fiscal year as follows: Gerald Schulmaier for an additional 25 hours, Richard Anderson for an

additional 20 hours and Marianne Benedict for an additional 27 hours. Selectman Drew seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**C. SAD 60: Building Permit Fee Exemption**

Dwayne stated that SAD 60 has just notified the Town that they will need to install two portable classrooms at the North Berwick Elementary School. Under our building rules, they have to pay for building permit fees. They are asking the Board to waive these permit fees. Selectman Drew asked how much the permits cost. Dwayne stated that it would be approximately \$300.

Selectman Danforth motioned to waive the permit fees for SAD 60 for the portable classrooms to be installed at the North Berwick Elementary School. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**6. Other Business:**

Dwayne stated that the packet to the Selectmen includes a letter from Richard Stambaugh. This is a part of the letter that he has submitted to the Planning Board and he has sent a copy to the Selectmen so they will be made aware of the suggestions that he is proposing to the Planning Board regarding Hannaford. One of the things that he is suggesting to the Planning Board is that they assess a penalty fee structure should Hannaford not comply with the conditions that he is recommending that the Planning Board hasn't acted on yet. This is just an FYI type of thing for the Board of Selectmen for possible future reference. Mr. Stambaugh wants the fine money to be set aside in an escrow account. He also wants things like 24 hour availability so that if there is a violation, 24 hour notifications can be made to get the complaint addressed. Dwayne stated that most of the things that he is asking for are mostly related to noise and buffering around the area. Dwayne stated that the Planning Board has taken a lot of these things into consideration already in their discussions with Hannaford. One of the things that he is asking for is that no snow plowing be done during the hours 8 pm and 7 am. Snow plowing is usually in emergency situations so this condition would not really be feasible. We don't do this with other businesses such as Pratt & Whitney and Hussey so we really can't expect to do it with any other new businesses coming into town. The Board of Selectmen did state that they believe that the Planning Board will do what they need to do to make sure that all proper conditions be met with Hannaford.

Dwayne stated that we locked in at \$3.2029 for our diesel for next year. This was better than what SAD 60 received, which was \$3.25.

Dwayne wanted to update the Board on the State Budget. He stated that on Thursday, the State Appropriations Committee would be announcing their Budget. He stated that there were 3 major points that they were working on. Regarding municipal revenue sharing, the Democrats are saying that they would like to raise \$60 million dollars a year for state

revenue sharing. Last year, they distributed \$95 million. The Republicans are proposing \$45 million the first year and \$30 million the second year.

However, on the Homestead exemption side, the Republicans and Democrats agree that they do not do away with the Homestead exemption. Instead of the town's having to reimburse 50%, the State would reimburse everything so the Town does not have to raise additional funds for Homestead exemption. In our case, it would be about \$69,000. He states that the Revenue sharing is partially offset by the Homestead exemption. Chairman Galembo asked what we got last year in Revenue Sharing. Dwayne said we received \$225,000. He said we would hopefully know on Thursday how everything would work out.

Dwayne wanted to address a couple of issues that Selectman Cowan brought up at the last meeting. Regarding the graffiti on the Commercial Building, Dwayne actually had a conversation with the owner today, and he stated that he already has plans on cleaning it up. He said he has already hired someone to do it and he anticipates that it will be done within 2 weeks.

Regarding the gun range issues, Dwayne states that Berwick does have a noise ordinance. It is from 7am to 10pm. Dwayne stated that he went back and found the old correspondence that dealt with this issue. He said that in 2006 the Board had sent a letter, but it was more in relation with bullets going through the houses than for the noise. The Board at the time was not very receptive to making any changes. Selectman Cowan states that it would be a good item to present to the Area Selectmen's Meetings.

Dwayne stated that we had signed an agreement with Liberty Mutual. He states that the employees that have looked into getting their insurance through them have saved a tremendous amount of money. If you apply before the end of June, you are entered to win a \$50 gift card to Johnson's.

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

Warrant:	May 28, 2013	- \$	0.00
Warrant:	June 4, 2013	- \$	54,104.49

Selectman Danforth motioned to approve the Warrant of June 4, 2013 for the amount of \$54,104.49. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

## **8. Adjournment**

Selectman Folsom motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Selectman Danforth 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