

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes July 2, 2013

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES JULY 2,
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 6:35 pm.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes of June 18, 2013**

Selectman Danforth motioned to approve the minutes of June 18, 2013 as written.
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 were able to get Lebanon Road paved. He also said that it came in at about 600 tons under budget. We still need to wait and see how Maple Street is going to come out. The gravel section on Maple Street was done before the rain started. Now it is scheduled for next Monday. The rain has also set us back on the road striping. Selectman Drew asked if they were going to just stripe the center of the road and get the side stripes done next year. Dwayne said that that was the plan except for on two roads. They are doing center and whites on Morrells Mills Road, Lebanon Road and Governor Goodwin Road and these will actually fall under the bond project. He stated that Lower Main, Little River Road and Valley Road would only have center lines done. Dwayne stated he received a call from the State DOT bridge guy and he met with him a couple of weeks ago. They are looking at replacing Card Mill Bridge. They are looking at replacing the bridge. By replacing it, they would actually put another bridge on top of the existing bridge. Then over time, they would remove the old bridge. There is no way for people to get out so they have to do this all in one day. They will build a new one off site, bring it down the road with a crane, do all the pre-work and then put it in place. If they are not able to replace it at this time, they will repair it. They would rather replace it because they feel that it will cost almost as much to repair it as it would to replace it. Dwayne also gave the Board some good news regarding the bids on road salt. Last year, we were paying \$52 per ton and this year we will pay \$49 per ton. He said that the only thing that changed is that they are now charging an administrative fee of 3% but it will still end up being lower than last year.

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

Nothing new to report on this.

C. Dispatch: Update

Dwayne stated that he attended a meeting before he went on vacation with all the interested parties related to dispatch. Basically, it was decided that they were not going to get rid of IMC at this point. Unfortunately, there has been two major misperceptions going on that have been coming out of Sanford Regional Dispatch. One is that IMC has not been responsive to problems that Sanford Regional Dispatch has been having. Dispatch keeps saying that IMC keeps crashing, but the IT people said that it was their hardware not an IMC issue. The video cards that were in the display terminals were not adequate so it would cause the system to crash. Unfortunately, it took 8 months to figure it out.

The other misperception is that IMC will not be around for much longer. When asked where they are hearing this, they state that it is from competitors. Their IT representative stated that IMC continues to update their software. Dwayne asked if their concern was that IMC was going away, had they talked to any other communities to see if they had

any concerns. Their answer was no. Dwayne then mentioned to them that almost every dispatch center in the state of Maine, with the exception of a few dispatch centers Downeast and the State Police, all use IMC. Also 80 % of dispatch centers in Massachusetts use IMC. So if IMC goes away, wouldn't they all be worried too? Dwayne told the Board that this whole thing was staff sold. Dwayne did state that Tritech has recently bought out IMC and IMC is an antiquated software program. Tritech has another software program that they sell out West, which is based on more modern day software. They asked if the Dispatch center could see if IMC could change to a Sequel server so the software could be updated. This is what they will explore. Dwayne stated that they are going to start negotiating their contract with Dispatch in September because our contract is up at the end of this fiscal year.

D. Commitment FY14: State Budget Effect

Dwayne stated that the State Budget had now passed. He said that we would end up getting about \$143,000 in state revenue sharing instead of \$225,000 that we thought we were going to get. Dwayne did state that he believes that we will be last year's commitment or within \$.05. Chairman Galemme stated that even if it means not having as big of a cushion as we would like to have, he would like to keep the tax rate as flat as we can.

Dwayne stated that he is hoping to have a draft of the tax rate calculations for the Board's next meeting for them to review. The Board can then set commitment at the August 20th meeting.

E. Canal Street Park: Update on Skateboard Equipment

Dwayne stated that the police are winding up their investigation and hope to be able to charge the guilty parties by end of this week. They have brought the packet of evidence to the DA for them to review. He said that they will be putting out the replacement equipment that they have in storage out tomorrow so the skaters can have it for the 4th of July weekend.

F. Website: Update on Website Activity

Dwayne said that on Sunday night, they completely had the website transferred to Go Daddy. Then our email crashed over the weekend but as of last night all of the email was transferred to Go Daddy as well.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – July 16, 2013 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

5. New Business:

A. DARE Program: Letters of Thanks

Last meeting, the Board requested that Dwayne draft a letter of thanks to Stephen Peasley and Wendi Daudelin for all that they do with the DARE program. He submitted them to the Board for their signature.

B. Parks and Rec: Resignation of Denise Patterson

Parks and Rec Board Member, Denise Patterson has submitted her letter of resignation. She is moving to Portsmouth so she can no longer serve on the Board. Selectman Folsom motioned to accept Denise Patterson's resignation from the Parks and Rec Board. Selectman Drew seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Selectman Folsom suggested that a letter of thanks be drafted for her to thank her for all her service.

C. Planning Board: Hannaford Review

Dwayne stated he has submitted a packet to each of the Selectman from the Planning Board regarding the Hannaford application. He stated that, at the last Planning Board meeting, the Board accepted the conditional use permit application was accepted. The Planning Board is asking for any comments from all concerned parties, including the Selectmen, be submitted by July 9th to Lawrence Huntley, CEO. He will then compile all comments from all parties and will review these comments on July 11th with the Planning Board. The Board also has a site walk on July 9th and a Public Hearing is scheduled for July 25th. Selectman Cowan asked which Hannaford in surrounding areas would be comparable to the proposed Hannaford here in North Berwick. Dwayne stated that Gray would be the closest.

D. York County Budget: Letter from Chairman Regarding Concern with Commissioners.

Dwayne stated that he had included in his packet a letter from the York County Budget Committee members. The problem that is ongoing is that the York County Commissioners have created a Code of Ethics and they have asked everybody in the County to sign it. Dwayne states that they have the right to ask their staff that they direct sign it as well as any committee that they appoint. The Commissioners have sent this out to the York County Budget Committee members to sign and have told them that if they do not sign it they will censure them. Basically the Commissioners said that if they don't sign it, they would be in violation of their ethics and the Commissioners could do whatever they wanted with the Budget. Dwayne stated that they would have a very hard time to do this because all of the County budget stuff is in legislation and the Commissioners have no hand in that matter. One of the reasons that the Budget Committee members don't want to sign it is that it states if they are found to be in

violation of the code of ethics than the County Commissioners can override their budget decision-making. The Budget Committee has obtained legal counsel to fight this. They are asking the towns to contribute money to help pay for the legal counsel and the Town Managers have stated that they are not interested in doing this. Dwayne states that they need to get together and work this out because they all have to work together. There needs to be some compromise on both sides. Chairman Galemme stated that he would like to know where our County Commissioner stands on this. Dwayne stated that it might be a good idea to have him come in for a meeting to discuss this.

E. Arcadia: Images of North Berwick Book Purchase

Dwayne contacted Arcadia to see if we could sell the books that they are publishing on North Berwick. They said that they would be more than willing to make us one of their retail merchants. They will not give us the books. We would have to buy the books to sell. He stated that the books are \$21.99 per book, but depending on how much we order, we would get a discount. If you buy 1-9 books you get 30% off the price of the books, 10-79 you get 40% and so on. Dwayne stated that if we bought 100 books it would cost us \$1,275.00. With shipping, it would be \$1,299.00, which means that our cost for the book would be \$12.99. We still need to sell it for \$21.99 so we would make about \$9.00 per book profit.

Selectman Drew motioned to purchase 100 books from Arcadia Publishing to sell at a price of \$1299.00. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

F-35 Program: Response From Senator Collins

Dwayne stated that they received a letter from Senator Collins stating that she had received the resolutions that the Board of Selectman had signed and sent to her.

6. Other Business:

Selectman Cowan stated that she was pleased to see that the graffiti had been cleaned up.

Selectman Folsom asked if any of them had followed up with Liberty Mutual. She stated that she was paying \$400 less than what she had before. Selectman Drew stated that his would have been more expensive than what he has now for insurance.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant:	June 25, 2013	- \$ 15,204.00
Warrant:	July 2, 2013	- \$ 56,271.09

Selectman Folsom motioned to approve the Warrant of June 25, 2013 in the amount of \$15,204.00 and the Warrant of July 2, 2013 in the amount of \$56,271.00. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Chairman Galemmo stated that they needed to go into Executive Session.

Selectman Folsom motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:16 pm and come out at 8:30 pm. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Selectman Folsom motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Selectman Drew 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