

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: February 15, 2011

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Present: Vice-Chairman MacDougall, Selectman Folsom Selectman Drew and Selectman Allaire.

Absent: Chairman Danforth

Also Present: Dwayne Morin.

Vice Chairman MacDougall opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:35 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of February 1, 2011

Selectman Allaire moved to accept the Minutes of February 1, 2011 as written, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0-1

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. Unfinished Business:

A. FY12 Budget: Budget Committee Recommendations for Budget

Dwayne presented a memo from MMA to the Board of Selectmen regarding the impact to municipalities from Governor LePage's proposed budget on the subject matter of Revenue Sharing, General Assistance and Education.

Dwayne updated the Board on the Budget Committee recommendations for FY12 Budget thus far.

Selectman Drew moved that this issue will not be addressed on the Warrant, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Drew moved that the Board declines the approval of \$4,000.00 to repair Bauneg Beg Dam, but will be placed before the Budget Committee to go to Town Meeting, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

B. Assessing: Update Sales Analysis

The Town Assessor explained in a letter to the Board of Selectmen that the sales ratio study has been returned to the Maine Revenue Service in order that they are able to complete the annual sales ratio study audit. The preliminary number indicated a combined ratio for North Berwick of approximately 100%.

The sales ratio is used to determine reimbursement for exemption programs and for this year used sales from July 1 2009 through June 30, 2010. The impact of the ratio study is also reflected in determination of the 2012 State Valuation.

	Ratio	Quality Rating
2006 Sales Analysis Return	96%	9
2007 Sales Analysis Return	92%	9
2008 Sales Analysis Return	97%	6
2009 Sales Analysis Return	99%	7
2010 Sales Analysis Return	102%	7

The Maine Revenue Service review was completed today indicating a 3% change to the ratio from the prior year.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – March 1, 2011 - 6:30 pm Municipal building
Budget Committee - Feb. 16, 2011 - 6:30 pm Municipal building
Budget Committee - Feb. 28, 2011 - 6:30 pm Municipal building

6. New Business:

A. Deb-Tone: Closing on Deb-Tone Conservation Project

The Town was contacted by the Great Works Regional Land Trust and they are nearing their completion of the Deb-Tone project and have requested the Town's Funds that was appropriated for this project.

Dwayne explained to the Great Works Regional Land Trust that they need to address a letter requesting the funds, an explanation of where they are at and that the Town's Funds completes their goal.

The tentative closing on the Deb-Tone project is March 11, 2011 at the Town Hall.

B. Fire Department: McLeod Red Light Permit, Substation Chimney Repair

Selectman Folsom move to allow Chris McLeod to run his red light, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the bid from Diversified Masonry Inc. for the chimney at the Substation, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

C. Planning Board: Mark Cahoon Membership Application

Selectman Drew moved to appoint Mark Cahoon to the Planning Board as an alternate for the vacant term 12-30-13, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

D. Committee Appreciation: Dinner Menu, Program and Cost Review

The Board of Selectmen was in agreement with the Dinner Menu, Program and Cost for the Appreciation Dinner.

E. FY12 Referendum: Pace Ordinance, Medical Marijuana, Zoning Changes

Selectman Drew moved to accept Pace Administration Contract that will allow us to be in that program, but authorized funding through the State Maine, and to place the PACE ordinance before Town voters at the Annual Town Meeting, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Dwayne discussed with the Board the questions on the Warrant this year.

F. Town Report: Bid Results

Selectman Folsom moved to accept bid from Lincoln Press for the Town Report, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

G. CMP: Offer to Meet Regarding Smart Meter Project

Dwayne explained that CMP will begin the smart meter replacement in North Berwick.

CMP offered to hold a Public Meeting with Elected Officials and citizens of North Berwick to discuss the Smart Meter Project.

6. Other Business:

Dwayne explained to the Board of Selectmen that additional discussion regarding York Hospital's proposal to provide a Regional EMS System for Southern York County, Maine will be addressed.

The North Berwick Rescue Squad will attend the March 1, 2011 Board of Selectmen's Meeting regarding the Regional EMS System.

Selectman Drew brought to the Selectmen's attention that Brigitte Dumont offered to sing the National Anthem at Town Meeting.

The Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 9, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Noble High School.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: February 8, 2011 - \$8,363.46

Warrant: February 15, 2011 - \$426,816.47

Selectman Drew moved to accept the Warrants of February 8, 2011 in the amount of \$8,363.46 and February 15, 2011 in the amount of \$426,816.47, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

8. Executive Session: Personnel - MRSA – 405 (6)(A)

Selectman Folsom moved to go into Executive Session from 8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

9. Adjournment:

Selectman Folsom moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Respectively Submitted:
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Jay MacDougall

Selectman: Gregg Drew

Selectman: Arthur Allaire

