

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: September 28, 2011

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Present: Chairman Folsom, Selectman MacDougall, and Selectman Galemmo.

Also Present: Dwayne Morin, Chief Stephen Peasley, Lt. James Moulton and Officer Dan Pelkey.

Absent: Selectman Danforth

Chairman Folsom opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:05 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. New Business:

A. Police Department: K-9 Discussion

Chief Peasley explained to the Board that for the past four years, the Department has been discussing the creation of a K-9 unit within the department in an effort to combat the drug issues and other crime issues within the community. Chief Peasley believes that this would be an invaluable resource to the North Berwick Police Department and the Department has performed research on grant opportunities to assist in the initial start up of the program as well as the yearly operational costs associated with the program.

Chief Peasley then presented Officer Dan Pelkey. Officer Pelkey gave a Powerpoint presentation to the Board outlining the necessity of the program, the goals and objectives of the program, the cost of the program – initial and yearly and the grant opportunities available to assist in funding the initial startup costs and the yearly on-going operational costs.

Following the presentation, the Board had a discussion with the Chief regarding the proposed K-9 unit. The Board stated that the Department had created a very good presentation on the merits of the program as well as the goals and objectives and costs associated with the program. In order for the program to move forward, grant funding will be crucial to the successful launch of the program. Without grant funding the Board does not feel that the voters will embrace the creation of the

program. The Police Department has done a great job in obtaining grant funding commitments for the yearly operational costs which will reduce the Town's operational costs to approximately \$800.00 a year and now need to concentrate on the estimated \$25,000.00 initial start-up costs. In order for the Police Department to pursue the grant opportunities for the initial start-up, the Board must authorize the pursuit of these funds.

Selectmen Galemme moved to authorize the Police Department pursue grant opportunities to assist in the funding of the start-up costs for a K-9 unit of the North Berwick Police Department. Motion seconded by Selectmen MacDougall. Vote 3-0 in favor.

3. Other Business:

No other business.

4. Adjournment:

Selectman MacDougall moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., Selectman Galemme seconded a motion.
Vote, 3-0

Respectively Submitted:
Dwayne G. Morin, Town Manager

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Jay MacDougall

Selectman: Charles Galemme