

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: December 13, 2011**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES DECEMBER 13 2011**

**Present:** Chairman Folsom, Selectman Danforth, Selectman MacDougall, Selectman, Selectman Galemmo and Larry Hart.

**Also Present:** Katie Jacques, Lorinda Hilton, David Babcock, Sue Caler, Steven Vincent, David Parker, Bob Robbins Mike Kelewae, Chris McCleod, Leslie Parker, Jim Moore, Brian Gosselin, Bob Creamer and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman Folsom opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes of November 15, 2011**

Selectman MacDougall moved to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2011 as written, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**3. Public Input:**

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Fireworks:** Continued Discussion

Selectman Galemmo moved to move forward with the Ordinance as written with the exception of changing the fine schedule to: 1<sup>st</sup> offense \$50.00, 2nd offense \$100.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense \$250.00 and 4<sup>th</sup> offense \$500.00, Selectman MacDougall seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

Dwayne explained a public hearing will be held in January 2012.

**B. Budget FY13:** Continued Discussion FY13 Budget

Dwayne explained that the North Berwick Departments budgets are due on December 30, 2011.

Dwayne and the Board of Selectmen discussed in great length FY13 Budget.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – Dec. 27, 2011 - 6:30 p.m. Municipal building  
**Employee and Board Christmas Party** – Dec. 16, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. Community Center

## **7. New Business**

### **A. Craft Fair:** Presentation from Craft Fair Organizers for Town Fuel Fund

Katie Jacques representing the Craft Fair Organizers and the citizens that volunteered and donated time and money has presented to the Board of Selectmen approximately \$1,900.00 for the Town of North Berwick fuel fund. An additional donation was made to the New Covenant food pantry in the amount of \$1,900.00.

### **B. Fire Department:** Annual Bingo Renewal

Selectman Galemme moved to approve the Fire Department Bingo License Renewal, Selectman Danforth seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

### **C. Fire Department:** New Pumper Presentation

The North Berwick Fire Department presented their findings to the Board of Selectmen. The three quotes for a new fire truck are from Valley Fire Equipment, Crimson Fire Inc., and E-One Inc.

The Board of Selectmen recommended E-One Inc.

### **D. Library:** Trustees Vinyl Windows Replacement, Discuss Need to Replace Oil Tank

Dwayne explained to the Board of Selectmen that the Library Trustees received quotes to replace the windows at the Library.

The Trustees have selected a white vinyl that matches the existed wood windows with the 8 over 8 grids. The trustees will be using funds they have raised.

The oil tank at the Library is in need of replacement. The cost to have this completed is \$1850.00.

Dwayne recommended that the Board approve the funding of this project from the emergency equipment fund.

Selectman Galemme move to approve \$1,850.00 to replace the library oil tank at the library and money coming from the emergency fund, Selectman Danforth seconded and motion. Vote, 5-0

### **E. Excise Tax:** Discuss Ordinance to Exempt Active Military Stationed Outside State

Selectman Galemme moved to create an Ordinance to exempt active duty in accordance with the law passed and make it retroactive through January 1, 2012, Selectman Hart seconded a motion.

Vote, 5-0

**F. Board/Committees:** Conservation and Economic Development Committees

The Board of Selectmen tabled Conservation and Economic Development Committees.

**G. Lien Agreement:** Between Water, Sanitary District and Town on Foreclosed Property

Selectman Galemme moved to pursue an agreement with the Water District and Sanitary District on making everyone whole on foreclosure; Selectman Danforth seconded a motion, Vote, 5-0

**H. Parks and Rec.:** Application for Membership on Commission – Aimee Metz-Jordan

Selectman Galemme moved to appoint Aimee Metz-Jordan to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Selectman Hart seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**I. Town of Wells:** Land Purchase by Wells in North Berwick – Tax Exemption

Selectman Galemme moved to exempt property tax on map 2, lot 25 to be purchased by the Town of Wells under the condition it is held in conservancy, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**J. National Register Historic District:** Knight's Pond Historic Dist. Determination

Dwayne explained to the Board of Selectmen that when CMP decided to do their Maine Reliability upgrades, that CMP, by law, has to look at all existing potential historic properties and mitigate any adverse effect upon these properties. CMP had to go along the entire corridor and look at all the houses that have a view of the power lines and determine do they have the potential to go on the National Historic Register. After they determined that the houses had the ability. CMP then looked at groups of houses and determine that these groups of houses could potentially be described as a district. North Berwick has one of those groups of houses which are on Cabbage Hill that consist of old farming houses with the exception of Cabbage Hill Subdivision.

The Maine Conservation Office and CMP have been working on creating this district.

CMP contacted the Town Manager to install a sign in North Berwick. They want to place a sign on top of Cabbage Hill that says that this is a Historic Midway. Dwayne suggested that the Historic sign be placed adjacent to Deb-Tone Farm.

**6. Other Business:**

The Town Assessor has completed the Sales Analysis for the year. The preliminary numbers indicates a combined ratio for North Berwick of approximately 105%.

The Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen discussed in great length a packet from MSAD/RSU#60 District Restructuring Grade Shifting Plan.

## **7. Executive Session: Personnel**

Selectman MacDougall moved to go into Executive Session at 9:47 p.m. to 9:55 p.m., Selectman Hart seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

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

Warrant: Nov. 22, 2011 - \$14,828.51

Warrant: Nov. 29, 2011 - \$33,530.99

Warrant: Dec. 6, 2011 - \$10,686.10

Warrant: Dec. 13, 2011 - \$9,196.75

Selectman Galemme moved to accept the Warrants of November 22, 2011 for \$14,828.51, November 29, 2011 for \$33,530.99, December 6, 2011 for \$10,686.10 and December 13, 2011 for \$9,196.75, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

## **10. Adjournment:**

Selectman MacDougall moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., Selectman Hart seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Respectively Submitted:  
Anita Merrow, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Jay MacDougall

Selectman: Charles Galemme

Selectman: Larry Hart

