

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: April 6, 2010

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES APRIL 6, 2010

Present: Chairman Folsom, Selectman Danforth, Selectman Bourbon and Selectman MacDougall and Selectman Drew.

Also Present: Larry Rendell, Al Boston, Wendy Boston, Mike Dunn and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman Folsom opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:34 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of March 16, 2010

Selectman Drew moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2010 as noted, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Roads and Maine Community Foundation Grant: Update

Dwayne updated the Board on the damages to the roads due to the significant amount of rain.

There is erosion on the sides of the road.

There are driveway culverts missing especially on Lebanon Road.

The Town Crew is working at correcting the damages.

Dwayne discussed with the Board the property on Little River Road.

When the town redid Little River Road in 2006 there was a 12 inch culver that was replaced.

Mr. Rendell states that since the road was redone he has had water problem on his property.

Due to the amount of rain and the flooding on the property and in the home Mr. Rendell placed a 4 inch drain pipe into the 12 inch culvert to divert the water away from his home. This drain pipe disturbed the soil and continued to erode the land. The erosion of the property was approximately 7 feet deep and the widest part 14 feet with the length being 65 feet long.

Mr. Rendell spoke that he had to do something or the first floor would have been flooded along with the basement. I have a 2 inch pump in the basement that couldn't keep up with the water coming in. The culvert that is there never worked so the water would back up and go into the 13 acre field across the road now it comes into my yard. When we had the three weeks of rain it was too much for the pipe, it lifted the pipe out of the ground and the water started going over the top of the ground.

Selectman Bourbon asked what the options are and where do we go from here.

Dwayne explained that if it wasn't for the digging there wouldn't be a trench there.

The culvert has been there for years even though it may have been plugged prior to that, there was a culvert there and it was put there for a reason at some point.

The town has a prescriptive easement to allow that water to go across that property because it has been there for such a long time.

It was really the excavation that disturbed the ground.

Selectmen Bourbon commented that the condition of the property when he bought it and with the road being done, it certainly changed things without a doubt. It is hard to say what degree the town is liable. I'd say we would want to assist were we can. It is hard to do that without knowing the dollar value and what the long term is going to be.

The DEP will be contacted due to the property being in the Shoreland Protection District.

Selectman MacDougall spoke that the first step is DEP.

Dwayne will have the Code Enforcement Officer contact Shoreland Zoning to review the severity of the damages.

The Board of Selectmen will discuss Mr. Rendell's property on April 20, 2010.

Dwayne updated the Board on roads.

Mike Dunn and the crew have been repairing washed out roads.

FEMA did claim the hurricane from February 23 2010 to March 2, 2010.
Abbott Hill and Jesse Cotty performed debris cleanup.

The Fire Department and the Rescue Department were out during this time frame.

Dwayne updated the Board on the Maine Community Foundation Grant.

The Island planting will be done by Salmon Falls Nursery within the next two weeks.

Hussey's is working on the skirting that goes around the bottom of the pole.

Selectman Bourbon spoke with Roger Guptil in regards to the water shed from Meader Street since the re-pavement of the street. The water use to flow down the side of the road on to Lower Main Street, but now it turns it back into the Cheney property and that is where the pooling is.

Dwayne explained that gravel will be brought in for the Cheney driveway and a section of pave area will need to be removed to allow the water to flow.

B. Budget FY11: Town Meeting

Dwayne created a spreadsheet with all the expenditures history within the past eight years with the Budget Committees recommendations that will be handed out at Annual Town Meeting.

Dwayne will provide a PowerPoint presentation at the Annual Town Meeting that will be presented before the citizens of North Berwick.

Selectman Bourbon asked if all department heads will be present.

Dwayne answered that all departments will be present and will be wearing name tags.

C. Foreclosures: Update on Foreclosure List for FY08

Dwayne updated the Board that the foreclosures for FY08 have been redeemed.

D. Energy Grant: Appointment of Representatives and Alternative

Dwayne discussed with the Board of Selectmen that Energy Grant Committee would like to appoint representatives from all the communities and put together a Steering Committee. He will continue to look for a volunteer to represent North Berwick.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-April 20, 2010 -6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

5. New Business:

A. Library: Request for Emergency Funds – Pump

Dwayne explained that the Library Trustees will be requesting Emergency Funds from the Board of Selectmen that will cover the repairs to the libraries pump and damage to the dry wall that was caused by the rain storms.

B. SAD 60: Sign School Warrant May 11, 2010 Vote on Improvement to School

Selectman Drew moved to sign the Warrant for SAD 60 to bring this proposal to the citizens, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

C. Town Meeting: Ballot Clerk Appointments

Selectman Danforth moved to appoint Sharon Litvinchyk, Lorrinda Hilton, Kathy Pease and Susan Linscott as ballot clerks, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

6. Other Business:

Selectman Drew suggested that North Berwick bring back Earth Day.

Selectman Bourbon moved that the Board of Selectmen place the new marijuana law and cultivation on the Planning Boards agenda for review and update the Selectmen on changes or developments, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: March 30, 2010 - \$37,843.82

Warrant: April 6, 2010 - \$14,739.24

Selectman Drew moved to accept the Warrants of March 30, 2010 in the amount of \$37,843.82 and April 6, 2010 in the amount of \$14,739.24, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

8. Executive Session – Legal – 1MRSA405 (6)(E)

Selectman Danforth moved to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

9. Adjournment:

Selectman MacDougall moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., Selectman Danforth seconded a motion.
Vote, 5-0

Respectively Submitted:
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Anthony Bourbon

Selectman: Jay MacDougall

Selectman: Gregg Drew