

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: September 21, 2010**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**

**Present:** Chairman Danforth, Selectman Folsom, Selectman MacDougall, Selectman Drew and Selectman Allaire.

**Also Present:** Todd Hoffman, Lincoln Harrison, Betty Hall and Nancy Guptill

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

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes of September 7, 2010**

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the September 7, 2010 with corrections, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**3. Public Input:**

Chairman Danforth opened Public Input at 6:37 p.m.

Betty Hall spoke with the Board of Selectmen her concern of the award process of the Boston Post Cane

Dwayne explained that the town has always maintained the Boston Cane Award. It is the Town Clerks responsibility to let us know once a person passes away and who gets the next Boston Post Cane. The Board of Selectmen set forth in 1996 all the criteria in which the Boston Post Cane is to be awarded.

Years ago a gentleman came to a Board of Selectmen's meeting with the original Boston Post Cane that had been lost for many years.

The Board of Selectmen decided in 1996 that the original Boston Post Cane would never be given out. What the town did was give out a plaque and unfortunately over time the award company that we buy our plaques from went out of business. We found another plaque company to match the same plaque that we were giving out and have since gone out of business and we can't get that plaque anymore. At the last Board of Selectmen's meeting I suggested to the Board that instead of giving out plaques I thought it would be nice to duplicate the cane. We bought five duplicate canes that came from the original cane. We will actually give the cane to the citizen that is awarded so that they may keep the Boston Post Cane forever.

The Town would like to build a shadow box that would hold the original Boston Post Cane with a plaque with the currant holder.

Betty Hall spoke that you have answered my question and I do appreciate your time, thank you.

Chairman Danforth closed Public Input at 6:53 p.m.

#### **4. Unfinished Business:**

##### **A. Roads and Maine Community Foundation Grant: Update**

Main Street has been completed. The stripping will be done the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Fox Farm Hill Road has been completed.

The Town Crew will be completing Oak Woods Road and the paving will be done on the road in mid October.

The Town has completed the repair of the new light pole. Alan Gray is ready to install the light and electricity as soon as the base and pole are installed. The concrete has been installed, but will need a couple of days to cure.

The light is expected to be up the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>

##### **B. Enduro Race: Recap of Race and Complaints**

The Town Attorney provided the Board of Selectmen with his opinion of the Enduro Race on whether the Enduro Race needed a Planning Board review or a conditional use review and how it does not fall under our zoning ordinance.

Dwayne recommended to the Board a proposal to amend the Mass Gathering Permit.

Selectman Drew moved that we start reviewing the Mass Gathering Permit process, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**C. Boston Post Cane:** Discussion of Presentation

Chairman Danforth will present the Boston Post Cane to the citizen that is to be awarded.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – Oct. 5, 2010 - 6:30 pm Municipal building

**5. New Business:**

**A. Pratt and Whitney:** Discussion on Proposed Land Swap for Canoe Launch

The Town Manager and Selectman Drew met with Pratt representatives to look at the old well site and continue talk of land swap. There appears to be an interest from Pratt and Whitney. They have presented the proposal to the Plant Manager and he would like to walk the areas and then present it to UTC Real Estate for consideration.

**B. November Election:** Polling Times

Chris Dudley recommended the Polls be opened 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2010 for State, Municipal and MSAD 60 balloting.

Selectman Folsom moved to set Polling time from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on November 2, 2010 at the Elementary School, Selectmen Allaire seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**C. Rescue:** Red Light Permit

Selectman Folsom moved to approve to run the Red Light permit to Ryan Sprusansky, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**D. Mass Gathering:** Great Works Land Trust Bicycle Run – October 2, 2010

Selectman Folsom moved to approve the Great Works Land Trust Parade and Mass Gathering Permit for October 2, 2010, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote 5-0

**E. Mass Gathering Permit:** Discussion to Change an Ordinance

Dwayne discussed with the Town Attorney in depth that the Zoning Ordinance is not the correct tool for the large events that have taken place in town.

Dwayne explained to the Board he thought that we should look at changing the Mass Gathering Permit by either changing to Mass Gathering Ordinance or calling it a Mass Gathering/Special Event Ordinance. I think one thing we came to realize especially in the past several months is the dynamic nature of some of these large events and the impact it has on the Town of North Berwick. The larger events should have some criteria established for the Board to review. Such as notification of abutters, a public hearing and performance standards, when police officer coverage is necessary, impact to abutters, environment, sanitary facilities, and impact on traffic system before it gets to be a big problem.

Dwayne recommended that we move forward and look to amend our Mass Gathering Ordinance and call it a Mass Gathering/Special Amusement Ordinance or Mass Gathering/Special Event Ordinance with discussion on performance standards and tiered levels.

The Mass Gathering Ordinance was adopted by Town Meeting and it has to be amended by Town Meeting.

Before Town Meeting there would be two public hearings and solicit input from the Planning Board of what kind of performance criteria should be placed on these large events and tailor it toward our community.

Selectman Drew moved to start the process for reviewing our Mass Gathering Permit, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

#### **F. Public Works: Surplus Equipment Review**

The Town is currently accepting bids for the following surplus equipment:

1. 1985 Ford L 8000 with a 10' front plow, 10' wing plow and Heil dump body. This vehicle was utilized as a plow/sand truck. This vehicle is green in color and has an odometer reading of 129,500 miles. Minimum Bid Price - \$5,000.00
2. 1996 Swenson Stainless Steel 10' sander. Minimum Bid Price - \$3,500.00

Bids must be received by Monday, October 18, 2010 by 3:00 p.m.

Additional information contact Dwayne Morin, Town Manager at 676-3112 ext. 4.

Selectman Drew moved to advertise the 1985 Ford with the minimum bid of \$5,000.00 and the 1996 Swenson Sander for a minimum bid of \$3,500.00, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

#### **6. Other Business:**

The Board of Selectmen signed a thank you letter to Officer Daniel Pelkey for the creation of the new website for the North Berwick Police Department.

Gregg Drew moved that there be no charge for an event to be held at the Community Center, Selectman Allaire seconded a motion. Vote, 2-3

**7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:**

Warrant: September 8, 2010 - \$11,643.61

Warrant: September 15, 2010 - \$581,810.98

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Warrants of September 8, 2010 in the amount of \$11,643.61 and September 15, 2010 in the amount of \$581,810.98, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**8. Executive Session: Personnel - 1 MRSA – 405(6)(A)**

Selectman Drew moved to go into Executive Session from 8:45 p.m. to 8:55 p.m., Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**9. Adjournment:**

Selectman Folsom moved to adjourn at 9:04 p.m., Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Respectively Submitted:  
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Jay MacDougall

Selectman: Gregg Drew

Selectman: Authur Allaire