

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: May 19, 2009

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

Also Present: Michael Johnson Jr., Michael Johnson Sr., Dale Clock, Jeannie Provencher, Chris Karcher, Craig Skelton, Michael E. Dunn, Todd Hoffman, 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 May 5, 2009

Selectman Drew moved to accept the Minutes of May 5, 2009 as written, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-1

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Dispatch: Discussion on Dispatch Services

Dwayne discussed with the Board that the Town is working on dispatch services.

The Town has tested out frequencies for the FCC.

The Town has finalized the agreement with IMC dispatch transfer.

The concern remains that the Police Department cruiser portables can communicate with dispatch.

The Town will order the equipment that will be housed in the communication shed.

B. Ice Storm: (moved) Tree Debris Clean Up

A Newsletter will be sent out on May 21, 2009 informing the residents that beginning the week of June 1, 2009 the Town of North Berwick will be conducting a roadside clean up of the wood debris that was a result of the Ice Storm of December, 2008.

Residents may bring their Ice Storm wood debris within the right-of-way for clean-up prior to June 1, 2009.

The week of June 1st the North Berwick Town Crew along with J.T. Cotty Tree Work, Abbott Hill Tree Service, and Chain Saw Steve will be conducting road debris clean-up.

Oakwoods Lumber granted the Town permission to allow residents to bring their wood debris to their facility located on the corner of Valley Road and Oak Woods Road. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 a.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Residents may obtain a Burning Permit from the North Berwick Fire Department.
(207-676-2611)

C. Me. Community Foundation: Review Project Ideas for Grant Submission

Dwayne spoke with Maine Community Foundation and gave them the list of proposed projects.

Maine Community Foundation asked for a written proposal from Dwayne.

When Maine Community Foundation has received the proposal from Dwayne they will begin reviewing the proposed projects for the Town of North Berwick.

D. Farmer's Market: Discussion on the proposed North Berwick Farmer's Market

A concern that has come up with the North Berwick Farmer's Market is the hours of operation of the market and parking near the entrance of the Municipal Building. This may conflict with the Municipal Building business hours.

The North Berwick Farmer's Markets would prefer a shaded area but will move the market to the lower end of the parking lot as it will interfere with the Municipal Building business hours of operation.

The North Berwick Farmer's Markets will attend the Board of Selectmen's Meeting on June 2, 2009.

E. Cemetery Trustees: (moved) Discussion on proposed Easement for Crematory at Hillside Cemetery – Executive Session 1MRSA 405 (6)(C)

Selectman Bourbon moved to go into Executive Session 1MRSA 405 (6)(C) at 7:24 p.m., Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Chairman Folsom closed Executive Session 1MRSA 405 (6)(C) at 8:00 p.m.

Selectman Danforth spoke that he wanted to disclose publicly that he was asked Mike Johnson Jr. to put together the site plan for the crematory and though we have not formally entered an agreement, I do see that forth coming.

Dwayne explained that Mr. Johnson's Attorney put together an agreement that he wanted us to review. We sent it to our Town Attorney and our Attorney had some issues with some of the agreement.

The Town Attorney has made recommendations to the proposed Crematory at Hillside Cemetery. The Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen would like to have those recommendations redrafted into the proposed Crematory at Hillside Cemetery agreement.

The Board asked that Dwayne have Town Attorney move forward with the recommendations to the proposed agreement for Crematory at Hillside Cemetery.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – June 2, 2009-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

5. New Business:

A. Board Application: (moved) Planning Board

Chairman Folsom asked Chris Karcher why he would like to be on the Planning Board.

Chris Karcher replied that where ever I have been a resident over the last 20 years. I have lived in Willington CT., Mansfield CT., Colchester CT., and in France and in particular in small communities like North Berwick, which is very similar to the town I came from. I find that whether it is volunteered as part of town council and any of the other services that are in town and that given my back ground and experience that I have something to offer to help the town prosper and thrive. In particular North Berwick appeals to me are the values the town has taken to development, growth and community which I would like to be a part of in any way that I could be of use.

Selectmen Danforth moved to accept Chris Karcher to fill the remaining term of Dennis Hartigan as an Alternate on the Planning Board, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

B. FY09 Commitment: (moved) Tax Abatement Request from Advanced Systems Technologies

Town Assessor asked that the Board approve Abatement #6 which is to correct for duplication of assessment.

Advanced Systems Technologies

Map ID: N/A

Account: PP81

Selectman Bourbon moved to approve the abatement of abatement number 6 in the amount of \$9,494.70, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

C. Foreclosure: Sign Proper Deed

The Board of Selectmen signed the Proper Deed.

D. Great Works Land Trust: (moved) Discussion Regarding Potential Conservation Easement

Dwayne explained to the Board that Todd Hoffman is representing Great Works Land Trust. Great Works Land Trust is looking at Conservation Easements and Development Easement to obtain within the Town of North Berwick.

Todd Hoffman discussed with the Board of Selectmen in great length the Great Works Land Trust potential Conservation Easement of Deb-Tone farm.

Selectman Danforth would like to see more specifics with regard to cost, etc.

Chairman Folsom would like to see more information on what the owner decides on as an easement agreement for Deb-Tone Farm.

Chairman Folsom asked Mr. Hoffman to come back to meet with the Board when he has obtained more information on the proposed easement.

E. Mill Field: Gazebo Repair Estimates

Selectman Drew moved accept Don Anderson Sweet Inc repair of gazebo for \$2,250.00, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

F. Roads: (moved) Pavement Bid

Pike Industries has given the Town a price of \$63.25 for pavement for the upcoming year.

Selectman Drew moved to accept Pike paving contract for \$63.25, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Road projects for summer, 2009: Canal Street, Mill Street, Meader Street, Portland Street and Sidhall Drive.

G. Mass Gathering Permit: Fletcher Wedding, Mill Field Festival

Selectman MacDougall moved to accept the Mass Gathering Permit for the Fletcher's on August 1st, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Selectman MacDougall moved to accept the permit for the Mill Field Festival as presented, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

H. Parade Permit: Memorial Day Parade, Mill Field Festival Parade

Selectman Drew moved to accept the permit for the Memorial Day Parade for the American Legion, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Selectman Drew moved to accept the Mill Field Festival Committee Parade permit, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

I. Tri-Berwick Meeting: Potential Dates for Meeting

Dwayne will forward the tentative date to South Berwick, Berwick for the Tri-Berwick Meeting from the North Berwick Board of Selectmen for June 24, 2009.

6. Other Business:

Chief Peasley would like to invite the Board of Selectmen to the North Berwick DARE graduation at the Mary Hurd School gym on June 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Folsom and Selectman Drew will attend the DARE graduation.

Chairman Folsom would like to set up a committee for the Appreciation Dinner.

Dwayne discussed with the Board State signage for returnable bottles.

7. Executive Session – 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) Personnel

Selectman MacDougall moved to go into Executive Session - 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) Personnel at 9:07 p.m. to 9:20 p.m., Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

8. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: May 12, 2009 - \$18,458.62

Warrant: May 19, 2009 - \$394,718.01

Selectman Drew moved to accept the Warrants of May 12, 2009 for \$18,458.62 and May 19, 2009 for \$394,718.01, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

9. Adjournment:

Selectman Bourbon moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., Selectman MacDougall 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: Gregg Drew

Selectman: Jay MacDougall