

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: September 15, 2009

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

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

Absent: Selectman Bourbon and Selectman MacDougall.

Also Present: Paul Andrade, Steve Peasley, Craig Skelton, Patrick Raftery and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman Folsom opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:31 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of September 1, 2009

Selectman Drew moved to accept the minutes of September 1, 2009 as amended, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Roads: Update

Sid Hall Drive will be paved on September 16, 2009.

The Town Crew is anticipating finishing the side walk on Canal Street on September 17, 2009.

The Water District and Sanitary District are working on Meader Street and once they are finished the Town will complete this project.

Portland Street project may be on hold until the next spring.

B. Maine Community Foundation: Grant Projects Award

The Town Crew will start working on the Mill Field sidewalk and the Dummy projects so that when the poles and lights arrive all that will need to be completed is the electrical hookup.

Dwayne has sent out bids for the electrical work to be completed to local electricians.

C. Great Works Crematory: Sign Memorandum of Lease

Tabled

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – Oct. 6, 2009-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building
York County Advocacy Project – Sept. 17, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. Sanford Council Chambers

5. New Business:

A. SAD#60: (moved) Discussion: with Superintendent Regarding Bond Proposal

Superintendent Paul Andrade discussed with the Board of Selectmen a 15-year bond package of \$571,550 that will be presented to voters at the November 3, 2009 election. This bond proposal is at zero interest. The annual bond payment will be \$38.103 and will be incorporated into the district budget

The federal stimulus package known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act created a new program called Qualified School Construction Bonds. Qualified School Construction Bonds are tax credit bonds which can be used for the construction or repair of public school buildings. Lenders receive tax credits from the Federal government instead of interest payments from school administrative districts. School districts are only responsible for repayment of the bond principal and thus have the opportunity to borrow funds at zero interest. M.S.A.D. #60 is one of only 13 districts in the state approved for this funding by the Maine Department of Education. This is a one time stimulus program so we may never again have a chance to repair our buildings at such a low cost. Utilizing this program saves the district \$139,000 in interest versus a bond at 4.5% percent. Repairs will be done at the Lebanon Elementary School, Hanson School, North Berwick Primary School and the Mary Hurd School.

Selectman Drew moved that the School Warrant be placed on the Referendum, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

B. Planning Board: (moved) Interview of Patrick Raftery, Review Julie Morse-Patuleia

The Board of Selectmen interviewed applicant Patrick Raftery for a position on the Planning Board. Mr. Raftery will attend a Planning Board meeting on September 24, 2009 and decide if he wants to serve as a member.

The Board of Selectmen will interview applicant Julie Morse-Patuleia for a position on the Planning Board on October 20, 2009.

C. Commitment FY10: (moved) Abatement and Supplementals, Sign Municipal Valuation

Selectman Danforth moved to accept Abatement 1, Abatement 2 and Abatement 3 for accounts 1843, 768 and 976 for the veteran's exemption, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

Selectman Drew moved to accept Abatement 4 for account 284, Selectmen Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

Selectman Drew moved to approve Supplemental #1 for account # 285, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

Selectman Drew moved to approve Supplemental #2 for account # 2492, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

Selectman Danforth moved to accept the 2009 Municipal Evaluation Return, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

D. November Elections: Discuss Hours of Operation on Election Day

Selectman Danforth moved to have the polling hours from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2009 and officially close the Town Front Office due to staff working at the polls, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

E. Referendums: Discussion on Tabor II and Excise Tax Referendums

Tabled

Dwayne recommended to the Board that the Town move in opposition to Tabor II.

Dwayne provided the Board with a draft Resolution on State Law on Tax and Expenditure Limitations on State and Local Government and the Town of North Berwick Excise Tax Collection 2005 to present to review.

F. Town Meeting: Establish Date for FY11 Town Meeting

Tabled

Dwayne recommended Town Meeting be held on April 10, 2009.

G. Mass Gathering Permit: Boy Scout Jamboree

Selectman Drew moved to accept the Mass Gathering Permit for Troop 312 to have the Pine Tree Council York District at Noble High School, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

H. Police Department: (moved) Cruiser Accident Update

The Town Manager and Police Chief Peasley updated the Board of Selectmen on the Police Department cruiser accident that occurred on September 12, 2009.

6. Other Business:

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: September 8, 2009 - \$9,902.75

Warrant: September 15, 2009 - \$540,299.64

Selectman Drew moved to accept the Warrants of September 8, 2009 for \$9,902.75 and September 15, 2009 for \$504,299.64, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

9. Adjournment:

Selectman Danforth moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., Selectman Drew seconded a motion.
Vote, 3-0

Respectively Submitted:
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Anthony Bourbon

Selectman: Gregg Drew

Selectman: Jay MacDougall