

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: October 6, 2009

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2009

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

Absent: Selectman Folsom

Also Present: Betty Hall and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman Drew opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:40 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of September 15, 2009

Tabled until the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting

3. Public Hearing: Junkyards – 6:41 p.m.

Chairman Drew opened the Junkyard hearing at 6:41 p.m.

The Town of North Berwick will be holding this Public Hearing in reference to Automobile Junkyard Permits for Wick's Car Service and Triangle Motor Sales pursuant to Tile 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3754.

Dwayne explained to the Board that the Code Enforcement Officer has received no complaints in regard to Wick's Car Service or Triangle Motor Sales.

Chairman Drew closed the Junkyard hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Selectman MacDougall moved to accept junkyard permit for Wick's Car Service for this coming year, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Danforth moved to approve Triangle Antique Cars for an automobile junkyard permit, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

4. Public Input: No Public Input

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Roads: Update

Sid Hall Drive surface paving will be done in the spring.

The Town Crew is working on Meader Street.

Pike Industries offered the Town wash stone dust for \$3.20 a yard. The wash stone dust will be mixed with the sand for roads this winter which will be a savings for the Town.

B. Maine Community Foundation: Grant Projects Award

The Town will start working on the Mill Field and the Center Garden Island.

The Town is waiting for light for the Center Garden Island.

Hussey's is painting the lamp post next week.

The Mill Field is waiting for the 10 foot black poles from CMP.

The Mill Field lights are being destroyed as soon as they are replaced.

The Board asked Dwayne to research light fixtures that can't be destroyed.

C. Great Works Crematory: Sign Memorandum of Lease

Great Works Crematory will record the Memorandum of Ground Lease with the York County Registry of Deeds. The Town of North Berwick is the Landlord and Great Works Crematory is the Tenant, the date of the lease is August 4, 2009.

The Board of Selectmen signed the Memorandum of Ground Lease.

D. Town Meeting: Establish Date for FY11 Town Meeting

Selectman Bourbon moved to set Town Meeting date for April 10, 2010, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

E. Police Department: Cruiser Accident Update

Dwayne updated the Board of Selectmen on the cruiser accident.

The Police Chief and the Town Manager are waiting for the insurance company's response so they may move forward on decisions that need to be made in regard to the police cruiser.

F. Planning Board: Appointment of Patrick Raftery

Tabled

G. Referendums: Discussion on Tabor II and Excise Tax Referendum

Selectman Bourbon moved in favor of opposition of both Tabor II and the Excise Tax Referendum, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Danforth moved to approve Sharon Hilton, Sharon Litvincyk, Lorrina Hilton, Kathy Pease, Louise Coffin and Susan Linscott for the upcoming November Election, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – Oct. 20, 2009-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

6. New Business:

A. Audit: Update on Audit FY09 Progress

Dwayne discussed with the Board of Selectmen the Town's Audit which went very well.

B. Mass Gathering Permit: Gagne Wedding October 10, 2009

Selectmen Bourbon moved to accept the Mass Gathering Permit for the Gagne wedding on October 10, 2009, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

C. York County Connection Study: Approve Cooperation Agreement

Selectman Danforth moved to participate in the York County Connection Study, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

D. American Legion: Request to Waive Sign Permit Fee

Selectman Bourbon moved that the Board deny the request for a waiver fee, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

E. State Valuations FY10: Discussion

Dwayne discussed with the Board of Selectmen the State Valuations.

The State Valuations dropped this year by \$14,000,000.00 dollars.

The Town of North Berwick's from 2009 – 2010 lost \$14, 700.000.00 in valuation, the town last year was at 91%, this year the town is at 97%.

F. Electrical Cost: Review of Glacial Energy Switch

Dwayne explained that 5 months ago the Town of North Berwick switched to Glacial Energy the Town has saved \$5,600.00 which is approximately a 23% savings.

The Town's biggest saving was the Municipal Building at \$2,255.07 and the Street Lights at \$2,776.11.

7. Other Business:

Dwayne provided the Board of Selectmen with the County Commissioners letter that explains their budget. On August 5, 2009, the York County Commissioners declared a financial emergency indicating that the next year's budget was estimated to have a shortfall of about \$1.3 million.

The Olde Woolen Mill Grand Opening will be held on October 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

8. Executive Session: Poverty Abatement

Selectman Bourbon moved to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m., Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Bourbon moved to table the consideration of the poverty abatement number one until the Board receives additional information, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

9. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: September 22, 2009 - \$10,878.62

Warrant: September 29, 2009 - \$18,547.73

Warrant: October 6, 2009 - \$27,506.53

Selectman Bourbon moved to accept the Warrants of September 22, 2009 for \$10,878.62, September 29, 2009 for \$18,547.73 and October 6, 2009 for \$27,506.53, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

10. Adjournment:

Selectman Danforth moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m., Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion.
Vote, 4-0

Respectively Submitted:
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Anthony Bourbon

Selectman: Gregg Drew

Selectman: Jay MacDougall