

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: December 1, 2009**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 2009**

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

**Absent:** Selectman Folsom

**Also Present:** Dale Hilton, Lorinda Hilton, Ruth Hupe, Linda Amerman, Roland P. Jacques, Katie Jaques, Janet Belmain, Jennifer Cason, Brett Collard, Sally Collard, Janet Kelewae, Gene Kelewae, Jack Kareckas (GWRLT), Pat Robinson (GWRLT), Christine Magruder (GWRLT), Linda Houise, Chris Karcher, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Janet Hooke, Virginia Reusch and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman Drew opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes of September 15, 2009 & November 17, 2009**

Tabled: September 15, 2009 Minutes

Selectman MacDougall moved to accept the Minutes of November 17, 2009 with amendments that were discussed, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**3. Public Input:** No Public Input

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

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

Dwayne updated the Board on roads and the Maine Community Foundation Grant.

The roads have been completed.

The Town Crew has completed the winter sand. The Town has saved a significant amount of funds approximately \$18,000.00 by utilizing sand from Pike Industries.

The pole has been completed by Hussey's for the Dummy Light Garden.

The light will be shipped on December 9, 2009.

CMP is waiting for the poles to be shipped on December 9, 2009 and light fixtures will be shipped mid December. When the shipment arrives CMP will complete the lighting project. Allan Gray will then finish the electrical part of the project.

##### **B. Budget Committee: Applications**

The Budget Committee Applicants are Lorinda Hilton and Thomas D Cashell will meet with the Board of Selectmen on December 15, 2009 or the January 5, 2010 meeting.

##### **C. Budget FY11: Discuss Budget**

Dwayne updated the Board on Budget FY11.

The Town Departments will submit their budgets by the end of December.

**Reminders:** Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – Dec.15, 2009 - 6:30 pm Municipal Building

#### **5. New Business:**

##### **A. Craft Fair: (moved) Presentation to Selectmen on Proceeds for the Fuel Program**

Dwayne explained that again this year a group of individuals organized a Craft Fair with the proceeds going to the Fuel Assistance and the Food Pantry. It is phenomenal what these individuals accomplished in a one day event and the generosity of this town.

Katie Jacques spoke along with Lorinda Hilton that the Craft Fair was truly a group effort what has taken place. We decided do the Craft Fair again. We sent out letters and started knocking on doors which came through with generous donations. Our volunteers are Jennifer Cason, Janet Hooke, Brett Collard, Sally Collard, Dale Hilton, Roland Jacques, Lincoln Harrison, Gene Kelewae, Janet Kelewae, Linda Amerman, Ruth Hupe, Mason's, Girlscouts, Betty Moore, American Legion, Artists, Women's Auxiliary, High School and the Crafters, the list was endless. It was truly a community effort.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood accepted in behalf of the in North Berwick Food Pantry were awarded \$3,650.00.

Chairman Drew accepted in behalf of the Town of North Berwick Fuel Assistance Program was awarded \$3,650.00.

Chairman Drew spoke that words cannot express the generosity of the public. Where in a time were it is probably the hardest we have seen in years and yet the people come through and when we see this I'm sure it warms the hearts of everyone. Thank you all again...

**B. Police Association:** Establish Negotiating Committee

Chairman Drew and Selectman Danforth volunteered to serve on the Negotiation Committee for the Police Association.

**C. Planning Board:** Interview of Julie Morse Patuleia

Interview of Julie Morse Patuleia was tabled.

**D. York County:** Discuss County Charter Commission

The Board of Selectmen received a letter on behalf of the York County Commissioners requesting the municipal elected officials input on establishing a York County Charter Commission.

The Charter Commissioners would evaluate all aspects of York County governmental effectiveness and efficiencies during this charter process. The process will take approximately 2 years including the necessary county approval vote. The goal is to coordinate the election times to minimize costs for all towns.

Selectman Danforth moved to authorize Dwayne to respond and establish that the Town of North Berwick is in support of the establishment of the York County Charter Commission, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**E. GWRLT: (moved)** Discuss Purchase of Deb-Tone Farm Easement with Land Trust

Dwayne explained that the Great Works Regional Land Trust had come before the Board of Selectmen about the possibility obtaining a farm easement on the Deb-Tone Farm. The Great Works Land Trust is continuing to pursue that. They have now moved into the phase where they have been accepted under the National Farm Easement and have been awarded funds which they will match for the acquisition of Deb-Tone Farm development.

The Great Works Regional Land Trust would like to discuss with the Board about a warrant article for this up coming Town Meeting.

Christine Magruder spoke representing the Great Works Regional Land Trust and explained that the project is a farm land easement on the Deb-Tone Farm which is 22 acres. Deb-Tone Farm would be protected from any further subdivisions or any more structures built on the property.

The Great Works Regional Land Trust has purchased farm land easements in our 6 town region; the first was in South Berwick in 2005; the second was in Berwick in 2007

The Goodwin's were interested in conserving their farm and contacted the Great Works Regional Land Trust.

The Great Works Regional Land Trust has submitted a proposal to the Federal Farm Land and Ranchland Protection Program which was accepted. The money has been allocated to the Great Works Regional Land Trust. In this program they provide 50% and we need to raise the other 50%. The Great Works Regional Land Trust is here tonight in hopes to get financial support from the Town's Open Space Program.

Selectman Bourbon moved to allocate \$40,000.00 of the Open Space monies to fund this project for the Great Works Regional Land Trust with the provision that the funds provided by the town are the last funds to complete the project, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion.

Vote, 4-0

#### **F. Gerrish Pit:** Discuss Termination of Lease

Dwayne received a letter from Attorney Nicholas Strater notifying the Town of North Berwick that under the lease agreement between the Town and Margaret Gerrish dated June 27, 1988. As of February 23, 2010 the Town of North Berwick lease to extract sand and gravel from the Gerrish Pit is terminated.

#### **G. Road Name:** Request to Name Private Drive Cherry Tree Lane

Selectman MacDougall moved that we agree to this request the name, the constructed road adjacent to Oak Woods Road; Cherry Tree Lane, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion.

Vote, 4-0

#### **H. Rancati:** Request to Stop Payment for Six Months

Dwayne explained to the Board that Mr. Rancati request to stop payments for six months.

Selectman Danforth moved that Mr. Rancati provide a note by a Physician verifying he is unable to work for six months and if he is able to provide the Physician's note that proceeding the six months the payments will be \$150.00 per month, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion, Vote, 3-0-1

## **6. Other Business:**

The William Hill Firefighters Association is applying for an application to operate a Bingo game at the Community Center.

Selectman Bourbon moved to approve the Bingo application, Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

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

Warrant: November 24, 2009 - \$25,862.93

Warrant: December 1, 2009 - \$7,443.51

Selectman Danforth I moved to accept the Warrants of November 24, 2009 for \$25,862.93 and December 1, 2009 for \$7,443.51, MacDougall Selectman seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

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

Selectman Bourbon moved to go into Executive Session at 9:00 to 9:10 p.m., Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

## **9. Adjournment:**

Selectman Danforth moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., Selectman MacDougall seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Respectively Submitted:  
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Gregg Drew

Selectman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Anthony Bourbon

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Jay MacDougall