

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: January 22, 2008

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES JANUARY 22, 2008

Present: Chairman Moulton, Selectman Whitten, Selectman Danforth, Selectman Bourbon and Selectman Folsom.

Also Present: Brenda Moore, Jim Moore, Julie Fernée and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman Moulton opened the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of January 8, 2008

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Minutes of January 8, 2008 as corrected, Selectman Whitten seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0-1

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Canal Street: Grant Application Update

Dwayne discussed with the Board that the Grant Application was submitted to the State last week and he is anticipating hearing from the State in April 2008.

B. Fiscal Year 09: Discuss Budget and Town Manager Recommendation

Dwayne reviewed with the Board of Selectmen the FY 09 Budget.

The budget was presented to the Board with a 2.4 percent increase.

Dwayne worked hard with the departments to keep the budget increase to a minimum. There will be increases in SAD 60's budget due to the cut of 1.1 million dollars of State revenue. The cost of utilities and oil also had an impact on this year's budget.

The Board of Selectmen's discussion was tabled until the next meeting with the possibilities to more cuts to the budget.

C. EMA Director: Discussion Regarding Filling of Vacated Position

With the retirement of Larry Straffin the town needs to appoint an EMA Director.

Dwayne recommended to the Board that Mark Kelewae be appointed as the EMA Director on a probationary period.

Selectman Whitten moved to appoint Mark Kelewae as the EMA Director, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-February 5, 2008-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building
Budget Committee February 4, 2008-6:30 p.m. Room 212 Municipal Building

6. New Business:

A. Planning Board: (moved) Julie Fernee Application for continued membership

Julie Fernee is before the Board this evening for an interview to continue as a Planning Board member.

The Board questioned Julie as to why she wanted to reapply to be on the Planning Board. Julie replied that she has seen a lot of changes in the three years she has served as a Planning Board member. She enjoys her position as a Planning Board member and that the current Board is very knowledgeable and competent board. The term is until December 30, 2012.

Selectman Danforth moved to accept Julie Fernee's application to be on the Planning Board until 2012, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

B. Regional Efficiency Grant: Update of LD 2003 Status

Dwayne explained that the piece of Legislation that was proposed for the Regional Efficiency Grant named LD 2003. Dwayne testified on the LD 2003 on January 17, 2003. The Committee, the Business Research, and Labor Committee, tabled the Bill.

C. Fire Department: (moved) New Officers and Wells Mutual Aid Agreement

Dwayne discussed with the Board that with the retirement of Larry Straffin, Chief Jim Moore has restructured his officers. New officers need to uphold their responsibilities for a 6 months probationary period.

Brian Gosselin-Deputy Fire Chief,
 Bob Robbins-Fire Captain,
 Mark Kelewae-Fire Captain,
 Mike Kelewae-Fire Lieutenant,
 Jeremie Pillsbury-Fire Lieutenant.

Chief Moore has brought before the Board for consideration a mutual agreement between the Town of North Berwick and the Town of Wells.

AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF NORTH BERWICK AND WELLS

The above named Towns hereby agree as follows:

Upon notification of any reported or confirmed structure fires in the Town of North Berwick. The Town of Wells shall render such assistance as requested, provided there is no risk to its own individual community. The requested piece of apparatus for this agreement will be at the discretion of the Incident Commander.

The Incident Commander receiving mutual aid is in charge of the entire operation in his/her town. The Wells Fire Department shall direct their personnel and equipment in the completion of the task and assignment given to them by the Incident Commander.

Each department is responsible for damage to and loss of its own equipment, injuries or its personnel and liabilities to third parties caused by negligence of its own personnel.

No charges shall be made for manpower or equipment above the usual and customary charge of the town receiving mutual aid.

Each department is responsible for any payment, which it is required to make any member of its fire and/or rescue services or to his/her survivors on account of injury or death, as required by the Workers Compensation Act of the State of Maine.

In order to further protect the lives and property of the communities involved in this agreement, the Town of Wells agrees to provide automatic mutual aid on all first alarms assignments.

The Town of Wells will provide automatic mutual aid to the following areas in the Town of North Berwick.

Burma Road, Canal Street, Church Avenue, Davis Road, Dyer Street, Eastern Avenue, Great Works Estate, Knollwood Court, Linscott Road, Lower Main Street, Madison Street, Main

Street, Market Street, Meader Street, Pleasant Street, Portland Street, Prospect Street, Railroad Avenue, Wells Street, Wilma Chase Road.

This agreement shall continue so long as both parties agree, but may be terminated with a 30 day notice of either party.

Any problems arising under this agreement shall be resolved by the joint action of the Fire Chief in charge of the respective departments involved in the agreement.

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement Between The Towns of North Berwick and Wells, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

D. FY 09 Salaries: Discussion of COLA Increase

Dwayne discussed that it is the historic tradition of the town that we use the cost of living as published on December 30th of the previous year, for the next year's budget. The Department of Labor's CPIW was 2.9 percent.

Dwayne's recommendation to the Board that our COLA increase is 2.9 percent for the next year.

Selectman Danforth moved to accept the 2.9 percent increase for the cost of living adjustment for the Town of North Berwick employees for fiscal year 2009, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0-1

5. Other Business:

Selectman Whitten is reconstructing the website for the Town of North Berwick.

Chairman Moulton informed the Board that she would not be attending the Town Meeting this year due to other obligations.

Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: January 15, 2008 - \$462,868.43

Warrant: January 22, 2008 - \$5,230.30

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the Warrants as stated by Dwayne for January 15, 2008 and January 22, 2008, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Bourbon moved to adjourn at 10:05 pm, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion.
Vote, 5-0

Respectively Submitted:
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Nancy Moulton
Vice-Chairman: Paul Danforth
Selectman: Anne Whitten
Selectman: Anthony Bourbon
Selectman: Elaine Folsom