

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: February 5, 2008

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2008

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

Also Present: Jason Claffey (Fosters) Gregg Drew, Ryan McCabe and Dwayne Morin.

1. Executive Session-Personnel

Selectman Bourbon moved to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m., Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-1

Selectman Whitten moved to close the Executive Session at 7:20 p.m., Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Chairman Moulton opened the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Review and Approve Minutes of January 22, 2008

Selectman Danforth moved to accept the Minutes of January 22, 2008 as written, Selectman Whitten seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

4. Public Input: No Public Input

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Canal Street: Grant Application Update

Dwayne informed the Board that he has not heard back from the Grant Application that was submitted to the State.

The Planning Board on January 24th approved the Caleb Foundation Plan with 40 units and no commercial space within the proposal.

The Caleb Foundation will start construction in the later part of spring, early summer with a one-year construction time.

Selectman Danforth asked if the Sanitary District could be provided with a copy of the Caleb Foundation Plans. Lawrence Huntley will provide a copy of the plans to the Sanitary District.

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

Dwayne explained that at the last meeting there were two budget items in question that the Board wanted to discuss.

The Community Center Improvement Plan it was scheduled to be \$60,000.00 for this coming year. Dwayne spoke with the Parks and Recreation Commission and they concur that this is not the year due to economic reasons.

Dwayne stated that two items should be considered for this fiscal year. That would be to build a sidewalk from the parking lot to the sidewalk near the front entrance. The other would be to repair the entrance of the driveway.

Sidewalk: 5' x 45'

Gravel Cost: \$280.00

Loam Cost: \$600.00

Pavement Cost: \$550.00

Cont. 15%: \$214.50

Total: \$1,644.50

Entrance Road: 20' x 775'

Pavement Cost: \$16,530.00

Reclaim Cost: \$1,473.05

Gravel Cost: \$1,500.00

Cont. 15%: \$2,925.46

Total: \$22,428.51

Sidewalk and Entrance Road Total: \$24,073.01

Dwayne asked the Board to consider funding for the project come from undesignated fund balance.

Two: Eastern Trail

Dwayne recommended that Eastern Trail be place on Town Warrant.

Selectman Folsom moved to place Eastern Trail on the Town Warrant, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Selectman Folsom moved that the Board does not recommend funding for Eastern Trail Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-February 19, 2008-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building
Budget Committee February 11, 2008-6:30 p.m. Room 212 Municipal Building
Budget Committee February 20, 2008-6:30 p.m. Room 212 Municipal Building

6. New Business:

A. Regional Efficiency Grant: New Grant Application

Dwayne explained to the Board that this is a spin-off to the Grant that we received for the Regional Efficiency Grant.

South Berwick is looking at a new Grant Application as a secondary step to this.

South Berwick has asked North Berwick to be a part of it.

The current Grant that is in legislation is being proposed they will be holding two Public Hearings:

- Saturday February 9, 1008 at 9am – Marshwood High School Auditorium
- Wednesday February 13, 2008 pm – Noble High School

B. Street Ordinance: Cul-de-sac Discussion

Dwayne discussed with the Board the recommended change to North Berwick Zoning Ordinance and North Berwick Street Design that the Planning Board has brought forward regarding Cul-de-sac in the growth zone.

Chairman Moulton asked that this topic be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

C. Heating Oil Gift: Acceptance of Heating Oil Gift Fund

The Board of Selectmen received a letter from Karen Chadwell.

Ms. Chadwell is in the process of collecting funds to assist low-income families with there heating fuel costs. Once the funds are collected, Ms. Chadwell will gift these funds to the Town of North Berwick to be used in conjunction with the Town's General Assistance program to assist in heating fuel cost. It is Ms. Chadwell's intent to have the Town utilize the general assistance guidelines for eligibility as a basis for determining who can utilize the funds collected and gifted to the Town.

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the gift as stated by a letter from Karen Chadwell with the conditions of the General Assistance Program, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

D. Website: Updated Website after Crash

Dwayne updated the Board that Anne Whitten had begun having problems with the town's website about four weeks ago. She has since worked on designing a new site and it is now up and running. The new site has some new features, which Dwayne showed the Board.

E. Transfer Station: Pay as you Throw Bags

Dwayne explained to the Board that in December we ordered Pay as you Throw Bags from our distributor.

Dwayne spoke with the distributor and they will FedEx 2 cases on February 6, 2008 and 4 cases on February 7, 2008 and the complete shipment of 350 on February 11, 2008, which they have been saying for a month. If the bags do not come in by February 6, 2008 Dwayne will be contacting the manufacture directly.

F. Eagle Scouts: Request for Recognition

Charles Gasper would like the Town of North Berwick to recognize the achievement of four boys in the Boy Scout Troop 312 in 2007:

The Town of North Berwick will present a Certificate of Congratulations plaque signed by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager for Achieving the Rank of Eagle of Scout in the Boy Scouts of America to:

Leslie D. Parker for constructing a 16'by 8' storage shed to be used at the North Berwick Parks and Recreation site.

Caleb Mende for: the improvement of the washed-out walking trail on Bauneg Beg Mountain with bog logs and bridges.

Travis Gookin for: constructing a border around the children's play area at the recreation area to contain the wood chips.

Nick Batal replaced washed-out wood and sand stairs with permanent Correctdeck decking, making the recreation area much safer.

7. Other Business:

A letter was addressed to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager from the Town Hall Clerks regarding the possibility of the increase of public office hours to the town office.

8. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: January 28, 2008 - \$32,501.74

Warrant: February 4, 2008 - \$7,790.97

Selectman Danforth moved to accept the Warrants of January 28, 2008 for \$32,501.74 and February 4, 2008 for \$7,790.97, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

9. Adjournment:

Selectman Folsom moved to adjourn at 8:56 pm, Selectman Whitten 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