

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: June 17, 2008

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES JUNE 17, 2008

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

Also Present: Craig Skelton, Stephen Peasley, John Thomson, Lucia Nelson, John Philbrick, Lincoln Harrison, Jason Claffey and Dwayne Morin.

Absent: Selectman Folsom

Chairman Danforth opened the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6:35 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of June 3, 2008

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the Minutes of June 3, 2008 as amended, Selectman Bourbon seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Roads: Update on Progress

Dwayne explained to the Board that Madison Street is near completion. He also explained how the water shed on Madison Street is now diverted into the swamp that flows into the river.

Dwayne has received replies most from the residents on Linscott Road in reference to the tree cutting that will be done prior to the road repair.

B. Oakwoods Meetinghouse: (moved) Discussion on Chimney with Historical Society

Lincoln Harrison came to a prior meeting discussing the condition of the chimney at the Meetinghouse. The Board asked Lincoln to ask the Historical Society members to come to this meeting to discuss exactly what they would like to do to repair the problem.

John Philbrick told the Board that the chimney flashing has come away from the roof because the platform, that the free standing chimney is on, has deteriorated and the chimney has fallen about 5 inches. The roof is leaking and the Historical Society members are afraid that the weight of the chimney will cause the whole structure to fall through the ceiling.

Mr. Philbrick also explained that the Society does not have the money to fix the roof and remove the chimney.

Selectman Whitten moved to allow Dwayne to find someone to remove the chimney at Oakwoods Meetinghouse and fix the roof with a cap of \$1500.00, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

C. Comprehensive Plan: (moved) Review Policies and Implementation Strategies

Dwayne reviewed with the Board the Water Resources and Critical Natural Resources Implementation.

The Board will review at future meetings:

- Transportation Implementation Strategies
- Agricultural and Forestry Implementation Strategies
- Cultural, Historic and Archaeological Resources Implementation Strategies
- Land Use Implementation Strategies

D. Police Department: (moved) IMC Conversion

Dwayne gave an overview to the Board on the progress of going live with the States of Maine's data system.

Chief of Police was contacted by the State of Maine on our proposed connection to the State Metro system for the IMC conversion project. Prior to the IMC conversion, we had asked to see if there was any way to connect to Gray DPS via wireless so that the Town would not have to pay a \$3,600.00 upfront fee for the metro connection and an \$88/mo. Fee for the connection. At the time the State said it would be possible. Somehow there was miscommunication and the State thought that we would go wireless to a Town that already had a metro link which was never the case. In order for the Town to connect to Metro the State is giving us three options:

Go wireless to another town and then to the State and back again. The downside of this is that we would have to house our server at that location and have connectivity back to the office. It is done in many locations, in fact we did it with county with our vision system, however we would

have to invest in another server and sign an agreement with another town to accomplish this option.

Go wireless to Gray using a netmotion software package. The town of Ellsworth currently uses this method, however the cost is \$130.00 per computer that uses the software and our usage would be a little different that Ellsworth and that State does not guarantee it would work. The cost to implement this option would be 17 computers * \$130 = \$2,210 plus installation and testing.

The third option is to have a 56K frame relay installed. Because of the miscommunication, the State is willing to charge only \$2,720 to hook up the metro link instead of the \$3,600.00. They would only charge for the actual hardware costs plus \$270 labor to have it installed by Fairpoint Communications.

Selectman Drew moved, from where we stand today, to use \$2750.00 from the radio account to bring the communication budget to \$73,000.00 to complete the project, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

E. Antique Fire Truck: Discussion on Disposition of 1940 Mack

The William Hill Firefighters Association wrote a letter stating that they would like to discuss with the Board of Selectmen the maintaining and storage of the 1940 Mac Truck. And the addition of a bay on the Memorial Station located on Morrells Mill Road.

Dwayne told the Selectmen that the association would like to Board to hold off on making any decisions on the fire truck until they can hold an association meeting on July 2, 2008

The Board tabled the matter until the July 15th meeting.

Selectman Drew moved to allow the William Hill Firefighters Association to do homework to retain the 1940 Mac and explore the addition before the July 15th meeting, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-July 1, 2008-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

5. New Business:

A. Time Warner Cable: Split from Time Warner Inc. "Spin-Off"

Dwayne told the Board that Time Warner is selling off its shares to the shareholders and that time Warner requested that the Board of Selectmen sign a resolution. Dwayne will have the Town's attorney review the resolution to see if it should be signed.

B. County Tax: Assessor's Return

The County Commissioners have passed their budget and North Berwick's share is \$287,455.63 or about \$13,023.00 more than last year, to be paid to the County on September 1, 2008.

Selectman Drew moved to accept the Assessors Return, Selectman Whitten seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0

C. Tax Commitment FY08: Tree Growth Penalty – Parker

Supplemental #14

Map 003, Lot 065 – Account #1125

Taxes: \$658.00

Selectman Whitten moved to accept Supplemental #14; Map 003, Lot 065 – Account #1125 for \$658.00, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

D. Front Office: Discussion on Reorganizing Front Office

Selectman Whitten moved to go into Executive Session at 8:00 and come out of Executive Session at 8:10, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Dwayne explained to the Board how he wanted to restructure the Front Office.

Marianne - Front Office Manager
Deputy Treasurer
General Assistance Coordinator
Deputy Clerk

Katie - Deputy Tax Collector
Deputy Registrar of Voters

Chris - Town Clerk
Registrar of Voters

New part time positions: 2 Customer Service Clerks.

This restructuring could save the town 8 to 10 thousand dollars a year.

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the reconstruction of the front office, effective July 18, 2008, Selectman Drew seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0

6. Other Business:

Dwayne received a request from Kristie, the Land, Parks and Recreation Director and a Mill Field Committee Member, to ask the Selectmen if they would volunteer for the Dunk Tank at the Mill Field Festival this August 16th. Selectman Whitten, Drew and Danforth volunteered.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: June 10, 2008 - \$17,696.32

Warrant: June 17, 2008 - \$446,007.75

Selectman Bourbon moved to accept the Warrants of June 10, 2008 for \$17,696.32 and June 17, 2008 for \$446,007.75, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Drew moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m., Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion.
Vote, 4-0

Respectively Submitted:
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Anne Whitten

Selectman: Anthony Bourbon

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Gregg Drew