

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: September 2, 2008

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

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

Also Present: Michael Johnson Sr. and Dwayne Morin

Absent: Selectman Whitten

Chairman Danforth opened the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6:34 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve the Minutes of August 19, 2008

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the minutes of August 19, 2008 as amended, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

3. Public Input

There was no Public Input

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Roads: Update on Progress

Dwayne discussed with the Board that the Speed Hump has been installed on Madison Street. Tim Cole informed Dwayne that he has seen a dramatic decrease in speed and traffic on the road.

The Town Crew has completed Valley Road, which came in under budget and Beech Ridge Road, which came in just a little over budget. The crew is now working on Linscott Road.

B. Comprehensive Plan: Public Hearing September 9, 2008-Community Center

The Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:35 p.m. – Community Center.

The Draft Plan is available for public review at the Town Hall, the Library and the Town's website.

C. Public Works: Update on Replacement of Diesel Tank

Steve Dickson, the Fire Marshall, left a message with Dwayne that he has spoken with the DEP and the Town should have the permit for the diesel tank by September 3, 2008.

D. Cemetery Trustees: (moved) Michael Johnson Sr. Interview

Selectman Folsom moved to accept Michael D. Johnson Sr. to fill Gregg Drew's position on the Cemetery Trustees, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

E. Police Department: IMC Update

The Police Department went live with IMC last week. The Police Department personnel is mandated by the State to take a 2-hour METRO training course and be METRO certified every 2 years.

F. Caleb Foundation: Update on Mill Project

Dwayne informed the Board that a meeting with the State and Caleb Foundation was held on August 28, 2008 regarding the filling of the Canal and the repair of Canal Street.

An agreement was made with the DOT a year ago that the town would help the DOT to fill the canal. The DOT would fill the entire length of the canal, using DOT equipment and forces. Every thing has changed because the faces have changed; they will not do anything from the bridge down, but will do from the bridge up to the dam.

Caleb needs to raise the basement floor 4 feet, to be above flood stage. Below the basement floor is a 6-foot cavity that is filled with water. Caleb needs to dewater the cavity then fill the cavity up 10 feet then cap the cavity, being sure the inside of the cavity is 95% moisture free.

The State told Caleb it could be up to ninety days before they give approval to move forward with the project, which places Caleb behind schedule.

The end result is that the Caleb Foundation contractors has agreed to fill the canal from the bridge down for \$10,000.00 in escrow. If it cost more then they will take the funds out of their pocket. They will pour a concrete slug after the overflow so the water will continue to flow over the overflow.

When the State gets their permits to work from the bridge up to the dam, then they will move forward on filling the canal from the bridge to the dam.

Dwayne reiterated to the Board the process of why the town uses floating strainers as opposed to dry hydrants.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-Sept. 16, 2008 - 6:30 pm Municipal Building
Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing-September 9, 2008 – 6:35 pm Community Center
Area Selectmen's Meeting – September 11, 2008 South Berwick – CANCELLED.

5. New Business:

A. Fire Department: Substation Roof, ISO Rating

Dwayne will place the Substation roof on Morrells Mill Road out for bid.

ISO collects and evaluates information from communities in the United States on their structure fire suppression capabilities.

The North Berwick IRO rating dropped from 5.9 to 6.9. That last time we were rated was in the early 1980's.

Summary Evaluation Analysis shows that North Berwick has a total credit of 48.54 out of 100 credits.

Dispatch: Receiving and Handling Fire Alarms	6.66 out of 10
Fire Department	20.95 out of 50
Water Supply	25.10 out of 50
Divergence	-4.17 out of 0

The IRO rating is rated the same all over the country. So we, as a volunteer department is rated the same, as say, Boston, who has a full time department.

B. PAYT: Review Haulers Fee

Dwayne updated the Board on the Pay as You Throw Program.

This is the first year that the town is losing money on the Pay as You Throw Program. There is still money in the program, but Dwayne needs to look into charging more for hauler fees and the cost of the bags may need to go up.

C. Park and Rec.: Request from Residents to Remove Tree at Community Center, Trail

Dwayne informed the Board that a request from a resident to the Parks and Recreation was made to remove a dead tree at the Community Center; to be use for fire wood. The Committee thought this a good idea because we would have had to hire someone to cut the dead tree down. The resident would sign a waiver.

Noble High School has a new class called Experiential Learning lead by Deb Chadbourne. The goal is, with a class of 40 students, is to experience learning. They have picked the trail at the Community Center as their project and their goal is to create the trail over the course of the next two years. They will begin by clearing the trail.

The hours will be from 9:00am to 12:00 pm during the Fall and Spring semester. Deb Chadbourne will meet with the Parks and Recreation on September 8, 2008. The two classes consist of 40 students.

Dwayne recommendation to the Board is to allow the Noble High to class to take on the project as long as the Parks and Recreation Committee accepts their plan and the insurance coverage from SAD#60 are filed and everyone is protected.

Selectman Drew moved to authorize Parks and Recreation Committee to oversee the project, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

D. Rescue Dept.: New Ambulance

The Rescue Department received their new ambulance.

E. Mill Field: Electrical Service Issue

The Electrical Inspector informed Allan Gray and Mike Johnson that the electrical service under the Gazebo must be moved.

Dwayne, Allan Gray and Mike Johnson will discuss how to bring the electrical at the Gazebo to code.

Mike Johnson Sr. and Mike Johnson Jr. have volunteered their labor in updating the electrical at the Mill Field.

6. Other Business:

Dwayne informed the Board that the Town has moved forward on the illegal junkyard proceeding.

The Town has locked in at \$3.72 this winter for oil.

The Board of Selectmen signed appointments.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: August 26, 2008 - \$86,538.17 (\$85,121.17 & \$1,417.00)

Warrant: August 19, 2008 - \$33,678.07

Selectman Bourbon moved to accept the Warrants of August 26, 2008 - \$86,538.17 (\$85,121.17 & \$1,417.00) and August 19, 2008 - \$33,678.07, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion.

Vote, 4-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Drew moved to adjourn at 8:50 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