

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: November 4, 2008**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

**Present:** Chairman Danforth, Selectman Whitten, Selectman Bourbon, Selectman Folsom.

**Also Present:** Jim Moore, Brenda Moore, Joseph Putnam, Craig Skelton and Dwayne Morin

**Absent:** Selectman Drew

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

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes of October 21, 2008**

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the Minutes of October 21, 2008, Selectman Bourbon seconded the motion. Vote, 3-0-1

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

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Roads:** Update on Progress

Linscott Road is paved. Dwayne believes that the project is over budget; he is still tallying the cost.

Guptill Lane is paved.

The Highway Department fixed the washouts on Beech Ridge Road and Lebanon Road.

Winter sand is complete.

The Town owned section of Hartford Lane had wash out problems. The owner of the property that abuts the road asked the Road Foreman what he could do to remedy the problem. He was told that a culvert would fix the job. The owner called Dwayne yesterday requesting that the Highway crew come and clean out the culvert. Dwayne stated that the town did not own the culvert on Hartford Lane. As it turns out the owner put in the culvert two years ago. Dwayne brought to the Board that the owner was going to request the town take the culvert as a gift.

Selectman Bourbon asked if there were any permits needed and Dwayne said that yes, a permit to cut the road was needed. The Board agrees that the owner needs to get a permit from Dwayne.

The property owner on Lebanon Road believes that work done on Lebanon Road by the Highway Crew diverted water runoff onto their property.

Mike Dunn, Road Foreman, and Dwayne have gone to the property and believe that replacing the culvert did not create the problem.

Dwayne will meet with the owners tomorrow.

A street name has been requested for a Private Driveway at Map 8, Lot 28-1 off Bauneg Beg Hill Road. The name requested is Mountain View Way.

Selectman Whitten move to accept the name request for a Private Driveway on Map 8, Lot 28-1 as Mountain View, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**B. Parks and Rec.:** Request to Fund Town Usage of Personal Cell Phone

Kristie Michaud, Parks, Land and Recreation Director, withdrew her request for the Town to reimburse her for town business phone call charges on her personal cell phone and asked for a Town cell phone to be used for town business calls.

**Reminders:** Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-November 18, 2008-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

**5. New Business:**

**A. Commitment FY09:** Abatement and Supplementals

Craig Skelton, Assessors Agent, brought to the Board:

Abatement: #3

Map 008-086-Account 1179 in the amount of \$168.95

Selectman Whitten made a motion to accept the abatement in the amount of \$168.95 for Map 008-086 Account 1179, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Abatement: #4

Account 20 PP in the amount of \$5,222.19

Selectman Bourbon made a motion to accept reason for tardiness and to supply the Board with list of personal property sold off, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Bourbon moved to approve the abatement in the amount of and not to exceed \$5222.19 with the stipulation that the owner bring in bill of sales to verify that that property is no longer in his possession. Craig Skelton will then have the opportunity to abate the owner the total amount. Selectman Whitten seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0

**B. Fire Department:** Review Planned Burn of 8 Fox Farm Hill Road

Jim Moore, Fire Chief, informed the Board that the owner of the 8 Fox Farm Hill Road building requested a planned burn of the barn.

The owner wishes save the house, which is a concern of the Chief and Dwayne, since it is attached to the barn. The owner will sign a form to indemnify the town in case something should happen during the burning.

Jim will notify the abutters of the request and if one abutter objects then the department won't burn the building.

Chairman Danforth requested that Jim Moore present to the Board his written plan to burn the building and his findings after talking to the Fire and Rescue Chiefs that is if Jim receives no objections from the abutters.

Selectman Bourbon moved that Jim Moore get feedback from the neighborhood on the planned burn and to provide the Board with a written plan, and to confer with the local fire departments that might participate along with North Berwick. The written plan would come before the Board for final approval before any control burning takes place, with the understanding that the Board is giving Jim their approval to move forward, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

### **C. Library: Update on Expansion Plans**

The DA Hurd Library Trustees will come before the Board at the next Selectman meeting to discuss their plans to expand the Library.

### **8. Other Business:**

The Caleb Foundation asked that during construction if they could place the propane tanks on the town's side of the Mill Field. There will be Jersey barriers and lighting around the propane tanks. The propane tanks will be removed after construction is completed.

The Board of Selectmen signed EMT appointments.

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

Warrant: October 28, 2008 - \$10,526.45

Warrant: November 4, 2008 - \$292,797.38

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the Warrants of October 28, 2008 for \$10,526.45 and November 4, 2008 for \$292,797.38, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

### **10. Adjournment:**

Selectman Whitten moved to adjourn at 9:18 p.m., Selectman Folsom 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