

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: December 16, 2008

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2008

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

Absent: Gregg Drew

Also Present: Francis Hall, Betty Hall, Scott Strynar, Craig Skelton, Merritt Wick, Sandra Wick and Dwayne Morin.

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

Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of December 2, 2008

The Minutes of December 2, 2008 were tabled until next meeting.

3. Public Hearing: Junkyard – 6:35 p.m.

Chairman Danforth opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Dwayne explained that all the letters per state law were submitted

All permits expired in October.

The Code Enforcer states that there have been no complaints or issues on either junkyard.

Chairman Danforth read into the record the Public Notice for each application.

Selectman Danforth closed the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the automobile junkyard permit for Wick's Car Service at 412 Governor Goodwin Road in North Berwick, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the automobile junkyard permit for Triangle Antique Cars LLC on Lebanon Road in North Berwick, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

4. Public Input: No Public Input

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Maine Labor: Inspection of Transfer Station

The Transfer Station received 9 violations from the Maine Labor, some of which were a combination of the same heading. 95% of the violations have been resolved.

The fine for the violations is \$1400.00. Dwayne will write a letter requesting the fine be waived and the money be used to resolve the violations.

B. Transfer Station: Fees, Recycling Rates

Recycling commodities are getting worst as time goes by. It is becoming more evident that the Transfer Station looks into going single stream recycling. Dwayne will keep the Board updated on this issue.

C. Comprehensive Plan: Consistency Review from State

The State Planning Office newsletter stated that North Berwick Comprehensive Plan has been found consistent with the Planning and Land Use Regulation Act. The State Planning Office team will use North Berwick's plan as an example for other communities for visioning.

D. Roads: Canal Street

Dwayne updated the Board on the filling of the canal. The Town received a temporary easement from the Johnson's to enter upon their land to fill the canal.

Dwayne received a letter written to Pratt and Whitney asking Pratt and Whitney to speak to the Town about updating the sidewalks on Portland Street.

E. Stimulus Grant: Project Submitted

Dwayne explained to the Board that he has submitted the town projects to SMRCP for the Stimulus Grant.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting- January 6, 2009-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

6. New Business:

A. Commitment 2009: (moved) Supplemental

The Assessor's Agent Craig Skelton informed the Board that he has made several attempts to receive a personal property record for the 2008-2009-tax year. This is the first time a request has been made to account #160 since the property has not been previously taxed.

State law sites that Municipalities can access a value of any amount if the property owner does not send in a record of value.

Supplemental #2
Personal Property Account 160
Taxes \$1939.11

Selectman Bourbon moved to approve Supplemental #2 for Personal Property Account 160 for JBJ Machine Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1939.11, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion.
Vote, 4-0

B. Liens: Execute Deed to Halls for 1960's Liens never released

Back taxes on the property Map 10, Lot 71 had been paid but the lien was never taken off the books at the York County Registrar of Deeds. Dwayne explained that back in the 1960's the Town Clerk would give the paper work to the property owner and the property owner was responsible for taking the paper work to the Registrar of Deeds. In this case it looks as though the paper work was never filed.

The Board signed a quit Claim Deed to Beatrice M. Hall, Bernard H. Hall and June C. Boivon.

Selectman Folsom moved to sign the lien for Beatrice M. Hall, Bernard H. Hall and June C. Boivon, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

C. Code Enforcement: Vehicle Issues

The Code Enforcer vehicle lost its rack and pinion gear. The cost to repair the vehicle would be \$1000.00.

The Board requested that Dwayne receive another estimate and to research the cost of a used rack and pinion for the vehicle.

D. Roads: Ice Storm

Dwayne explained to the Board that during the ice storm the Highway Crew, Fire Department, the Police Department and the Town did a great job overall. There were a few things that we could have done better. We went to set up the warming shelter that was supposed to be at the Primary School, but they had moved the generator to the Noble High School. The warming shelter was opened to the public at the Noble High School.

When a citizen calls for a Warming Shelter the Dispatch Centers provide them with York County Emergency Management number, which provides the citizens with the closest shelter in that area. The Town's Dispatch provided them with the Fire Department number, which was not manned. The Town is working to provide a better service to the citizens of North Berwick when a warming shelter is needed.

There was a great deal of debris on the town roads during the Ice Storm. Fort Quint Road, Oakwoods Road, Turkey Street, Lebanon Road, Fox Farm Hill Road, and Morrells Mill Road were impassable. The town hired three crews in addition to what the town is running. The town hired two crews from Abbott's Tree Cutting and Jesse Cody. One concern is getting the debris off the road before it freezes and we get snow.

E. Municipal Building: Roof Drainage

During the ice storm the Municipal Building received paint damage from the wind driven rain.

Hall Brothers Contractors will repair the leak in hallway ceiling at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1200.00.

Northeast Painting will patch, and prime as needed followed by one coat of finish paint to match the existing for \$575.00.

The funds will come out of the Operations Budget.

F. Planning Board Applicants: (moved) Mark Cahoon and Scott Strynar

Scott Strynar came before the Board for an interview for reappointment to the Planning Board.

Dwayne stated during the interview that any person who is an alternate needs Selectman's approval be to brought to full member voting status or to be changed to alternate status.

Selectman Folsom moved to reappoint Scott Strynar to the Planning Board as an alternate until 12-30-13, Selectman Whitten seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0

Mark Cahoon term is ending the end of December but could not make it to the Board meeting. Taking into consideration the weather of the past week the Board decided to vote on Marks reinstatement to the Planning Board.

Selectman Whitten moved to accept Mark Cahoon reinstatement into the Planning Board until 12-30-13. Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion Vote 4-0

7. Other Business:

The North Berwick Board of Selectmen received a letter from Chief Peasley on the exceptional work Sergeant Kearns had done on implanting the IMC Software.

Sgt. Kearns took on the tedious job completing it with precision and in a timely matter.

Sgt Kearns has taken on the role of being the department's computer maintenance officer without neglecting any of his duties as a patrol sergeant.

Chief Peasley goes on to say that Sgt. Kearns in a valuable asset to the Police Department. Sgt. Kearns took on the computer maintenance responsibilities That Chief Peasley feels very fortunate to have Sgt. Kearns talent in the police department.

8. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: December 9, 2008 - \$25,738.32

Warrant: December 16, 2008 - \$511,295.67

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Warrants of December 9, 2008 for \$25,738.32 and December 16, 2008 - \$511,295.67, Selectman Bourbon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

9. Adjournment:

Selectman Folsom moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., Selectman Whitten 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