

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: January 2, 2007

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES JANUARY 2, 2007

Present: Chairman MacDougall, Selectman Abbott, Selectman Whitten, Selectman Moulton, and Selectman Danforth.

Also Present: Ben Gumm, Ron Smith (Auditor), Kristie Bradbury (Auditor) Susan McDonald-Brewer and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman MacDougall opened the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1. Review and Approve Minutes of December 19, 2006

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the minutes of December 19, 2006 as amended, Selectman Abbott seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

2. Public Input:

No Public Input

3. Unfinished Business:

A. Municipal Building: Update on Project

Dwayne informed the Board that the Municipal Building is near completion and would like to give the Board of Selectmen a tour of the building this evening.

Dwayne explained to the Board that Concrete Rx, Prescription, L.L.C. has completed the waterproofing of the elevator pit.

The Town can now obtain an occupancy permit. The inspector will be in to inspect the elevator.

VOTE TO AMEND BOND AUTHORIZATION

Voted: That the vote of this Board on December 5, 2006, authorizing a borrowing and issuance of bonds on behalf of the Town of North Berwick in the amount up to One Million Six Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,605,000) from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, be and hereby is AMENDED to provide for the principal and interest thereon to be paid in 29 equal annual installments, and that in all other respects the action of this Board in respect thereof remain in full force in effect.

Selectman Whitten moved to accept Vote to Amend Bond Authorization, Selectman Abbott seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Dwayne provided the Board the Certificate of Substantial Completion on the Municipal Building Concrete Rx Proposal to review.

Dwayne explained the Budget vs. Actual (Estimated) for the Municipal Building Project. The money is being spent very rapidly but we are under budget at this time in the amount of \$14,792.56. There are a number of outstanding costs between the Town and C. M. Cimino that have not been discussed that will change this amount.

The goal is to close on the Municipal Building loan with the USDA on January 4, 2007.

C. Communications: Update

Dwayne informed the Board that York County Dispatch will continue to dispatch North Berwick until January 16, 2007. At that time the Town will be switched over to State Dispatch.

There are still some communication dead spots in our town, but Dwayne is hopeful that when the repeaters arrive and are installed in the cars this problem will be resolved.

Dwayne informed the Board that the Town did not get the Grant that we applied for. The laptops will be non working as of January 16, 2007. They will be utilized for some things but will not be communicating with the State. Dwayne will be requesting funds, approximately \$70,000, at Town Meeting to purchase the IMC System that is compatible with the State.

D. Photocopier: Discuss Photocopier

The photocopier is on hold until the Town Office has moved into the Municipal Building.

E. Bureau of Labor: Review Violations

Dwayne sent a letter to William Peabody the Director of Bureau of Labor Standards requesting that our \$10,500.00 worth of penalties be used to correct the violations.

Dwayne provided the Board with a spread sheet from all Departments with violations. 70% of the violations have been corrected by staff. All other violations will be corrected by the end of January.

F. Ben Gumm: Discussion with Selectmen

Selectman Whitten moved to table this issue until Dwayne speaks to legal counsel, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Reminders: Next Board of Selectman's Meeting-January 23, 2007-6:30 pm Municipal Building

4. New Business:

A. Audit: Review FY2006 Audit with Auditors

Kristie Bradbury discussed with the Board of Selectmen the Town of North Berwick Audit for 2006.

Kristie Bradbury commented that the Town is in great financial shape.

B. FY08 Fiscal Year: Budget

Dwayne discussed with the Board the draft Town of North Berwick FY 2007/2008 Budget Worksheet and if needed provide him with input.

The first Budget Meeting will be held on January 29, 2007 at the Municipal Building.

C. Regional Industrial Park: Approve Resolution for Study

Dwayne read in to the record:

Resolution on Approval of Regional Industrial Park Feasibility Study

We, the undersigned, being the duly elected officers of the town of North Berwick, Hereby approve and accept the grant award from the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services for the purposes of conducting a feasibility study of a regional industrial park in southern York County.

Selectman Danforth moved to accept the Resolution on Approval of Regional Industrial Park Feasibility Study, Selectman Abbott seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

In addition 2 representatives to the committee must be appointed; 1 permanent, and 1 alternate to the committee.

The first meeting will be held on January 25, 2007.

5. Other Business – Executive Session – Personnel

Dwayne recommended authorizing Sean Holshouser and Matthew Straffin to operating a red warning light on their personal vehicles.

Selectman Moulton moved to approve the red light authorization for Sean Holshouser and Matthew Straffin, Selectman Abbott seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

- **Executive Session: 1 MRSA 405 (6) (a)**

Selectmen Abbott moved to go into Executive Session from 8:35 to 9:45, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

6. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: December 26, 2006 - \$3,275.35

Warrant: January 2, 2007 - \$ 30,800.44

Selectman Moulton moved to accept the Warrants for: December 26, 2006, and January 2, 2006, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

7. Adjournment:

Selectman Moulton moved to adjourn to the Municipal Building at 9:30 p.m., Selectman Abbott seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Respectively Submitted:

Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Jay MacDougall

Vice-Chairman: Nancy Moulton

Selectman: Barry Abbott

Selectman: Anne Whitten

Selectman: Paul Danforth