

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: February 6, 2007

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2007

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

Also Present: Cliff Wells (Department of Public Safety), Shawn Romanoski (Office of Information Technology), Chief Randy Jones, Craig H. Skelton, Elaine Folsom, Stephen Peasley, James Moulton and Dwayne Morin.

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

1. Review and Approve Minutes of January 23, 2007 and January 31, 2007

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the Minutes of January 23, 2007 as corrected, Selectman Moulton seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Abbott moved to accept the Minutes of January 31, 2007 as written, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Danforth arrived at 6:37 p.m.

2. Public Input: No Public Input

3. Unfinished Business:

A. Municipal Building: Update on Project

Dwayne discussed with the Board of Selectmen the Municipal Building Project.
Budget vs. Actual (Estimated)

The Municipal Building Project Budget is still under budget.

B. Communications: Meeting with State

Cliff Wells (Department of Public Safety), Shawn Romanoski (Office of Information Technology) came in to talk with the Board of Selectman concerning Public Safety Communications.

One concern that the Board had with the transition to the Department of Public Safety Communications was that the State had made decisions concerning the Town of North Berwick without input from the Town. The State informed the Board that because of the failure of Region One there were some decisions that needed to be made immediately and the State did not relay that information to the Town. The State also informed the Board that the decision to move the Town to Zone One was due to the failure of Region One, and that future decisions made by the State concerning communications would be better conveyed to the Town.

Sergeant Moulton and Lieutenant Peasley were at the meeting. Selectman Whitten asked if communications were acceptable and they both replied that they were.

C. Bureau of Labor: Review Violations

Violations are almost rectified. There are 2 violations left to fix.

Reminders:Next Board of Selectman's Meeting-Public Hearing-February 20, 2007-6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Budget Committee – February 12, 2007-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

Budget Committee – February 22, 2007-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

Hussey's Meeting February 13, 2007 at Noon

4. New Business:

A. Assessing: Appointment of Craig Skelton as Assessor's Agent

Dwayne informed the Board that the Town Manager of South Berwick and he had made a decision as to the new Assessors Agent for South Berwick and North Berwick. Dwayne introduced Craig Skelton to the Board.

Selectman Abbott moved to appoint Craig Skelton as Assessor's Agent. Selectman Danforth seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

Mr. Skelton will begin working for North Berwick February 27, 2007 on Tuesday's and Wednesdays.

B. Town Report: Cover and Dedication

Selectman Whitten designed photos of the 175th to be placed on the cover of the Annual Town Report. The Board approved the design.

C. Planning Board: Zoning Amendments and Street Design Amendments

The Planning Board gave the Board of Selectman their recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board also gave the Board a recommended change to the Street Design to include cul-d-sacs. The Board asked to table the discussion until the next meeting.

D. LD 214: Discussion on Legislature

Dwayne was informed that there is Bill in Legislation to change the County Budget Committee to an Advisory Role. The Budget Committee was originally put in place so that the Municipalities of York County would have a direct voice in the budgeting process of the County. A change in this process will not allow Municipalities to have direct input on how best to fund York County operations.

Dwayne will not be available to attend the hearing in Augusta so he wrote a letter to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government voicing that the North Berwick Board of Selectmen is opposed to the Bill.

Selectman Abbott moved to send the letter to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. Selectman Moulton seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

E. Police Chief: Advertisement

Dwayne will post the job opening for Police Chief of North Berwick. The ad will be placed in local new papers. Postings in the Portland Press will target job search engines on the Internet.

Selectman Whitten and Selectman Danforth will be on the Committee to interview applicants.

5. Other Business –Executive Session- Poverty Abatement 36 MRSA 841(2)

Dwayne gave the Board a letter written by William Plouffe, Towns Attorney, in reference to Twin Oaks Condominium.

- **Executive Session- Poverty Abatement 36 MRSA 841(2)**

Selectmen Abbott moved to go into Executive Session - Poverty Abatement 36MRSA 841(2) from 9:25 to 9:40, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

6. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: January 30, 2007 - \$ 29,963.17

Warrant: February 6, 2007 - \$ 124,207.25

Selectman Abbott moved to accept the Warrants for: January 30, 2007, and February 6, 2007, Selectman Moulton seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

7. Adjournment:

Selectman Danforth moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m., Selectman Moulton 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