

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

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES MARCH 6, 2007

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

Absent: Selectman Whitten

Also Present: Dave Bentley, Harland Roberts, Normand Blanchette, Greg Drew, Pat MacDougall, Kathryn Paradis, William Paradis, Candice Searle, Dale Clark, Maurice Dolbec, Skip Powell, Danielle Deily, Brian Clifford, Pam Brezak, Lincoln Harrison, Sharon Litvinchuk and Dwayne Morin.

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

1. Review and Approve Minutes of February 20, 2007

Selectman Moulton moved to accept the Minutes of February 20, 2007, Selectman Danforth seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0

2. Public Input:

Lincoln Harrison addressed the Board with concerns with the attendance at Town Meeting with this letter:

This is exciting time for our town, state, and federal government. We can celebrate our democracy by voting. By voting we can help make changes to the way things are run in our town, state and federal government. In our town we have the most power to change policies and elected officials. In order to exercise this power one has to vote and to attend the Town meeting.

In the Town of North Berwick our town attendance of the Town meeting has been depleting to a disgraceful state. The selectmen have tried to convince people to attend the town meeting to no avail. I have one suggestion that someone made to me. The budget committee should be making the recommendations for the articles at the meetings. It would be good to have both the pro and con where the budget committee recommendation is not unanimous.

I want to say thank you to the people who volunteer for the committees and board members and the people who vote. Your efforts help make this a wonderful community. This proposal, which will change the conduct of the Town Meeting, is submitted in the belief that it will add to the quality of our meetings and help residents to feel that they (and their opinions) are important.

Lincoln W. Harrison
N. Berwick ME.

Selectman Abbott suggested submitting Lincoln Harrison's article to the Sentential, Fosters and the Sanford News.

3. Unfinished Business:

A. Municipal Building: Update on Project

Dwayne updated the Board of Selectmen on the Municipal Building. The electrical outlets were fixed today. The water cooler and restroom on the first floor will be repaired next week. The Municipal Building stairway heating unit will be repaired on March 7, 2007.

The Municipal Building Project Budget is still under budget.

B. Budget FY08: (moved) Review of Budget Committee Recommendations

The Budget Committee attended the Board of Selectmen's Meeting supporting their overview of final recommendations.

Dwayne discussed with the Board of Selectmen the Warrant for the Town of North Berwick Annual Town Meeting-March 31, 2007. The Budget Committee Final Recommendations for Budget FY08 is \$3,739,937.00, an increase of 3.95% from last year.

Members from the Budget Committee will be present at the Town Meeting on March 31, 2006 for residents that may have questions.

C. Planning Board: Zoning Amendments-Public Hearing Review

Dwayne discussed with the Board that at the next meeting a Public Hearing will be held on Referendum Questions for 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 6:35 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room #212 pursuant to 30-A MRSA 4352 (9) on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment referendum questions to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting are:

Question #1: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Amending Section 4.3 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow Shipping Containers in the Commercial Zone for up to 30 days in a six month period and to allow shipping containers in all districts for a maximum period of 24 months in connection with construction with construction projects,” be enacted?

Question #2: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Amending Section 4.3 of the Zoning Ordinance to require the depth of any yard abutting a street defined by the Town of North Berwick Street Design and Construction Standards Ordinance to conform to the front yard requirement of the district,” be enacted?

The Board of Selectmen encourage all interest persons to attend the Public Hearing.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectman’s Meeting-March 20, 2007-6:30 p.m. Municipal Building.

4. New Business:

A. Town Report: Review Town Report

Dwayne reviewed with the Board of Selectmen the North Berwick’s Town Report.

B. Town Meeting Newsletter: Review Newsletter

Dwayne reviewed with the Board of Selectmen the North Berwick’s Newsletter.

C. William Paradis: (moved) Submit Petition to Berwick Shooting Range

William and Kathryn Paradis and neighbors addressed the Board of Selectmen with safety issues concerning the Rifle Range on Wentworth Road, Berwick. ME.

Dwayne will send a letter from the North Berwick Selectmen to the Berwick Selectmen expressing concerns over the safety of the North Berwick residents who reside on Randall Road. The Board has been presented a petition relating to concerns over stray bullets from the Sanford Rod and Gun Club’s shooting range.

The Town of North Berwick Board of Selectmen would like to encourage the Town of Berwick to work with the Town of North Berwick residents in effort to ensure their safety on their properties.

Selectman Abbott moved to send a letter to the Berwick Selectmen, Selectmen Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

D. ZBA: Laurie Beane Reapplication

Dwayne will invite Laurie Beane to meet with the Board of Selectmen on March 20, 2007 to reapply for her seat on the ZBA.

5. Other Business – Executive Session - 36 MRSA 841

Donald Staples will be the next recipient for the Boston Post Cane.

Selectman Abbott moved for a plaque to be presented to Donald Staples, Selectman Moulton seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Dwayne will be sending out a packet with a Booklet and CD's on violation corrections to the Maine Labor Standards.

During the week of April 10-13 Noble High School will be hosting its first Superweek. They are looking for volunteers for Senior Projects, Workshops for Juniors, an interview session with Seniors and to host a student for field experience in their career.

Property Tax reminders sent to residents will be displayed differently this year. Property Tax is due May 4, 2007.

• Executive Session - 36 MRSA 841

Selectman Abbott moved to go into Executive Session 36 MRSA 841 at 8:30, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Moulton moved to come out of Executive Session 36 MRSA 841 at 8:53, Selectman Abbott seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Moulton moved to approve Poverty Abatement Number 3, Selectman Abbott seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

Selectman Moulton moved to deny Poverty Abatement Number 4, Selectman Abbott seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

6. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: February 27, 2007 - \$6,174.60

Warrant: March 6, 2007 - \$ 38,181.04

Selectman Abbott moved to accept the Warrants for: February 27, 2007, and March 6, 2007, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

7. Adjournment:

Selectman Moulton moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m., Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

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