

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: September 18, 2007

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

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

Also Present: Gregg Drew, Dale Clock, Brenda Moore, James Moore and Dwayne Morin.

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

Paul Danforth arrived at 6:34 p.m.

1. Review and Approve Minutes of September 4, 2007

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the Minutes of September 4, 2007 as amended, Selectman Folsom seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0

2. Public Input:

Gregg Drew inquired about the antique fire truck that was being restored by a committee of citizens in town. Dwayne explained that the committee comes in once a year and pays the lease on the truck. Fire Chief James Moore will go to where the truck is being housed to make sure that the truck is in the same, if not better, condition then when he last checked.

Dwayne explained to the new Board members that a few years back the Town was considering selling the fire truck. A group of citizens came to the Board of Selectmen at that time and requested that they be allowed to take possession of the truck and restore it. A lease was signed and the lease payment is \$1.00 a year. When the antique fire truck is restored it will be returned to the town.

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Road Work: Update, Canal Street, Bidding Information

The Town received the Governor Goodwin Road permit and work started yesterday with sandbagging and trimming.

The Town is looking into a possible CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for improvements to Canal Street.

Dwayne explained to the Board that he spoke with the Caleb Foundation and that they are interested in sharing the engineering cost to repair Canal Street on a 50/50 basis. He also requested that Caleb give the town the surveying and engineering plans paid for by Caleb Foundation.

Dwayne requested a quote from Titcomb Associates, who completed the surveying for Caleb, as to the cost to survey the Town's boundaries at the fence line. The cost would be \$600.00. He also asked the Terradyn Consultants, the engineers for Caleb what the cost would be to do the engineering for Canal Street, the cost for that would be \$3,400.00. The Total cost would be \$4000.00, with the fund source for the engineering fees coming out of the road project account.

The Board discussed ideas for the future of Canal Street as to whether it will continue to be a two way street or become a one-way street. The Madison Street end of Canal Street is very narrow and it may be necessary to cut the trees that are along side the street.

The Board discussed possible sidewalks and traffic entering and exiting Kennebunk Savings Bank.

The Board will conduct a Public Hearing to get input from the public at the October 16th meeting at the Community Center. Another topic to discuss at the meeting will be the future of the old streetlight in front of the old bank building at the intersection of Main and Market Street.

Selectman Folsom moved to appropriate the funds; up to \$2000.00 and to share the cost with the Caleb Foundation, Selectman Danforth seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

The Board discussed the proposed crosswalk in front of Dunkin Donuts. Dwayne explained that the Maine DOT has given the town permission to install a crosswalk across Wells Street. The Sidewalk will need to be reconstructed to install an ADA approved ramp to access the crosswalk. Dwayne will seek a quote from Pike Industries on the paving and will seek bids from local contractors to perform the sidewalk reconstruction.

B. Municipal Building: Install Awning to Back Entrance

Dwayne reported to the Board that he posted the Public Notice seeking proposals from qualified contractors on the constructing of a roof structure over the rear entrance of the Municipal Building at the Municipal Building, the local restaurant, lumberyard, on Channel 3 and the Town's web site. He conducted a mandatory conference at the Municipal Building to review the project details for all interested bidders. He informed the Board that the only contractor who responded was Cliff Foster.

C. Hillside Cemetery: (Moved) DEP Violation

Dwayne explained to the Board that he received the Violation of Natural Resources Protection Act, CTS #13954, and Relating to the stream crossing on property owned by the Town of North Berwick.

The Contractor cutting the trees at Hillside Cemetery actually violated the Act, but because he Town owns the land it is our responsibility to rectify the problem. Dwayne met with the contractor, Mr. Gilpatrick, and the Cemetery Trustees informing him that he is expected to pay for all cost related to the reclamation of the stream and the wetlands. The contractor agreed that he would pay for all recovery fees.

The Town has contracted with BH2M Engineers to perform the engineering study required by the DEP for the reclamation.

D. Community Center: Pavilion/Skating Rink Light Proposal

The Board discussed the lighting at the Pavilion/Skating area and decided it would be best to agree with Alan Gray's suggestion to use acrylic lenses for the Pavilion Lights with steel mess covers.

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the bid from Gray and Osgood for \$2600.00 to install lighting at the North Berwick Community Center Pavilion and \$350.00 for digging. Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-October 2, 2007-6:30 pm Municipal Building

5. New Business:

A. Cemetery Trustees: (moved) General Discussion

The Cemetery Trustees requested this meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

The Trustees are concerned that they are getting into principal every year to maintain the cemeteries. This year it is costing \$18,000.00 to have the cemeteries maintained and the interest earned was \$12,000.00.

Dwayne discussed with the Board the Cemetery Reconciliation FY 2007.

A couple of options the Town has are to seed the funds with surplus funds to help raise the interest of the cemetery accounts. Another option is to request funds through the budget process to help defer the cost of maintenance for the cemeteries in town. The Cemeteries that need to be seeded is the private cemeteries and Mt. Pleasant. The others maintain enough interest income to fund their expenses.

Dwayne will do more research as to what would be the better option for the Town and the Cemeteries.

B. School Consolidation: Discussion on School Consolidation Repeal Referendum

Selectman Moulton received a letter from Lawrence Greenlaw, Jr. of Stoningham Maine requesting advice from School Committee Chairs and other valued friends about the desirability of initiating a citizen's referendum to repeal the school consolidation law.

Dwayne explained that he was aware that SAD #60 School Board did take up this letter at their last school board meeting but did not act on it. They voted to table the topic until their next meeting.

The Board of Selectman decided not to act on this matter since the School Board has not had the chance to talk or act on it.

C. Equipment: Highway One-Ton Plow Truck

The Town has ordered its Highway One-Ton Plow Truck.

The cost of the truck will be about \$10,000.00 under budget for two reasons.

One being the Town took possession of a 2007 model instead of a 2008 model, reducing the cost of the truck.

Howard Fairfield usually decks out the Towns truck. Weirs suggested the Town look at Messer out of Westbrook. Mike Dunn wrote out the specs and gave them to Howard Fairfield and Messer. Messer was \$8,000.00 less then Howard Fairfield.

D. Rescue: Red Light Permit

The Rescue Chief is requesting permission for Nicholas Charleston to operate a rotating red light.

Dwayne explained that in order for the Town to be covered the insurance; the Board needs to sign all red light operating permits.

Selectman Folsom made a motion to approve Nicholas Charleston to operate a rotating red light; Selectman Danforth seconded a motion, Vote, 5-0

E. Fire Department: (moved) October Meeting Request and Fire Engine Emergency Repairs

Fire Chief Jim Moore discussed with the Board that the front end of Engine #3 needs front-end work. Chief Moore received a quote of \$1,285.30 for repairs to be done on Engine # 3.

Dwayne recommended that \$1,285.30 be taken from emergency funds for the repairs for Engine #3.

Selectman Whitten moved to allow the Fire Department to use emergency funds to do the repair on Fire Engine # 3 in the amount of \$1,285.30, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Chief Moore invited the Board of Selectmen to their Fire Departments Meeting being held on November 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

F. Surplus Equipment: Award Successful Bid

The Town bid out the 1973 plow truck; at a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 the successful bidder was Chris Gilpatrick Jr. for \$1,375.00.

Selectman Danforth moved to accept the bid of Chris Gilpatrick for \$1,375.00, Selectman Bourbon seconded the motion. Vote, 5-0

6. Other Business:

The Board signed appointment papers voted on at the last meeting.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: September 18, 2007- \$782,269.46

Warrant: September 11, 2007- \$16,730.60

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Warrants for: September 11, 2007 and September 18, 2007, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

7. Adjournment:

Selectman Whitten moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m., Selectman Danforth seconded a motion.
Vote, 5-0

Respectively Submitted:
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Nancy Moulton

Vice-Chairman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Anne Whitten

Selectman: Anthony Bourbon

Selectman: Elaine Folsom