

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: October 16, 2007

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2007

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

Also Present: Brenda Keene, Dale Barrows, Sally McLauren, Asher Norris, Greg Norris, Shirley Barto, Dorothy Linscott, Betty Hall, Shirley Johnson, Michael Johnson Jr., Lynn Marley, Kristie L. Michaud, Aaron Hickey, Harland Roberts, Normand Blanchette, George Phillips, Melissa Johnson Pierce, Beverly Lagueux, Jason Elaffey, Royal Cloyd, Robert E. Myshrall, Paul Laurion, Michael Carpenter and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman Moulton opened the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Chairman Moulton read into the record a letter from MMA; that Anne Whitten has won the 2007 MMA photo contest communities best shot.

Photo Titled: Morning View: The Town of North Berwick's Photographer Anne S. Whitten: Civil War Enactment 175TH Anniversary Celebration.

On behalf of the Maine Municipal Association and judging panel for the 2007 MMA photo contest communities best shot. I am please to notify you that the photograph submitted by Anne S. Whitten, Titled Morning View; was chosen for this year's winner in the special event category. We were very pleased to the response to this new event and hope to continue offering such a contest in the future.

2. Review and Approve Minutes of October 2, 2007

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Minutes of October 2, 2007 as amended, Selectman Bourbon seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0-1

3. Public Hearing: 6:33 p.m. – General Assistance Appendices

Chairman Moulton opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Chairman Moulton read into the record:

The Municipality of North Berwick adopts the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices (A-C) for the period of October 1, 1007-October, 1, 2008, as well as Appendices F (Maximum for personal Care & Household Supples), as revised September 2007. These appendices are filed with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. §4305(4).

Selectman Danforth moved to accept the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices (A-C) and F, for 2007 to 2008, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Chairman Moulton closed the Public Hearing at 6: 39 p.m.

4. Public Hearing: 6:35 p.m. – Canal Street and Old Light Pole Relocation

Chairman Moulton opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman Moulton read into the record:

The Town of North Berwick Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 6:25 p.m. in the North Berwick Municipal Building, Room 212 to solicit input on proposed Canal Street Community Development Block (CDB) Grant application and the possible removal and relocation of the light pole at the intersection of Main and Market.

The topics of discussion will be:

1. Canal Street: The Board is in the process of developing a CDB Grant for Canal Street improvement and would like to revise input into the proposed improvements, Proposed Capital Improvement include the paving of the road, adding on-street parking, storm drainage, lighting and sidewalks. In addition the Board is considering making Canal Street a One-Way Street following the Capital Improvements to the Road.
2. Light Pole: The removal of the light pole from the intersection of Market Street and Main Street near the Old North Berwick Bank and possible relocation to one of the Town's parks.

1. Canal Street:

The Town of North Berwick Board of Selectmen encourages all those interested to attend this Public Hearing.

The Town Manager explained to the public that the Caleb Foundation is in the process of rehabilitating the Old Woolen Mill.

The Town is looking at improving Canal Street and because of Caleb's efforts with the mill. The Old Woolen Mill qualified for the Brownfield's Grant. The Town will apply for a Public Infrastructure Grant (CDBG).

The Town is looking into paving Canal Street and add on street parking adjacent to the Mill Field. The Town would add more sidewalks along the Mill Field and also fix the sidewalk that goes to the Gazebo. There would be lighting added to the area and improve the storm drainage on Canal Street.

Public input on the proposed Canal Street Project:

- Not in favor of a one-way street
- In favor of a one-way street
- In favor of two-way street
- More traffic going onto Route 9
- Leave Canal Street the way it is
- More traffic near Fire Station on Market Street
- Trees on Canal not to be cut down
- Have Canal Street a two-way and half a one-way street
- Leave the narrow part of Canal Street dirt (as is)
- Concern about parking cars at their residence
- Paving Canal Street the trees will eventually deteriorate

2. Light Pole:

Public input on the proposed light pole removal or relocation:

- Bring back the history of the light pole to its original status
- The light pole is a public and traffic safety
- The importance of the light poles and maintaining the history and beautification of the North Berwick Community
- The light pole is one of the last remaining fragments of the village character
- Re-engineer the road around the light pole for traffic safety
- Restore the light pole and form a triangle island as to direct traffic appropriately
- Coordinate volunteers and generate a proposal to see how much it would cost to renovate the light pole
- In the years past every evening the light pole was the social gathering in the North Berwick Village: The light pole is an important representation of the history of the Village

Dwayne showed an intersection improvement plan that Harland Roberts had developed years ago and asked for a show of hands of those who liked the plan. The overwhelming majority responded in the affirmative.

Chairman Moulton closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

5. Public Input:

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Road Work: Update

Chadbourn Lane has been completed and also Guptil Lane. The Town is waiting to get on Pike Industries' list for roads to be paved.

Madison Street is listed to be done in the Spring.

Dwayne contacted different firms to give the town a road layout for Linscott Road. The low bidder was Underwood Engineers, Inc. at \$4,200.

Dwayne recommended awarding road layout to Underwood Engineers, Inc. for \$4,200.

Selectmen Whitten moved to accept Underwood Engineers, Inc. for \$4,200, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Dwayne recommended awarding the bid from Dwayne Clement for the Wells Street Construction.

Selectman Bourbon moved to accept the bid from Dwayne Clement for \$3,000.00, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

The Community Center's field has been loamed and hydro seeded the basketball court nets are in and the parking lot has been grated. Work was completed by Guy and Sons Construction.

Pike Industries will be paving the basketball court and the parking lot on October 19, 2007.

B. Hillside Cemetery: DEP Violation

The Town has submitted our plan to the DEP. The Town received the DEP approval on October 16, 2007.

The Town will attend a meeting with the DEP on October 25, 2007 at 9:30 p.m.

C. School Consolidation: School Consolidation Repeal Referendum

A letter was sent to the School Board from the North Berwick Board of Selectmen; that the Selectmen voted on October 2, 2007 to support the repeal of school consolidation law, agreeing with SAD#60 School Board's decision to support the petition to repeal the State of Maine school consolidation law.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-November 6, 2007-6:30 pm Municipal Building
Meeting-November 7, 2007-7:00 pm Fire Station

6. New Business:

A. Parks and Recreation: (moved) Coaches Code of Ethics, Parent Code of Ethics

The Town Manager and the Director of Parks and Recreation developed a draft copy of:

- North Berwick Parks and Recreation Coaches' Code of Ethics
- North Berwick Parks and Recreation Sport Parent Code of Conduct.

7. Other Business:

The Board signed the appointment papers for Kellie Bshara as Reserve Officer.

8. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: October 9, 2007- \$13,803.59

Warrant: October 16, 2007- \$874,603.77

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Warrants for: October 9, 2007 and October 16, 2007, Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

9. Adjournment:

Selectman Whitten moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m., Selectman Folsom 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