

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: November 20, 2007

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES NOVEMBER 20, 2007

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

Also Present: Brenda Moore, Jim Moore, Jason Claffey (Foster's) and Dwayne Morin.

Chairman Moulton opened the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6:38 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of November 6, 2007

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Minutes of November 6, 2007 as corrected, Selectman Danforth seconded the motion. Vote, 4-0-1

3. Public Input:

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Hillside Cemetery: DEP Violation

DEP was very satisfied with the corrections to the site.

In the spring the contractor will have to apply the wetland seeding.

The contractor will not continue cutting trees until the ground is frozen. The DEP is aware that the contractor will go back when the ground is frozen and will instruct him on how to build the bridge over the stream. Because we had to have more inspections the cost for the engineer was higher than estimated. The cost is \$2070.00 and the cost will be paid by the contractor.

B. Fire Department: Antique Fire Truck, Engine, #4

Chief Jim Moore tried to inspect the Antique Fire Engine with no success.

The Board requested Dwayne to write a letter to Lynn Day requesting the chief inspect the truck by the end of the year.

Dwayne read into the record the letter and the Board signed the letter to be sent to Mr. Day.

Engine #4 went to Coastal Truck and Auto Body, Inc. for an estimate for frame work and the estimate came back at \$23,060.10. Greenwood inspected the Ford/E-One Pumper and recommended that Chief Moore contact DOT state division to come inspect the vehicle. Chief Moore informed the Board that the State DOT does not do inspections.

The fire truck will go to Dover Motor Mart on Monday to have them look the fire truck over and give the Town a recommendation and estimate.

Chief Moore notified the Board that Larry Straffin, Deputy Chief, will be leaving the department to take a job in Buxton as Fire Chief. Mr. Straffin is also the towns EMA Officer. Dwayne and Jim will look into finding an EMA committee which usually consists of the Police, Fire and Rescue.

C. Capital Improvement Plan: Draft 2008 Five and Ten Year Plan

Dwayne gave the Board the Capital Improvement Plan which is a living plan, ever changing.

Selectman Moulton asked about the expenditures for Recreation for 2008 and 2011. This expense will come from the Open Space and Recreation funds that needs to be expended 10 years from date of receiving funds.

Selectman Bourbon asked about the increase of \$70,000.00 in the Recreation for 2008-2009 an increase of \$10,000.00 over the \$60,000.00 we've been doing. Dwayne explained to him that the Improvement Plan graph shows \$60,000.00 for recreation and \$10,000.00 to replace 4 trees in the Mill Field with a draft estimate of \$4,500. The Gazebo is in need of some repairs and an estimate has yet to be received, so Dwayne put \$5000.00 into the budget to cover the unknown cost.

Selectman Moulton asked about the Public Works 2009-2010 expenditure for \$135,000.00. Dwayne explained it was for Publics Works truck #4 1984 Ford replacement. This truck is our rotation truck that is used full time in the winter for plowing.

Dwayne discussed with the Board the issue of the Rescue ambulance which will cost somewhere around \$170,000.00. The good news is the rescue has suggested they will be funding a portion of the cost for this vehicle.

The Board discussed what may happen to the ambulance they use now, if it will be traded in or if it could possibly stay in service as a secondary ambulance. The rescue squad has a committee to

look over the pros and cons of this. The Board asked Dwayne to check and see how many times we received a call for an ambulance when our ambulance was already called out.

D. Canal Street: Review Engineering

Dwayne has no new information for the Board. The engineers are still looking at the cross sections. Dwayne is working on having the power run underground.

Dwayne has been in contact with the state after the meeting with the Fire Department and the concern over the canal water. We actually have 2 dry hydrants in that canal now, the functionality is unknown at this time.

Discussion was made about the usability of dry hydrants or using floating screens. The town has invested in floating screens for the fire department. Dwayne wants to talk more with the fire chief about this issue.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-Dec. 4, 2007-6:30 pm Municipal Building
Hussey Meeting – November 30, 2007-Noon Hussey
Regional Efficiency Meeting- December 12, 2007-6:30 pm-So. Berwick
York County Municipal Officers Association-6:30 pm-York County Shelter-Shaker Hill Rd., Alfred Me.

5. New Business:

A. Fiscal Year 09: Discuss Budget Items

Dwayne is in the mists of budgeting and has asked the Board if there is anything they'd like budgeted. Dwayne informed Selectman Whitten that he is already working on the Mill Field lights.

Selectman Moulton discussed the fact that the new police emergency and non-emergency phone numbers could be placed on magnets to be passed out to the residents. Dwayne stated that he was working with Dispatch on the use of these numbers. Dwayne will get prices on magnets.

Selectman Moulton talked about budgeting funds for a North Berwick Appreciation Dinner. She spoke of the cards that are sent each year from the selectman but thought it would be nice if we could do a little more for all the folk who volunteer and work for the town.

The public hearing on the "Dummy Light" (the light in front of the Old Bank on the corner of Main and Market Streets) suggested that the light be fixed, not torn down or placed somewhere else in town. Selectman Bourbon suggested that the funds for this project be split into two budget sessions, one for 2008 and one for 2009 with the project done in 2009.

Dwayne will be in touch with Holophane to see if they can find reproduction lights.

B. Police Department: New Officer Appointment

With the resignation of Mark Laflamme from the police department we are down an officer. Chief Peasley hired Matthew Begin as a patrolman.

The Board of Selectmen needs to appoint Matthew Begin to the North Berwick Police Department.

Selectman Folsom moved to appoint Matthew Begin as new police officer. Selectman Whitten seconded a motion. Vote 5-0

C. Police Association: Select Labor Subcommittee for Contract Negotiations

Dwayne informed the Board that we need to select a sub committee to act as a labor committee.

This committee consists of two Board of Selectmen members who will negotiate the Union Contract.

Selectman Danforth and Selectman Bourbon volunteered to be on this committee.

D. Christmas: Employee/Committee Party

For the past few years Selectman Moulton and Selectman Whitten have organized a Christmas party for employees and volunteers of the town.

The Board discussed plans for this year's party which consists of a pot luck supper and a Yankee Swap.

Selectman Bourbon is not sure which date of January 4 or January 11, 2008 he will be available for. The Board suggested he check his schedule and get back to them.

E. Tax Acquired Property: Sign Quit-Claim Deed for Cole Heirs Property

The Tax Acquired Property Bid came in with a high bid of \$51,000.00 but declined to close the bid, therefore forfeited the bid deposit of \$2,550.00.

The second bid came in at \$37,999.99, who opted to close on the property.

The Board of Selectmen signed a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to Thomas D'Errico and Vicent D'Errico.

6. Other Business:

Dwayne reminded the Board of the Tree Lighting Celebration on Saturday at 3 p.m...

Selectman Whitten reminded Dwayne of a letter he needs to write to Carpe Diem.

Selectman Whitten asked about placing the Town Office extensions on the web site.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: November 13, 2007 - \$8,373.35

Warrant: November 20, 2007 - \$554,445.92

Selectman Whitten moved to accept the Warrants for: November 13, 2007 and November 20, 2007, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Whitten moved to adjourn at 8:22 pm, Selectman Folsom 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