

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

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES DECEMBER 18, 2007

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

Also Present: Ronald Long, Robert Kearns, Chris Kearns, Jennifer Kearns, Wendy Daudelin, James Moulton, Theresa Morrissey, Martin Morrissey, Rickey Varney, Leo Harriman, Marie Varney, Stephen C. Peasley, Jason Claffy (Foster's) and Dwayne Morin.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of December 4, 2007

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

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. Unfinished Business:

Dwayne read into the record a letter written to Carpe Diem Coffee to thank the owners, Gussie and Jane, for all they do for the Town of North Berwick. The letter would like to recognize the company for the efforts that they make in the community.

A. Canal Street: Grant Application Update

The town has been invited to the next round for our grant application. Since we were invited we need to hold a Public Hearing. Our application is due the 18th of January 2008. The Public Hearing will be held on January 8th at 6:35 p.m.

B. Fiscal Year 09: Discuss Budget Items

Dwayne keeps the Fiscal Year 09 agenda just in case a Board member has a suggestion for a budget item.

The Board had discussions on the announcement of Governor's tax cuts.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting-Public Hearing-January 8, 2007-6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

5. New Business:

A. Police Department: (moved) Presentation by Police Chief to Officers

Police Chief Peasley recognized five police officers for their longevity in the Town of North Berwick.

Chief Peasley presented each officer with a pin in 5-year increments of service.

Officer James Moulton received a 15- year pin

Officer Robert Kearns received a 20-year pin

Officer Leo Harriman received a 25- year pin

Officer Rick Varney received a 25-year pin

Officer Martin Morrissey received a 25- year pin

Chief Peasley expressed his gratitude and thanks for the hard work the officers have done over the years for the department and the town.

Officer Varney stated that Chief Peasley has been in the department for over 20 years and asked for a round of applause from the audience for him.

Chairman Moulton thanked the officers on behalf of the Board and the Town of North Berwick for their services.

B. Police Department: (moved) Computer Software Update

Dwayne stated that last year we budgeted for new computer software. When we moved from County to State DPS we were looking to move away from our Vision product that we now use in our police cruisers for our record management as well as for our mobile.

The state has decided to change their software to IMC in about a year and that is the software the town is looking into.

Dwayne stated that we would be able to stay within the budget numbers with the IMC platform.

Dwayne and Chief Peasley are looking further into the process. The budget amount is \$55,000.00 for software cost. The software and computers would cost somewhere in the \$61,000.00 range. Training is included into the cost of the package.

The Board had questions about the program and the consequences if the State decides not to convert to IMC. Dwayne also explained how the information would be shared more efficiently between the States and the town's database.

Dwayne also spoke about replacing the server (computer) for about \$2500.00.

C. Regional Efficiency: Discuss proposed Legislation

Legislation (LR 3003) (the Act) would legally create the Southern York County Regional Development Authority (the Authority) for the purpose of economic development among local government and agencies.

Representatives Gould and Nash will be signing on to this piece of legislation in the near future. The representatives ask Dwayne if he could get a feel from the Board as to what they think about this piece of legislation.

If the legislation were to pass it would create an authority, another level of government that towns would join with the express purpose to be for economic development. As a group they would have to decide what kind of economic development they would like to have, industrial, light industrial, and/or technology.

The Board asked what the financial cost would be for the Town of North Berwick to opt into this authority. Dwayne stated that this cost would be created during the operational phase. All towns that opt in to this authority would need to go to a meeting, like our Annual town meeting, to decide on the budget of the authority.

The Board has some unanswered questions and reservations but agree that we don't know what will happen in the future years and it would be best to leave the door open and have no objection for our representatives to sign on for this piece of legislation.

D. Water District: Letter of Recognition for Best Tasting Water Award

The Town of North Berwick received an award for having the best tasting drinking water in the disinfected category at the 2007 Maine Rural Water Association Conference, held in December.

The Board signed a letter to the Water District congratulating them on this award.

E. Mileage Reimbursement: New Federal Rate

IRS announced the 2008 standard mileage rate for business miles set at 50.5 cents per mile. The Board has historically voted with the IRS rate, which this year has been 48.5 cents. Currently the State of Maine rate is .40 cents.

Selectman Folsom moved to accept the Internal Revenue Service mileage standard of 50.5 cents.
Selectman Whitten seconded the motion, Vote, 5-0

6. Other Business:

Dwayne received an email from the school consolidation repeal effort to raise money. The Board had previously decided not to contribute any funds to this but to support our school district.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: December 11, 2007 - \$11,159.33

Warrant: December 18, 2007 - \$555,361.09

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

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Danforth moved to adjourn at 8:17 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