

# **NORTH BERWICK SELECT BOARD MINUTES**

## **MAY 16, 2023**

**Present:** Selectperson Johnson, Jr., Selectperson Cowan, Selectperson Johnson, Sr.,  
Selectperson Hall

**Absent:** Chairperson Galemme

**Also Present:** Dwayne Morin

- 1. MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD – 5:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. @NOBLE HIGH SCHOOL**
- 2. SELECTBOARD MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 212 TOWN HALL**

Vice Chair Johnson, Sr. opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2023**

Selectperson Hall motioned to approve the Minutes of May 2, 2023, as written.  
Selectperson Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

- 5. PUBLIC INPUT**

N/A

- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. LD2003: Proposed Zoning Changes to Bring Town Ordinance Into Compliance.**

Dwayne indicated that final guidance has been issued on the original piece of legislation. the Legislature which came out two weeks ago and he indicated that it looks like they will be extending the date by one year. However, they are also changing the law as well. LD 1706 would allow all non-permitted ADU (people who constructed apartments without permits) to be considered legal and they remove the ability for towns to have the Planning Board review any ADU project. This means the Code Enforcement Officer would be required to issue the permits without Planning Board review. Dwayne stated that he sent an email to our legislators.

**B. COMMUNICATIONS TOWER: Update on Progress**

Dwayne stated that the foundation should be completed on Friday, and they are going to start constructing the tower next week. He is hoping it will be all up at the end of June. He stated that they did hit one road block in that the gavel that they typically use did not pass the screen test, so they needed to locate another source of gravel. Dwayne indicated this delayed the ability to fill in around the foundation a bit. He stated that they are going to back-fill tomorrow and everything is moving ahead. The building will be delivered on the 30<sup>th</sup> and the generator will arrive on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**C. MEETING ROOM: Discuss Assistive Listening System Proposals**

Dwayne indicated that since the last meeting regarding the assistive listening systems for the meeting room, they have received one more proposal. He stated he felt that this proposal would be a better proposal than the previously submitted proposal. It is from White Mountain Audio Visual and comes in at a little under \$4,000.00 and it is a mobile system which is a better fit for the Town.

**Reminders: Next Select Board's Meeting – June 6, 2023– 6:30 P.M. - Room 212**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. SAD 60: Discussion Regarding Budget Meeting**

Dwayne stated he put this agenda item on in the event the Board wanted to discuss their meeting with the Superintendent. Selectperson Cowan indicated she found it interesting that there was no specific information regarding construction projects. Dwayne stated that he has met with them regarding that issue, and he stated they have not started on that issue at all.

**B. COMPUTER SYSTEM: Update on Software Transition**

Dwayne stated that the Board approved the upgrade to the new trioweb software earlier this past year and that the Town will be making the switch over tomorrow.

**C. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Appointment of Kelli Shisler as Court Officer**

Dwayne indicated that Leo Harriman will be retiring on June 8<sup>th</sup> of this year and that will leave a hole for our Court Officer. Chief Peasley recommended that Kelli Bashara Shisler, who previously worked for the Police Department, be appointed to this role. She is presently working for the York County Court System but since the court system is moving to Biddeford, her position is being terminated. She is a full-time police officer and worked for North Berwick for

nine years previously. Her husband is a full-time police officer in Berwick, and they live in Acton.

Selectperson Cowan motioned that Kelli Shisler be appointed as Court Officer and Training Officer for the Town of North Berwick. Selectperson Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Dwayne stated the Memorial Day Parade line up was at 8:00 a.m. The parade starts at 8:30 a.m. and they are going back to the old parade route.

## **9. REVIEW AND APPROVE WARRANTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Warrant:	May 9, 2023	- \$ 28,036.15
Warrant:	May 16, 2023	- \$676,439.72

Selectperson Hall motioned to approve the warrant for May 9, 2023, in the amount of \$28,036.15 and the warrant for May 16, 2023, in the amount of \$676,439.72. Selectperson Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

## **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Selectperson Cowan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Selectperson Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

Respectively Submitted,  
Jennifer Berard, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Charles Galemmo

Selectperson: Jonathan Hall

Selectperson: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectperson: Wendy Cowan

Selectperson: Michael Johnson, Sr.