

**North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes**  
**February 13, 2012**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Present: Dale Clock, Barry Abbott, Julie Fernee, Elisabeth Glidden, David Lentini, Gregg Drew, Maurice Dolbec, Kerry Briggs, Rebekah Yonan, Michael Johnson, Sr. and Wendy Cowan

Also Present: Brian Gosselin, Larry Straffin, Bob Robbins, Chris McLeod, Jason Coffin, Mike Kelewae, Mike Dunn, Fairlight Clock and Dwayne Morin

Chairman Abbott opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Review of Committee Recommendations:**

Dwayne presented the committee with meeting minutes for the previous meeting. Dale moved to approve the amended minutes, Maurice seconded the motion, Vote 9-0 in favor.

**Public Works Articles:**

Chairman Abbott read **Article 18** regarding ***Public Works Appropriations*** of \$480,252.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$481,665.00. After discussion it was moved by Gregg and seconded by Dale to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations; \$430,825 from Excise Tax as follows.

Winter Public Works	\$75,000.00
General Public Works	\$113,450.00
Patch	\$2,500.00
Salaries	<u>\$239,875.00</u>
Total	\$430,825.00

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read Article 19 regarding *Public Works Road bond* of \$1,000,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Wendy ought to pass. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read Article 20 regarding *Capital Improvements - Roads Appropriation* of \$455,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$455,000.00. After discussion it was moved by Dale and seconded by Maurice to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendation of \$405,000.00 ;\$227,000.00 from Excise Tax, \$78,000.00 from Road Grant and \$100,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Dwayne and Mike Dunn, Road Foreman, explained that the capital improvements planned for this year include the following roads: Morrells Mill Road (shim and overlay with light reconstruction) from Valley Road to Putnams and Governor Goodwin Road (Shim and Overlay). The breakdown of the funds is as follows:

Roads – Sidewalks	\$5,000.00
Roads - Reconstruction	\$50,000.00
Roads – Pavement	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
Total	\$405,000.00

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read Article 21 regarding *Capital Improvements - Vehicles* of \$118,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Wendy ought to pass \$118,000.00; \$36,000.00 from Equipment Fund, \$9,000.00 from Designated Fund Balance, \$28,000.00 from Taxation and \$45,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Dwayne informed the Committee that the funds will be expended as follows: \$28,000.00 repayment to the town for the purchase of the wheeler and \$90,000.00 for the replacement of the loader/backhoe.

Vote 9-1 in favor.

### **Fire Department Articles:**

Chairman Abbott read **Article 6** regarding ***Fire Department Appropriations*** of \$124,325.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Maurice ought to pass. After discussion it was moved by Dale and seconded by Maurice to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations ought to pass \$123,125.00 from Taxation. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 7** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Fire Department Building*** of \$9,860.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Wend ought to pass \$9,860.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 8** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Pumper*** of \$40,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Wendy ought to pass \$40,000.00 from Taxation. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 9** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Fire Pumper*** along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Wendy ought to pass. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 14** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Radio Communications Equipment*** of \$17,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$17,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 10-0 in favor.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Dale and seconded by Michael to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin  
Town Manager