

North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes
February 20, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Present: Barry Abbott, Julie Fernee, Maurice Dolbec, Matthew Pomerleau, Anthony Bourbon, Lynn Manley, David Bentley, Kerry Briggs, Steven Dumont, Christopher Rosen and Wendy Cowan

Also Present: Brian Gosselin, Larry Straffin, Mike Dunn, Gregg Drew 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. Dave moved to approve the amended minutes, Wendy seconded the motion, Vote 8-2 in favor.

Public Input:

There was no Public Input.

Public Works Articles:

Chairman Abbott read Article 7 regarding the transfer of \$56,0000 from undesignated fund Balance from into the equipment fund for the last two payments on the wheeler purchase approved at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy ought to pass. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 20** regarding ***Public Works Appropriations*** of \$463,950.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy ought to pass \$463,950.00. After discussion it was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations; \$451,950.00 from Excise Tax as follows.

Winter Public Works	\$100,000.00
General Public Works	\$108,450.00 decreased from \$113,450.00
Patch	\$2,500.00
Salaries	<u>\$241,000.00</u> decreased from \$248,000.00
Total	\$451,950.00

Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 21** regarding ***Debt Service - Public Works Road Bond*** of \$120,280.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy ought to pass \$120,280.00 from Excise Tax. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 22** regarding ***Capital Improvements - Roads Appropriation*** of \$284,720.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Kerry ought to pass \$284,720.00; \$16,000.00 from Taxation, \$80,720.00 from Excise Tax, \$78,000.00 from Road Grant and \$110,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Dwayne and Mike Dunn, Road Foreman, explained that the capital improvements planned for this year include the following roads: Morrell's Mill Road (shim and overlay) from Bridge to Valley Road, Lynn Street (shim and overlay), Knight's Pond Road (shim and overlay), Wilmer Chase Road (reclaim and pave), Beech Ridge Road (first payment for reconstruction) and Turkey Street (shim and overlay from bond proceeds). The breakdown of the funds is as follows:

Roads – Sidewalks	\$5,000.00
Roads - Reconstruction	\$79,720.00
Roads – Pavement	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
Total	\$284,720.00

Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 23** regarding *Capital Improvements - Vehicles* of \$93,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$93,000.00. After discussion it was moved by Dave and seconded by Maurice to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations; \$5,500.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Dwayne informed the Committee that the funds will be expended as follows: \$5,500.00 for repairs to the one ton to gain two years of additional life out of the vehicle.

Vote 11-0 in favor.

Fire Department Articles:

Chairman Abbott read **Article 12** regarding *Fire Department Appropriations* of \$128,171.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy ought to pass. After discussion it was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations ought to pass \$128,646.00; \$124,646.00 from Taxation and \$4,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 13** regarding *Capital Improvements – Fire Department* of \$15,625.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wend ought to pass. After discussion it was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations ought to pass \$7,015.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 14** regarding *Capital Improvements Debt Service – Pumper* of \$42,760.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy ought to pass \$42,760.00; \$40,000.00 from Taxation and \$2,760.00 from Equipment Fund. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Protection Article

Chairman Abbott read Article 17 regarding *Street Lights, Hydrant Rental and Dispatch Services Appropriation* of \$244,855.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Chris ought to pass. After discussion it was moved by Dave and seconded by Chris to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations ought to pass \$238,355.00; \$210,581.00 from taxation, \$5,000.00 form Undesignated Fund Balance and \$22,674.00 from State Revenue Sharing as follows.

Street Lights	\$37,000.00 increased from \$35,000.00
Hydrant Rental	\$120,900.00 decreased from \$129,500.00
Dispatch Services	<u>\$50,355.00</u>
Total	\$238,355.00

Vote 11-0 in favor.

Adjournment

It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin
Town Manager