

**North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes**  
**February 4, 2013**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Present: Lynn Manley, Barry Abbott, Kerry Briggs, Matt Pomerleau, Anthony Bourbon, Dave Bentley, Michael Johnson, Sr., Steven Dumont, Christopher Rosen, Julie Fernee and Wendy Cowan

Also Present: Patrick McLaughlin, Bob Beamis, Scott Emmons, Dennis Buzzell, Donna Rand Gregg Drew and Dwayne Morin

Dwayne opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m by welcoming the Budget Committee and the committee members introduced themselves. Dwayne informed the Committee members that Maurice Dolbec contacted him to say he would not be present at tonight's meeting.

**Elect Chair and Vice Chair**

It was moved and seconded to nominate Barry Abbott as Chair for the ensuing year. Vote 10-0-1 in favor.

It was moved and seconded to nominate David Bentley as Vice-Chair for the ensuing year. Vote 10-0-1 in favor.

**Review Schedule**

The Board reviewed the schedule for the Budget Committee.

## **Public Input**

Pat McLaughlin introduced himself as a member of the group TEAM. He asked if members would be allowed to speak during the meetings. Chairman Abbott stated that there will be a public input time at the beginning of each meeting. He also stated that he would allow some comments during the meeting but he would not let it become a distraction to the committee because of the workload before them. Mr. McLaughlin then asked for a copy of the budget book. Dwayne stated that a copy is available in the Library and the Town Office and that he will be placing a summary on the Town's website as the budget book is approximately 450 pages. Mr. McLaughlin asked if he could purchase a complete copy and Dwayne stated he could and he should contact the Town Clerk's office to make the request.

## **Town Manager Presentation on Budget**

Dwayne gave the Budget Committee a presentation on the budget for FY14.

## **Non-Money Articles:**

Chairman Abbott read **Article 9** regarding *Balances Forward* along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Kerry and seconded by Wendy ought to pass. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 10** regarding *accepting of taxes in anticipation of tax commitment* along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy ought to pass. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 11** regarding *date of payment for taxes and rate of interest for overdue taxes* along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy ought to pass. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 38** regarding *depositing excess excise tax into the Equipment Fund* along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Matt ought to pass. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 39** regarding *the unforeseen purchase and/or repair of vehicles and equipment* along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Wendy ought to pass. Vote 10-1 in favor.

Chairman Abbott read **Article 40** regarding *the acceptance of gifts by the Board of Selectmen* along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Kerry ought to pass. Vote 11-0 in favor.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Mike and seconded by Dave to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin  
Town Manager