

North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes
February 17, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Present: Julie Fernee, Lynn Manley, Michael Johnson, Sr, Reginald Toussaint, Lendell Quint, Patrick McLaughlin, Anne Plant, Gregg Drew, Rebecca Hopper and Laura Shaw

Also Present: Michael Dunn, Richard Anderson, Brian Gosselin, Larry Straffin, Charles Galemmo and Dwayne Morin

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Vic Chair Laura Shaw due to his sore throat.

Vice Chair Shaw led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Committee Recommendations:

Dwayne presented the committee with meeting minutes for the February 8, 2016. It was moved by Pat and seconded by Lendell to approve the minutes as amended. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Public Input

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Charles Galemmo presented the Budget Committee with information on walking trails and his desire as Selectmen to see more walking trails as a way to promote a healthy lifestyle in North Berwick especially with the possibility of connecting multiple trail systems together to provide a large walking trail system on Great Works Regional Land Trust property and North Berwick property. Mr. Galemmo also stated the economic benefits of walking trails such as the increase of property values and making the community more attractive to live.

He also stated that the Board of Selectmen had acted on the request of the Budget Committee to separate the articles relating to the grant funds into three separate articles to improve the transparency of the budget.

Public Works Articles:

Vice Chair Shaw read **Article 16** regarding ***Public Works Appropriations*** of \$501,230.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$501,230.00 as follows.

Winter Public Works	\$125,000.00
General Public Works	\$110,500.00
Patch	\$2,500.00
Salaries	<u>\$263,230.00</u>
Total	\$501,230.00

Town Manager Dwayne Morin recommended reducing the Winter Highway budget to \$100,000.00 and the General Public Works budget to \$106,000.00, bringing the total budget request to \$471,730.00. Gregg moved and Michael seconded the amendment to the budget as recommended by the Town Manager as follows:

Winter Public Works	\$100,000.00
General Public Works	\$106,000.00
Patch	\$2,500.00
Salaries	<u>\$263,230.00</u>
Total	\$471,730.00

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Vice Chair Shaw read **Article 17** regarding ***Debt Service - Public Works Road Bond*** of \$113,610.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$113,610.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Vice Chair Shaw read **Article 18** regarding ***Capital Improvements - Roads Appropriation*** of \$291,390.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$291,390.00 with \$67,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Dwayne and Mike Dunn, Road Foreman, explained that the capital improvements planned for this year include the following roads: Randall Road (repair approximately 450 feet of road near corner and shim and overlay remainder), Beech Ridge Road

(shim and overlay from Noble High School entrance to Berwick Townline), and Diamond Hill Road (begin the three year reconstruction project, tree cutting, stumping and base gravel placement. The breakdown of the funds is as follows:

Roads – Sidewalks	\$5,000.00
Roads - Reconstruction	\$124,500.00
Roads – Pavement	<u>\$161,890.00</u>
Total	\$291,390.00

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Vice Chair Shaw read Article 19 regarding *Capital Improvements – Public Works* of \$85,000.00 to purchase a replacement One Ton vehicle along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$85,000.00 from Equipment Fund. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Vice Chair Shaw read Article 20 regarding *Capital Improvements – Public Works* of \$30,000.00 to purchase a replacement Loader along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$30,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance and to purchase the Loader on a five year lease purchase agreement.. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Vice Chair Shaw read Article 21 regarding *Capital Improvements – Public Works* of \$33,000.00 to replace the roof on the Salt/Sand Shed vehicle along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$33,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Fire Department Articles:

Vice Chair Shaw read Article 7 regarding *Fire Department Appropriations* of \$131,210.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$131,210.00. Town Manager Dwayne Morin recommended reducing the budget to \$129,010.00. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Michael to amend the budget to \$129,010.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Vice Chair Shaw read Article 8 regarding *Debt Service – Fire Pumper* of \$40,400.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Michael and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$40,400.00 with \$400.00 from Equipment Fund. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Vice Chair Shaw read **Article 9** regarding ***Capital Improvements– Fire Tanker*** of \$26,800.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$26,800.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Vice Chair Shaw read **Article 10** regarding ***Capital Improvements– Substation Floor*** of \$11,700.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$11,700.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Transfer Station Articles

Vice Chair Shaw read **Article 15** regarding ***Transfer Station Appropriation*** of \$225,865.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Michael ought to pass \$225,865.00 with \$110,900.00 from Enterprise Fund. Town Manager Dwayne Morin recommended increasing the Transfer Station budget to \$229,865.00 due to a recent discovery that the main compactor ram needs to be replated at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Michael to amend the Transfer Station budget to \$229,865.00 with \$110,900.00 from Enterprise Fund. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Adjournment

It was moved by Reggie and seconded by Gregg to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin, Town Manager