

North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes
February 14, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Present: Dale Clock, Anthony Bourbon, Julie Fernee, Elisabeth Glidden, David Lentini, Lorinda Hilton, Maurice Dolbec, Sharon Hilton and Wendy Cowan

Also Present: Mike Barker, Dale Pillsbury, Cathy Babcock, Ryan Babcock, Mike Dunn, Fairlight Clock and Dwayne Morin

Vice Chairman Clock opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Review of Committee Recommendations:

Dwayne presented the committee with meeting minutes for the previous meeting. Lorinda moved to approve the amended minutes, David seconded the motion, Vote 8-0-1 in favor.

Dwayne presented information to the Budget Committee regarding the number of people that utilized General Assistance for FY2010, which accounting for approximately 1.3% of the town's population. Dwayne also presented a memo from MMA to the Budget Committee regarding the impact to municipalities from Governor LePage's proposed budget in the area of Revenue Sharing, General Assistance and Education.

David made the motion to request the Board of Selectmen to transfer the \$4,000.00 budgeted for the Committee Appreciation to the Town of North Berwick Heating Fuel Fund. Lorinda seconded the motion. Dwayne informed the Budget Committee that this would be strictly and advisory recommendation as the Board of Selectmen have authority over the warrant articles. The Board acknowledged this statement. Vote 7-1-1 in favor.

Public Works Articles:

Vice Chairman Clock read **Article 15** regarding ***Public Works Appropriations*** of \$447,370.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Anthony and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$481,665.00 from Excise Tax as follows.

Winter Public Works	\$100,000.00
General Public Works	\$113,050.00
Patch	\$2,500.00
Salaries	<u>\$231,820.00</u>
Total	\$447,370.00

Vote 9-0 in favor.

Vice Chairman Clock read **Article 16** regarding ***Capital Improvements - Roads Appropriation*** of \$380,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Anthony and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$380,000.00: \$232,330.00 from Excise Tax, \$78,000.00 from Road Grant and \$69,670.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Dwayne and Mike Dunn, Road Foreman, explained that the capital improvements planned for this year include the following roads: Card Mill Road(reconstruction), a section of Market Street Sidewalk near Town Pizzas, Little River Road(reconstruction) from Bridge to Berwick Town Line, Prospect Street (reconstruction), Maple Street (mill and overlay) from Route 4 to Puffin Lane, Lebanon Road (Shim and Overlay) and either Maple Street(shim and overlay) from Governor Goodwin Road 3000' towards town or Morrell,s Mill Road (mill and overlay) from Route 4 to bridge. The breakdown of the funds is as follows:

Roads – Sidewalks	\$5,000.00
Roads - Reconstruction	\$63,425.00
Roads – Pavement	<u>\$316,575.00</u>
Total	\$380,000.00

Vote 9-0 in favor.

Vice Chairman Clock read **Article 15** regarding ***Capital Improvements - Vehicles*** of \$64,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Anthony and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$64,000.00 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 \$36,000.00 for the repair of the Caterpillar Loader.

Vote 9-0 in favor.

Rescue Department Articles

Vice Chairman Clock read Article 12 regarding *Rescue Department Appropriations* of \$108,800.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Anthony and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$108,800.00. After discussion it was moved by Anthony and seconded by Maurice to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations; \$89,700.00 from Taxation. Vote 9-0 in favor.

Vice Chairman Clock read Article 13 regarding *Capital Improvements - Rescue Building* of \$10,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Anthony and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$10,000.00. After discussion it was moved by Anthony and seconded by Maurice to amend the article to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager recommendations; \$4,300.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance to repair to structural issue with the Building. Vote 9-0 in favor.

Protection Articles

Vice Chairman Clock read Article 10 regarding *Street Lights, Hydrant Rental and Dispatch Services Appropriation* of \$235,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Anthony and seconded by Wendy ought to pass \$235,000.00; \$96,500.00 from Taxation, \$5,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance and \$118,500.00 from State Revenue Sharing as follows:

Street Lights	\$30,000.00
Hydrant Rental	\$118,500.00
Dispatch Services	<u>\$71,500.00</u>
Total	\$235,000.00

Vote 9-0 in favor.

Vice Chairman Clock read Article 11 regarding *Capital Improvements - Radio Communications Equipment* of \$15,000.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Anthony and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$15,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 9-0 in favor.

Adjournment

It was moved by David and seconded by Anthony to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin
Town Manager