

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: June 5, 2012**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES JUNE 5, 2012**

**Present:** Chairman Hart, Selectman Galemmo, Selectman Folsom and Selectman Drew.

**Also Present:** Jacquelyn Dolan, Mike Cote, Brenda MaCarthy, Linda Dutch, Patricia Young, Amber Fournier, Jeff Fournier, Alice Purington, Susan LeClair, Meleta Baker, Cindy Valente, Lincoln Harrison, Beth Sweet, Todd Rothstein, Dick Reed, Dave Dutch, Cathy Mende, Leo Brochu, Mike Dunn, Todd Hoffman, Frank Carroll, Virginia Reusch, Donald Reusch, Nancy Cotty and Dwayne Morin.

**Absent:** Selectman Danforth

Selectman Hart opened the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Selectman Hart opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

**2. Public Hearing – 6:35 PM – General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE AND APPENDICES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012  
6:35 P.M.**

The North Berwick Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 6:35 p.m. in the Municipal Building Room 2012. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to seek input from on the revised General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices proposed to replace the existing Ordinance and Appendices. The proposed Ordinance and Appendices were prepared pursuant to the Maine General Assistance Law (22 MRSA § 4305 (4)).

Dwayne explained to the public the General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices

**Housing Assistance Limit:** In FY 2013, there will be a 9-month limit on the amount of housing assistance that can be provided to General Assistance recipients. There are, however, two exceptions to the limit. One of the exceptions is the existing emergency provision enabling General Assistance administrators to provide applicants with assistance “in a life threatening situation or a situation beyond the control of the individual which, if not alleviated immediately, could reasonably be expected to pose a threat to the health or safety of a person” (22 MRSA, Section 4301(4)). The other is the newly enacted “hardship extension”. The hardship extension allows the distribution of housing assistance to General Assistance applicants beyond the 9-month limit who have “severe and persistent mental or physical conditions” or applications pending with the Social Security Administration.

**The 10% Reduction to Overall Maximum Levels of Assistance:** For FY 2013, the state mandated “overall maximum level of assistance”, which caps the total amount of non-emergency assistance provided must be reduced by 10%. This 10% reduction also applies to the “category-specific” maximums (housing, food, sundry items, authorized medical expenditures, utilities, etc.) that may voluntarily be adopted locally and are used to guide the distribution of total allowed benefits.

Selectman Galemmo moved to accept the General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices A- 2012-2013, Title 22 M.R.S.A. § 4305 (4), Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

### **3. Review and Approve Minutes of May 15, 2012**

Selectman Galemmo moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2012, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

### **4. Public Input:** No Public Input

### **5. Unfinished Business:**

#### **A. Dangerous Building:** Update on Dangerous Building 12 Elm Street. Sign Payment Demand

Pursuant to the Order of the Municipal Officers of the Town of North Berwick, Maine Concerning 12 Elm Street made in accordance with title 17 M.R.S.A. 2851, The Town of North Berwick is demanding the payment of \$2,829.00 for the cost associated with the removal and clean up of the building from Mr. Fred Perkins, current owner of 12 Elm Street.

Legal Cost:           \$350.00  
Recording Fee:       \$17.00  
Debris Disposal: \$2,462.00

Total: \$2,829.00

The Board of Selectmen signed the Dangerous Building Order Demand Payment.

**B. Special Town Meeting:** Review Warrant and Newsletter

Dwayne reviewed the Warrant for Special Town Meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

The Town of North Berwick will be mailing a Newsletter to residents explaining the Warrant Article prior to the Special Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen's will invite the Budget Committee to the June 19, 2012 meeting.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – June 19, 2012 - 6:30 p.m. Municipal building

**6. New Business:****A. Hurd Library:** Library Trustees Presentation on Proposed Expansion

The Library Trustees presented to the Board of Selectmen the proposed Library expansion.

Selectman Galemmo moved to approve the renovation with the elevator being put in and no tax payer's commitment for the renovation construction, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**B. Paving Bids:** Review and Award Bids for Paving FY13

Selectman Galemmo moved to accept the F.R. Carroll Inc. bid of \$67.40 for 9.5 mm mix, \$65.00 for 19.00 mm mix and \$120.00 for handwork, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 3-1 (motion carries)

**C. Tax Acquired Property:** Review and Award Bids for Tax Acquired Property Sale

Dwayne explained that we had two bids that came in for Tax Acquired Property. One was Jeffery Janousek bid for \$20,000.00 for Map 3, Lot 13, and James and Marianne Benedict bid for \$5051.52 for Map 4, Lot 35-A.

Selectman Galemmo moved to approve Jeffery Janousek bid for \$20,000.00 for Map 3, Lot 13 on Somersworth Rd. and James and Marianne Benedict bid for \$5,051.52 for Map 4, Lot 35-A, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**D. Dangerous Building:** Randall Road

Galemmo moved to start the process on the dangerous building at 381 Randall Road, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**E. Vacation:** Requests from Employees to Carry Additional Week

Selectman Drew moved to allow Richard Anderson to bring forward 40 vacation hours, Mike Dunn to bring forward 40 hours of vacation hours, Jerry Schulmaier to bring 25 vacation hours, and Stephen Peasley to bring 80 vacation hours, Selectman Galemmo seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**F. Heating Oil:** Agreement with P Gagnon and Sons \$3.25 Fixed

Dwayne negotiated an agreement with P Gagnon and Sons for the Town of North Berwick heating oil at \$3.25.

**G. Rod and Gun Club:** Requests to Waive Permit Fee for Pistol Range

Selectman Galemmo moved to waive the \$50.00 Permit Fee for the Pistol Range, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**H. County Commissioners:** Questions on Social Service Agencies

Selectman Drew moved to support the funding for the outside agencies through the County budget appropriations, Selectman Galemmo seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**I. Boston Post Cane:** New Recipient – Bradford Dutch

Dwayne explained that the Town of North Berwick will be presenting the Boston Cane to the upcoming recipient Bradford Dutch.

**7. Other Business:**

Mike Cote introduced himself to the Board. He lives in Shapleigh Me. and is running for County Commissioner for our district.

**8. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:**

Warrant: May 29, 2012 - \$17,558.35

Warrant: June 5, 2012 - \$40,532.74

Selectman Galemmo moved to accept the Warrants of May 29, 2012 for \$17,558.35 and June 5, 2012 for \$40,532.74, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

**9. Adjournment:**

Selectman Folsom moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., Selectman Drew seconded a motion.  
Vote, 4-0

Respectively Submitted:  
Anita Merrow, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Larry Hart

Selectman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Paul Danforth

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Gregg Drew