

North Berwick Board of Selectmen's Minutes: August 21, 2012

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2012

Present: Chairman Hart, Selectman Glemmo, Selectman Folsom and Selectman Drew.

Also Present: Lawrence Huntley CEO, Jeannie Provencher, Chief Peasley, Jim Ashe (Superintendent of Schools), Daniel Pelkey and Dwayne Morin.

Absent: Selectman Danforth

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Review and Approve Minutes of August 7, 2012

Selectman Drew moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2012, Selectman Glemmo seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

3. Public Hearing: 6:35 p.m. – Dangerous Building 381 Randall Road

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

Chairman Hart read into the record:

Legal Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, August 21, 2012
6:35 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM #212**

Dangerous Building

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on August 21, 2012 at 6:35 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room #212 pursuant to 17 MRSA 2851 regarding the property located at 381 Randall Road to determine if a building or structure located on the property is structurally unsafe; unstable; unsanitary; constitutes a fire hazard; is unsuitable or improper for the use or occupancy to which it is put; constitutes a hazard to health or safety because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment; or is otherwise dangerous to life or property.

The Board of Selectmen encourages all interested persons to attend this Public Hearing.

Dwayne discussed with the Board of Selectmen that the Randall Road property has been on the Board's agenda since June 2012 and that the property may have been abandoned. It was not abandoned. The Town sent out notices of the Public Hearing, the property owners has contacted the Town and the Town was told that the property owners were going to clean up the entire property and dispose of all the rubbish this weekend and make it presentable.

Dwayne provided a visual of the Randall Road property and the owners have done a really good job at cleaning up the property. There still are several garbage bags near the side of the house.

Dwayne explained to the property owners on the Randall Road that if the property was cleaned up the Board of Selectmen would not have to take action.

The Town's concern is the removal of the remaining pile of garbage to bring the property on the Randall Road into compliance within 30 days.

Chairman Hart closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Selectman Galemmo moved to accept draft order as written, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion.
Vote, 4-0

4. Public Input: No Public Input

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Roads: Update on Road Project

Dwayne explained that the road projects have been completed.

The Town is waiting to be placed on FR Carroll paving schedule for the final surface on Governor Goodwin Road and the shim on Morrells Mill Road.

The Morrells Mill Road guard rails have been ordered and are expected in September, 2012.

B. Boston Post Cane: Establish Time to Present to Brad Dutch

The Boston Post Cane will be presented to Brad Dutch on August 22, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

The Historical Society is invited for the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Brad Dutch.

C. Historical Society: Oakwoods Meeting House Damage Repair

Selectman Drew moved to approve the expenditure of \$200.00 for the spraying of the Powderpost beetles at Oakwoods Meeting House, Selectman Folsom seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

D. Pumping Station: Discuss Transfer between Town and Pratt-Whitney

Pratt & Whitney will allow the Town to use another access road to remove the materials from the old pumping station.

The Town wants to locate an organization that will crush the old bricks to keep the cost down.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – Sept. 4, 2012 - 6:30 p.m. Municipal Building
Hussey Luncheon – Thursday, August 30, 2012 Noon at Hussey Seating

6. New Business:

A. Police: Hoki's visitation

Dwayne introduced to the Board of Selectmen Hoki the latest addition to the North Berwick's Police Department.

Chief Peasley and Officer Pelkey demonstrated Hoki's police skills for the Board of Selectmen.

Officer Pelkey led Hoki to each Board of Selectmen to demonstrate how gentle this dog really is.

B. SAD 60: Interim Superintendent James Ashe Introduction

James Ashe explained that the last four years of my life has been as a Town Manager.

I want you all to know what is happening with the school budget and what the Board of Directors are trying to do. They picked a Superintendent that they all agreed upon and that person was offered a high paying job where they were. They were going to have a Superintendent here for July 1st. That is when I got a call because I have been doing interim jobs; I'm a retired School Superintendent

from Brunswick. I helped Thompson's Board of Selectmen as a Town Manager and then I went to Kittery working as a Town Manager.

There are some things I have to change since I am here. We are going to be working on is preparing the budget. I met with the administrators today and we talked about how the economy is and how all three Town's saw an increase and were trying to make sure that we meet the needs of the students, but also be responsible to the tax payers. I know what it is like to be on the receiving end of those checks that are sent to me every month, but I know what it is like to write them out and sign them, so I know that is a double edge sword for everyone and October is a tough time for a Town Manager, because he get the tough calls from people about the taxes.

I have a very conservative reputation and I will be using that.

The District will start accepting applications in September for the Superintendent position. Then start looking at people in October and then hopefully have some names for November and December and give them time if they need to give a notice. Then have someone in place in January 2013.

C. Commitment FY2013: Establish Tax Rate for FY2013

Dwayne and the Board of Selectmen discussed in great length Commitment FY2013.

Selectman Galemmo moved that the Board of Selectmen set the Mill Rate at \$12.45, Selectman Drew seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

D. County: Budget Committee Caucus and Fiscal Year Change

NOTICE
TO ALL MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
REGARDING
THE YORK COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Sec.831 et seq. requires that no later than 100 days before the end of the county's fiscal year, elected municipal officials within each commissioner district shall caucus and elect representatives to the budget committee from the district for terms provided below. There must be 3 members from each commissioner district, 2 of whom are elected municipal officials and one of whom is a public representative. No more than one member may represent the same municipality at a time.

A. Members shall serve for 3-year terms, except that initially each district caucus shall select one member for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year and one member for a 3-year term. If a committee member ceases to be a municipal officer or official during the term of membership, the committee member shall resign the membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer or official to fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The caucus for elected municipal officials from Commissioner District Four (**Alfred, North Berwick, Sanford and South Berwick**) will be held on **Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. AT THE** York County Court House in the All-Purpose Room. The presence of **ALL** selectmen from each town appears to be required by law.

The other four Commissioner District will hold a similar caucus, resulting in a fifteen-member budget committee. One member of the Legislative Delegation will sit on the committee. The Budget Committee shall choose its own chairman annually.

The County Commissioners will submit a proposed budget to the committee no later than 60 days before the end of the county's fiscal year. The committee shall make its recommendations and vote on the proposed budget by December 31, 2012.

7. Other Business:

8. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant: August 14, 2012 - \$11,759.00

Warrant: August 21, 2012 - \$627,759.37

Selectman Galemme moved to accept the Warrants of August 14, 2012 for \$11,759.00 and August 21, 2012 for \$627,759.37, Selectman Danforth seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0

9. Adjournment:

Selectman Galemmo moved to adjourn at 8: 15 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