

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes February 16, 2016**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

**Present:** Chairman Galemmo, Selectman Cowan, Selectman Johnson, Jr.,  
Selectman Hall

**Also Present:** Dwayne Morin, Lorinda J. Hilton, Dale Hilton, Shirley Barto, Charles  
Barto, Laura Shaw, Joan Shaw, Justin Shaw, Danny Shaw, Gregg Drew

Chairman Galemmo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes of February 2, 2016**

Selectman Cowan stated that on Page 2 under the Review and Approve Minutes section, the last sentence had the word “severally” impaired but it should read “severely” impaired. Also on Page 8 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, the sentence before last stated that it was her “father” that received the services but it is really her “father-in-law”.

Selectman Johnson, Jr. motioned to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016 as amended. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

**3. Public Input**

Charles Barto stated that he recently had a private investigator show up at his door asking about a marijuana growth facility. He said that he did some research after this visit and found that not even our police department are aware when these facilities come into our town. Even though they are legal, the police cannot find out. He stated that this is specified under legislation LD-266. Mr. Barto said that he told Chief Peasley that Mark Eves' aide had told him that the police can get that information any time they wanted. Unfortunately, this is not true and he does not feel that it is right. He stated that when these facilities come into our town, at the very least, our police department should know about it. He stated that he knows that there is nothing that they can do about it. He was wondering if the Board of Selectmen could lobby to try and get this changed. He said that it would protect the facilities and it would protect the public too. He stated that he doesn't care who is using it or growing it. He does however care about the fact that one big growth and one smaller growth facility came into his neighborhood and nobody was aware of it.

Gregg Drew asked if we had a town Ordinance that was created by the Board of Selectmen in reference as to how they apply for a permit for their business. Chairman Galemmo said that they can only do that for dispensaries. This is a growth facility and it is totally under State law and the towns are forbidden from regulating it. Mr. Barto stated that DHHS are the ones that govern

it and they don't even come out to check the facilities and make sure they are in compliance. Mr. Drew asked if there were any Federal laws that oversee State laws regarding harvesting, growing and smoking marijuana. Dwayne Morin stated that it was medical marijuana so it is considered pharmaceutical. Mr. Drew asked if people were going in there with prescriptions to buy it. Chairman Galemmo stated that these facilities are not allowed to sell to the consumers. They produce and sell to the dispensaries. Dwayne stated that these specific ones that Mr. Barto was discussing are actually considered a caregiver and are allowed to produce for up to 6 people. Mr. Barto added that they are allowed to grow 6 plants per person. Mr. Drew asked if they were leasing these facilities. Dwayne stated they don't know because it is not under the town's jurisdiction. Mr. Drew stated that somebody has to pay taxes on that building. Dwayne stated that the Town is not allowed to regulate them at all. Chairman Galemmo stated that since they are producing it for specific people, it falls under the HIPPA laws and this is why they are kept confidential. Mr. Barto stated that there was a bill that was brought forward to try and regulate it but it was voted down. Chairman Galemmo stated that he did follow all of that. He said that the proponents of it were concerned that if the police knew about it than that might make people more fearful of taking advantage of medical marijuana. Mr. Barto stated that when he has to find out from a private investigator that there is a facility in his neighborhood, this concerns him enough to be armed. He said that they are supposed to be legitimate but he doesn't know that for sure. He said that he has noticed some things going on in the parking lot right behind it that he believes was not on the up and up.

Selectman Hall asked if it would be possible for the Board to draft a resolution that would make a statement to the State regarding the townspeople's concerns. Dwayne stated that if the Board wanted to do so, they could. However, Dwayne stated that within the next 5 months, we will be voting to legalize it and there was a significant amount of people from the town that signed the petition. The Selectmen would have to decide which side they were going to take. Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked if it does become legal, will we be able to regulate in the town. Chairman Galemmo stated that if the referendum passes, then the State Legislature has to pass the law to implement it. If they give the towns the permission to regulate, then we can but if they don't, we can't. Selectman Johnson, Jr. said that he assumes that any equipment that they have will be taxed by the town. Dwayne stated that they are considered agriculture so it is considered farming and not a business. Dwayne stated that if the law is passed and they are able to have retail stores for it, then he is sure that there would be some sort of provision to allow the town to tax this.

Lorinda Hilton asked if there was anything that could be done about the smell. Dwayne said that unfortunately it is considered farming so they can't do anything. Shirley Barto stated that they are not in Farm and Forest. Dwayne said that it didn't matter. We have an Ordinance that is synced with the State law as it relates to farming. He read what our Ordinance: No non-farming land use shall be permitted to produce offensive or harmful odors.

Gregg Drew asked if Hannaford had enough signatures for their petition to change the liquor laws. Chairman Galemmo said that they fell short.

There was no more comment at this time.

#### **4. Unfinished Business:**

##### **B. Stub Marsh Road: Blocking of an Abandoned Road**

Laura Shaw passed out some paperwork to the Board that included a map of the road location and a report about abandoned and discontinued roads. Dwayne stated that he had three complaints lodged in his office regarding the placing of boulders across Stub Marsh Road. In 1997, the Board of Selectmen designated all of our abandoned and discontinued roads. They made a decision whether the roads were abandoned or discontinued and whether they had a public easement or not. When the Board voted back in 1997, they voted that Stub Marsh Road had a public easement. Pursuant to State law, it states, "The determination of the municipal officers regarding the status of a town way or public easement is binding on all persons until a final determination of that status has been made by a court, unless otherwise ordered by a court during the pendency of litigation to determine the status." The Board voted for it to have a public easement so this is how it stays unless a judge changes that decision. When an obstruction is placed within a road that has a public easement the municipal officers may require that the obstruction be removed or they can give written permission to somebody else to have it removed. Dwayne stated that he has had 3 individuals that have made a complaint that the public easement on Stub Marsh Road is blocked and people cannot utilize the road.

Laura Shaw asked the Selectmen to look at the maps that show the overview of Stub Marsh Road. She stated that the top map is basically Stub Marsh Road to the gravel pit. She pointed out the different properties and who they belonged to. She stated that there is a Beaver Bog halfway through the road. You cannot even see the road and it hasn't been maintained in many years. The Beaver Bog has flooded the road so it is not passable by any vehicles. She states that it hasn't been for a number of years. She stated that the second map is zoomed in to show where the boulders are that block people from crossing the Beaver Bog.

Danny Shaw stated that quite a few years ago when the Garrish family owned the gravel pit and one mile of that road, there was a lot of shooting and trash. Mark Garrish was not able to keep an eye on things going on there. Mr. Shaw stated that Dwayne called him because he was buying gravel from Mr. Garrish and asked him if he could do something about helping to control the trash, shooting and traffic that was going on there. He stated that they picked up 2 dump truck loads of trash and took care of it. The following year, the same amount of trash appeared again and we went through 3 cables and padlocks that summer. Another year or two passed and Mr. Garrish sold the land to Justin Shaw. Danny Shaw stated that they put boulders along the pit and on the back end of the pit. They had more cables and padlocks gone and the dirt bikes and other vehicles kept coming. He stated that the end of the road that Justin owns and Steve Brown owns the opposite side is immaculate. You can do 40 mph up there. It is open to the public, open to fire trucks and open to hunters and fisherman. They can get to brook with no problem. They can hunt if they ask Steve Brown or Justin for permission. He stated that they can go up there and mind their business. Unfortunately this doesn't happen. He stated that there is a bog that is about 400-500 feet long and the beavers have dammed it up again. This is happening on Justin's land and it is flooded. The water is probably about 18 inches deep now. Danny Shaw stated that he contacted the Maine Warden Service and one of the wardens came out to see it. The game warden said that he would call the road impassable. This is why the boulders were put

there. Justin Shaw owns all the way across the Beaver Bog. Danny Shaw stated that he could have gone over to the other side to put the boulders, but he can't travel the other end of that road with his equipment because the other end of that road is terrible. He figured that if he took the fun away from the mud trucks going through there, it might discourage them from coming and going through the water.

Danny Shaw stated that Dwayne came up to see him and gave him a copy of the definition of public easement. He said that he read it quite a few times and it doesn't really specify how the public can use it. He stated that the Town of York has it so that a lot of their public easements is foot traffic or by permission. He said that Stub Marsh Road is usable 100% from both ends if they want to drive through the brook. However, it is against the law to drive through the brook. He put boulders across the brook to stop it from happening. He said that if the town wants to go up and move the boulders, they can go ahead and do it but they are opening it up for DEP and the Maine Warden Service to start complaining about it. He said that the definition of public easement reads, "An easement held by a municipality for purpose of public access to water not otherwise connected to a public way and includes all rights enjoyed by the public respect to private ways created by statutes prior to the effective date of this Act. Private ways created pursuant to Sections 301 and 304 prior to the effective date of this Act of public easements.". A town way states that it is passage by motor vehicle but public easement does not state that. He stated that if you are on a dirt bike or a four wheeler, you can only travel on a public way or public easement 500 feet from trail to trail. He said that if they want to call this public easement then the dirt bikes and the four wheelers are traveling a mile. Danny Shaw stated that there was an article in the Portland Press Herald about a month or so ago about this kind of thing being a problem. He stated that some towns have put cables up or have blocked off public easements 100%. He hasn't done that. People can still use the whole road. They just can't drive through the water hole. Laura Shaw stated that it is such a problem in the State that in October, 2015 the State voted that anybody wrecking any rights, private or public with dirt bikes, four wheelers, etc., it is a Class C misdemeanor with up to 6 months in jail or \$1000 fine. Unfortunately, nobody polices these things.

Ms. Shaw was wondering that by moving the boulders, does the Town gain anything. She stated that the reason you can get to the boulders is because they have maintained that part of the road for 10-15 years. She stated that the only reason the Beaver Bog is there is because nobody has maintained that part of the road. The only reason that it is maintained up to the Bog is because we have been coming and going out of the pit so it was advantageous for them to maintain it and keep it that way. She said that right now, it is not that people are trying to access their property. They can do that from either side. There are no homes down in that area.

Selectman Cowan asked Dwayne if there has been an evaluation on the pass ability of this road. Dwayne said that unfortunately, when you talk about a public easement it doesn't talk about pass ability. He stated that there are other roads in town that have public easements and there are huge trees growing through the middle of them. They are still considered a public easement. Danny Shaw stated that maybe they should be reviewing at some of these. Dwayne said that law gives us the parameters in which we have to live within. He stated that the law is very clear. It states that when a road is abandoned, you have to determine when that road was abandoned. If the road was abandoned before September 3, 1965, then it doesn't have a public easement. If it

was abandoned after September 3, 1965 it has a public easement. The town does not have the choice. It is a State law. Dwayne stated that he does understand their concern with everything that they are going through but there is nothing that they can do. Danny Shaw asked if they are just supposed to let them drive through the Beaver Bog. Dwayne stated that if the person chooses to do that, it is their decision. Mr. Shaw asked if he is supposed to call the Police Department every time he sees somebody go through the Bog. Dwayne said that it is not a police matter and that it is a game warden issue. Laura Shaw stated that it was a State law as of October, 2015 and is a Class C misdemeanor. Dwayne said that he truly understands what they are doing with putting the boulders there, but unfortunately, people have come to him and said that the town law and State law say they cannot block it. Laura Shaw stated that the law does not say that. She stated that §3028 and it has some clauses in it that contradict each other. Danny Shaw stated that an attorney wrote a statement saying that it was so confusing that he couldn't decipher it.

Selectman Hall stated that under the law that he just read regarding public easements, it says nothing about motorized vehicles. As long as somebody can walk down the road, it is a public easement. Dwayne said that he does not believe it is. Selectman Hall then asked about section 3 of §3028 regarding removal of obstructions. It reads, "If the municipal officers have determined under subsection 2 that the way is a town way or public easement and a court has not ordered otherwise, the municipality or an abutter on the way, acting with the written permission of the municipal officers, may remove any gates, bars or other obstructions in the way." He asked if "may" meant that they had to remove the obstructions and Dwayne said that they did not. Selectman Hall asked if the abutter, Steven Brown wanted the boulders there. Laura Shaw stated that he does not want people accessing his property because he has had a lot of problems. Dwayne said that they have to remember that abutter on the way means anyone along the entire way. Laura Shaw stated that they have access from the other way on Bauneg Beg Road. It is not a dead end. She stated that she did not know of any homeowners that would use any part of that stretch of the area that has been blocked off because it is not passable by any normal vehicle. Dwayne stated that one of the homeowners is one that complained. She said she knows that this person has a mud truck and likes to go through there.

Chairman Galemмо would like clarification on the definition of a public easement. He stated that if public access means motorized vehicle than there is no difference between a public easement and a town way but the law seems to draw a distinction between them. Danny Shaw stated that with all the literature that he has read in the last month he thinks that one of the reasons that they did this is so they wouldn't land lock anyone from their property if they owned the back lot. He said that back in 1997 when the Board voted on this, they probably felt that it was a good idea. However, he feels that times have changed. He said that an attorney told him that he had the right to petition the Town, if he wanted to pursue this, to get the Town to look at some of these. He said that it was possible for a vote from the Selectmen to vote to either make it all abandoned, partially abandoned or any other kind of different rule.

Selectman Hall stated that the way he reads it is that if somebody can ride a bike, a non-motorized vehicle or walk through there, he thinks that putting boulders there would be fine. He asked Dwayne if he had consulted our attorney. Dwayne stated that the attorney said that if you block the road than you block the road. Selectman Cowan asked if this was dependent upon how

the road was currently classified. She stated that looking at the report on Page 20 regarding Conservation Forest Fire Control and Forestry, it states that municipalities can employ common law abandonments, statutory discontinuance and statutory abandonment to change the status of a public road. Dwayne stated that this is not a public road. He said that Dave Parker sent him this and he included it in the packet to show them that somebody else has a concern regarding that. He does not feel that this applicable in this case. Selectman Hall asked if the attorney had written something about it. Dwayne stated that he had only asked her opinion, but if the Board would like something in writing, he can ask her to do that. Danny Shaw asked how the town would benefit if the boulders disappeared. Dwayne said that the town wouldn't benefit anything but the people that complained would.

Selectman Cowan stated that she would like a legal opinion regarding the matter to find out what the legal ramifications are. Chairman Galemmo stated that ultimately, at some point, the Board will ask the Shaw's to either remove the boulders or do nothing. Selectman Hall stated that he would like definitions of public easement and town way. Chairman Galemmo agreed and stated that they need to know if the public access requires it to mean motor vehicles. He also stated that they need to know what the implications are regarding the Beaver Bog.

Selectman Hall motioned to table this issue regarding Stub Marsh Road until they get clarification on the definition of public easement with regards as to what qualifies as public access, as well as the questions of the implications of the Beaver Bog and environmental protection. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

## **5. New Business:**

### **A. Budget FY17: Discuss Article on Forestry Designations**

Dwayne stated that at the last Budget Committee meeting, there was a lot of discussion as to the designation of forestry designation. More concerning is that they already voted on it but the bigger concern was on the Articles for Boards. On Page 22 of the packet, it shows how the Articles are currently written and what the new proposal is. Dwayne stated that we had talked about putting \$5,000 aside for the Conservation/Agricultural Commission in case we were going to seek a grant for matching funds. The Budget Committee was concerned that if they include the \$5,000 as part of this Article with the other Boards and the Article fails, it will affect all of the other Boards. The Budget Committee would like to see the \$5,000 removed from this Article. Dwayne has done a few things for the Board to consider. He stated that there was originally two Articles. Article 28 was the Boards and Article 29 was the designation of the town owned parcels. He put together a new Article 28 for the Board to consider that would remove the \$5,000 from the Town Boards. We would then list under Article 29 with the designation of the town owned lands as town forest, we would add a statement saying, "To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for grant fund match for management and development of the parcels:". Dwayne said that they could also create 3 Articles and list it complete separate. Laura Shaw stated that since the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Conservation/Agricultural Commission all get \$500, which is basically operating costs. Then you have this grant money that we may or may not get so it seems to be two different things. She felt that they should separate it so that the grant doesn't affect the operating costs of

the other Boards. This way the people can vote on it separately. Selectman Cowan stated that she likes the idea of doing it in 3 Articles and separating it out a little bit further.

Laura Shaw stated that Gregg Drew was a Selectman for a number of years and he said that the parcel on Maple Street that they are trying to get the grant for was originally obtained to hold it for something specific. Mr. Drew stated that they were looking to have it as an Industrial area. Ms. Shaw stated that this would create revenue for the town. Chairman Galemmo stated that when they agreed to go ahead with this designation, it doesn't preclude the land to be used for Industrial. Ms. Shaw said that if they spend money on trails there, we wouldn't want to change it back to be Industrial. Chairman Galemmo stated that if they had a light industrial that was coming into town that everyone was happy with, the revenues that would be made from that would more than make up for whatever we may spend on this. He stated that they are hoping to get most of the money for the project from grants anyway so it wouldn't cost the town much. He stated that they figured that we had this land and should probably make use of it for the Town because nobody is beating the doors down to come in for Industrial. Dwayne stated that when they acquired the Maple Street parcel, the question was whether they should obtain it because the person wanted to buy it back from the town. There were different issues going on with the Selectmen at the time. First of all, they didn't like the guy that they took the property from because he had come in and yelled at the Selectmen and threatened to take them to court. The idea was that, in the future, it could be developed into light manufacturing or some sort of commercial development. He stated that it is not zoned that way and there are some access issues and wetland issues. He said that even if they designate it as Town Forest and we create a trail on the property, the idea would be to create the trails around the high areas so that we still leave the high areas available for development later on.

Dwayne stated that the Town has been working on basically an unabated long trail system that puts together properties that would allow people to take a nice long walk in the woods. Dwayne projected the map on the screen and showed everyone where the proposed trail would be. He stated that Great Works Land Trust is very interested in working with the Town on the trails. Laura Shaw asked if they were going to help police and maintain it. Dwayne said that they are willing to help organize maintenance. They do not want to have the maintenance responsibility. Dwayne asked them how much they usually spend on maintenance. They told him that the trick is how you build the trail. If the trail is built the correct way, maintenance is extremely little. Chairman Galemmo stated that this would be a good chance to have a really good trail network. He stated that it would also be nice to work with the Historical Society and mark various things around the trail that would state some historical facts about that area. They could put together some nice brochures for the residents so they could know about the trails.

Selectman Cowan motioned to change it to separate it to be 3 Warrant Articles. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

#### **4. Unfinished Business:**

##### **A. Planning Board: Zoning Changes and Bylaws/Ordinance Change**

Dwayne stated that the Planning Board held their Public Hearing last Thursday night and he said that there was some good discussion on some of the changes. The questions have now gone to the Town Clerk for the inclusion on the referendum. Dwayne stated that the Selectman will hold their Public Hearing on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – Mar. 1, 2016 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**Budget Committee Meeting** – Feb. 17, 2016 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**Budget Committee Meeting** – Feb. 22, 2016 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**Budget Committee Meeting** – Feb. 29, 2016 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

#### **5. New Business:**

##### **B. Budget FY17: Continuing Discussions, Water District Increase**

Dwayne stated that at the last meeting he had mentioned that the Water District had contacted him to say that they were looking at an increase but that they might wait a year to do the increase. He said that the day after the Budget Committee approved the hydrant rental, he received a call from the Water District. They said that they had had a meeting and they decided to move forward with the rate increase this year. Dwayne said that for the most part, our accounts are going to be okay because he rounds up when he does the Budget. He said that the water usage usually comes in at \$178 so he will budget for \$200. Their increase is captured in that \$200. He said that there are 2 accounts that will go over. The Municipal Building will go over by \$25 and Public Works will go over some too but he feels that they can find the way to make up for it somewhere else. Dwayne said that the small lines went from \$47 to \$48 and the other lines went from \$118 to \$125. It would regularly be \$489 but with the 3% increase it brings it up to \$510. He budgets \$500 so he thinks that they can make up the \$10 somewhere else.

Dwayne said that the bigger issue is with hydrant rental. On Page 23 of the packet, he included emails regarding the costs. Dwayne said that he asked Mike to tell him what it is going to do. Mike wrote back and said that it can go anywhere from \$120,890 to \$124,517 but it is supposed to go to \$147,471. Dwayne asked him for the specific number because it is a big difference. Mike told him that they are going to seek to do the \$124,517, however, it doesn't meet the PUC Rule so they need to ask for a waiver. The Water District Trustees have to request the waiver and Mike doesn't know if they are going to do that. Also, even if the Trustees agree to do the waiver, we need to get PUC to approve it. Dwayne said that the Town is supposed to pay 30% of the operating revenue of the Water District through water protection fees and we haven't been. We have been paying about 26% to 28%. The problem is that if Pratt has a big year and they use a lot of water, their revenues decrease and our percentages are good. When Pratt doesn't use the water, then we have to give more money. The Water District told him that this year, they are seeking to go \$124,517, however, they don't know if it will go up to the \$147,471 for the

following year. Dwayne is going to go to the Water District meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> to ask them to keep it at the 3% and request the waiver from the PUC. Dwayne stated for next year it will go up \$3627 and we just need to see what is going to happen in years to follow.

**C. Unanticipated Expense: Replacement of Overhead Electrical for 9 & 4 Streetlights**

Dwayne stated that usually whenever they have an unanticipated expense, he usually brings it to the Board before the work is done because they have to vote to do it. He said that he did not bring this to them because it happened within the last 2 weeks. He said that the day after the last Selectmen's meeting, it got windy and our lights stopped working. The company came out 3 times in the course of a weekend only to find that all the wires that were supplying the heads were dry rotted. As the wind blew, the wires were just snapping. Selectman Cowan asked when they had been replaced last. Dwayne said that he has been here 21 years, and the company that does our work has been in business for 50 years and they can't remember ever changing the wires. Selectman Cowan asked if these things are usually checked during regular maintenance. Dwayne said that they aren't and usually last long time. The company told Dwayne that they would be out here basically every day and every time they come out it costs \$350. They told him that there is going to be a time when they just can't do anything anymore. They said that the line needed to be replaced and needs to be done as soon as possible. They replaced it last Wednesday and it cost \$4,000. Dwayne said that we still have \$2,200 left in our Maintenance account for street lights so we still need about \$1,800.

Selectman Hall motioned to use up to \$4,000 out of Unanticipated Expenses. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

**D. Commitment FY16: Supplemental Assessment for Hingston Heirs**

Dwayne stated that on Page 27 is a Tree Growth penalty for the Hingston Heirs. It is a supplemental tax bill in the amount of \$16,472.00 for the removal of 24 acres from Tree Growth on Ford Quint Road.

Selectman Cowan motioned to accept the proposal to divide the property into 2 house lots and take it out of Tree Growth. Selectman Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

**E. Fuel Fund: Large Donation to Fund**

Dwayne stated that Linda Williams had come to see him back around October and told him that she and her husband are relocating to South Carolina. She is an art teacher and she does a lot of paintings, sculptures and wall hangings. She decided that she didn't want to transport all of her art down south. She asked Dwayne if he minded if she had an art sale and donate the proceeds to the Fuel Fund. On January 30, 2016 she held a silent auction. She told everyone ahead of time that the 75% of the proceeds were being donated to the Fuel Fund. She thought she was going to raise about \$1,000. She brought him a check last week for \$4,000. Dwayne said that he thinks that because she told everyone that it was for the Fuel Fund, people bid up the price. Dwayne stated that whenever we get any donation for the Fuel Fund, Marianne, who runs the fuel fund,

sends out a letter. Dwayne said that he feels that it would be appropriate for the Board of Selectmen to send a letter as well. He read it into the minutes:

The Board of Selectmen would like to take the opportunity to recognize and thank you for your generous donation to the Town Fuel Fund. Utilizing the sale of your paintings, wall hangings, and sculptures to assist those who struggle with keeping the heating bills paid during the winter months is extremely self-less and generous. Please know that the funds will help many families stay warm. It is citizens like you who make the Town of North Berwick much more than just a place to live, it makes it a caring community who recognize other's needs and help to meet these needs.

Once again, thank you. The Board of Selectmen wish you and your family nothing but the best as you move south to South Carolina.

**F. Maine Spirit of America – Request for North Berwick to Name an SOA Recipient**

Dwayne stated that he received an email from Bruce Flaherty, who is the President of the Maine Spirit of America which is a chapter of the Spirit of America Foundation. He stated that they pick communities every year and ask the community to pick someone to be a Spirit of America recipient. The recipient is for somebody with outstanding community service. We use our own criteria and we honor the recipient presumably with a resolution or proclamation at the annual Town Meeting or at a Selectmen's meeting in April (National Volunteer Month). They would like to have the information to update their records. This is something for the Board to consider. Selectman Hall asked if there was any age limit and Dwayne said that there is none. Chairman Galemmo told the Selectmen to think about it and they can decide at the next meeting.

**6. Other Business:**

Dwayne stated that they received the petitions regarding changing the liquor regulations. They had 74 petitions with over 500 names. Unfortunately 307 of them were valid and they needed 334. He stated that they have sent a letter out to them stating that the next available time to vote would be at the November election. If they want to redo the petition, they can try again for that time.

Dwayne said that at the last meeting Stephen Peasley had mentioned the grant from the Sean Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation. They received the check for \$2750 today. He said that this should cover all of the training costs for Maverick. This means no cost to the Town again for training.

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

Warrant:	February 9, 2016	- \$	0.00
Warrant:	February 16, 2016	- \$	498,378.89

Selectman Hall motioned to accept the Warrant of February 16, 2016 for the amount of \$498,378.89. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

**8. Adjournment:**

Selectman Cowan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Selectman Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

Respectively Submitted,  
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Wendy Cowan

Selectman: Elaine Folsom

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectman: Jonathan Hall