

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes October 25, 2016**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
OCTOBER 25, 2016**

**Present:** Selectman Cowan, Selectman Hall, Selectman Johnson, Jr.,  
Selectman Johnson, Sr.

**Absent:** Chairman Galemmo

**Also Present:** Dwayne Morin, Mitchell Staples, Michael Johnson III and  
William Houston

Vice Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.. Public Hearing - 2016 Referendum Questions for the General Election**

Vice Chairman Hall opened the Public Hearing on the Referendum Questions for the 2016 General Election and read the Public Hearing Notice:

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:35 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room #212 pursuant to 28-A MRSA 121 on the proposed Local Option Liquor referendum questions proposed for the 2016 General Election. The two referendum questions to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting are:

**Question 1: Citizen's Initiative**

Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on days other than Sunday?

**Question 2: Citizen's Initiative**

Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on Sundays?

Copies of the proposed amendment language can be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office during regular scheduled hours or on the Town's website: [townofnorthberwick.org](http://townofnorthberwick.org).

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

**Please note that the previous date for this public hearing was advertised for November 18, which was incorrect. The correct date will be October 25, 2016.**

Town Manager Morin stated that On September 13, 2016, a local citizen's petition was submitted to the Town Clerk seeking to place before the voters the authorization for the operation of State Agency Liquor Stores in North Berwick. In order for the liquor petition to be accepted, 334 validated signatures or 15% of cast ballots in the past gubernatorial election are required.

57 pages of petitions containing 511 signatures were submitted. Upon verification of all the signatures by the Town Clerk, there were 340 valid signatures of registered North Berwick voters with the remainder of the signatures of residents either not registered or from out of town.

With the required signatures received and pursuant to Title 28-A MRSA subsection 121 and 123, the Board of Selectmen approved the placement of the local option questions on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 election. In accordance with State of Maine Liquor Laws, voters must vote to approve the operation of Agency Liquor Stores on days other than Sunday (Monday - Saturday) and Sunday.

Vice Chairman Hall asked the public in attendance if they had any questions on the referendum questions. There being no questions, Chairman Hall closed the Public Hearing at 6:45pm.

Selectman Johnson, Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Selectman Cowan. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Respectively Submitted,  
Dwayne G. Morin, Town Manager

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Wendy Cowan

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectman: Jonathan Hall

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Sr.