

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes February 7, 2017**

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FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

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

**Also Present:** Dwayne Morin

Chairman Galemmo opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes of January 24, 2017**

Dwayne stated that he had made a couple of corrections. On Page 10, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, the 6<sup>th</sup> sentence read, "He said that he is increasing hers by \$1.00. Selectman Johnson, Sr. stated that Wendi must have been behind with her salary as well." It now reads, He said that he is increasing hers by 3% plus increasing crossing guard stipend."

Selectman Hall stated that in the last paragraph on Page 7, the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence reads, "He feels that this could be a hard on the town...". It now reads, "He feels that this could be hard on the town...".

Selectman Cowan motioned to approve the minutes of January 24, 2017 as amended. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**3. Public Input**

There was no public input at this time.

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Budget FY18:** Discussion on Budget for FY148

Dwayne gave each of the Selectmen a copy of the Budget books. They had their first Budget Committee meeting and they reviewed it. They start going over it in earnest tomorrow night at their next meeting. They will be starting with the General Government and move on from there. He stated that for the most part it was a very positive meeting. The only big question that came up was regarding the money for the fire station. They will be discussing it further when they discuss the Fire Station budget. Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked if it was the first time that some of the Budget Committee members had heard about the new fire station. Dwayne said that it was the first time for some of them. Dwayne stated that they also had a very long discussion

regarding the Transfer Station. They had a lot of questions but it was all positive. Dwayne stated that the budget is at about a 4.13% increase but he is still trying to chip away at it.

**B. Zoning: Review Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes and Marijuana Moratorium**

Dwayne stated that he met with the Planning Board about their making changes to some of the proposed Ordinance changes. He said that the Board was very amiable to making the changes he suggested. They decided to keep the domesticated chicken in the chicken definition and kept the Gallus domesticus within the proposal. They also put a provision stating that they need to be kept in the rear of the building, but in those cases where the house is set to the rear of the property, they can have it in the front of the property as long as it is approved by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Dwayne stated that the Planning Board also agreed to pull the permit exemption. They also changed what we were calling "Category 3 survey". He stated that the concern was that surveyors got rid of the Category 3 system. The Planning Board wondered if surveyors would wonder what we meant by Category 3. They did change the wording in the proposal based on recommendations from a surveyor. He stated that it now read:

The building permit shall be issued for the structure upon submission of written documentation from a Maine certified land surveyor to the Code Enforcement Officer showing compliance with the Zoning Ordinance setback requirements. The written documentation shall include a plan stamped by the Maine certified land surveyor which is sufficiently detailed to show that all zoning requirements are met and accurately shows the location of all structures on property.

Dwayne stated that they would also eliminate the definition of the Category 3 survey from our Ordinance.

Dwayne stated that regarding the Marijuana Moratorium, the State has postponed talking about it and coming up with rules and regulations until February by creating a Moratorium. Chairman Galemmo stated that it would probably be better for the Town to wait on doing a Moratorium until either April or November. Dwayne suggested that they probably wait until November so they have a better idea of what kind of regulations the State is looking at regulating.

**C. Project Canopy: Grant Application Update**

Dwayne stated that he is just keeping it on the Agenda for now. He has not heard anything yet and probably won't hear anything until the end of the month.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – Feb. 21, 2017 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**Budget Committee** – Feb. 8, 2017 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**Budget Committee** - Feb 15, 2017 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**5. New Business:**

**A. William Hill Fire Assoc.: Gift of New Equipment**

Dwayne stated that the William Hill Firefighters Association had purchased some equipment for the Fire Department. They purchased a Length of Suction Hose for Tank 1 for \$983.02. They are donating it to the Town of North Berwick.

Selectman Johnson, Jr. motioned to accept the equipment purchased for the Fire Department from the William Hill Firefighters Association. Selectman Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**B. Selectmen's Schedule: April 2017**

Dwayne stated that he will be going away with his son's Senior class to Haiti and they will be gone from April 11<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. The regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting are for the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. He is requesting for the Board to move the second meeting from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of April.

Selectman Cowan motioned to move the second meeting in April to April 25<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

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

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| Warrant: | January 31, 2017 | - \$ 54,138.34 |
| Warrant: | February 7, 2017 | - \$ 6,671.25  |

Selectman Hall motioned to approve the Warrant of January 31, 2017 for the amount of \$54,138.34 and the Warrant of February 7, 2017 for the amount of \$6,671.25. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**6. Other Business – Executive Session:**

Selectman Cowan motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:46 pm and come out of Executive Session at 7:01 pm. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**8. Adjournment:**

Selectman Cowan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Respectively Submitted,  
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Wendy Cowan

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectman: Jonathan Hall

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Sr.