

North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes June 20, 2017

NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES JUNE 20, 2017

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

Absent: Selectman Johnson, Jr.

Also Present: Dwayne Morin, Richard Anderson, Malcolm Hilton

Chairman Hall opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of June 6, 2017

There were no minutes ready to review at this meeting. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. Public Input

There was no public input at this time.

4. Unfinished Business:

B. Tax Acquired Property: Malcolm Hilton

Dwayne Morin stated that Mr. Hilton was present today to discuss his property. Chairman Hall asked Mr. Hilton if he had contacted a realtor. Mr. Hilton stated that he did speak to one. He stated that he did not have the agreement because the realtor was supposed to come by today and bring it to him but she never came. He stated that the contract has been signed by both him and the realtor. He said that the realtor has to contact Mr. Hilton's ex-wife because her name is on the deed. The realtor has some other paperwork to do and the house should go up for sale within 5 days. Selectman Cowan asked what the name of the realtor was. Mr. Hilton stated that her name was Karen and she works for Century 21 located in Sanford. Mr. Hilton stated that he can bring the contract in to Dwayne tomorrow for his review.

Dwayne asked Mr. Hilton what amount he was asking for the property. Mr. Hilton said he was asking \$139,000. Dwayne reminded Mr. Hilton that the Town still owns his property and taxes still accrue every day on the property. In August, additional taxes will be applied to the total. Dwayne asked Mr. Hilton if he was going to make any attempts at making payments on it while he is waiting for the property to sell. Mr. Hilton stated that he only gets \$660 per month so he really can't afford too much. Selectman Cowan stated that the benefit of making some payments now is that it will decrease the amount that will be owed to the Town. She stated that anything

that he could afford to pay would be helpful. Chairman Hall asked Mr. Hilton if there was any amount that he felt he could pay on a monthly basis. Mr. Hilton stated that he could probably pay \$50 per month but he would prefer to not enter into a written agreement at this time.

Selectman Cowan told Mr. Hilton that it is important that he bring in the contract to Dwayne so that he can let the Selectmen know that there is one. Mr. Hilton said that the realtor will be speaking with Dwayne. He had to sign a form to give the realtor permission to speak with Dwayne about his situation.

A. Budget: SAD 60 Budget, County Budget

Dwayne stated that the SAD 60 did pass but there was an error in the funding calculations. This resulted in a savings for us of about \$1,800. Shawn Works is the person that found the error. He was working on a project and when he ran the numbers, he noticed that they were off. Dwayne said that they sent a note to Steve Connolly to let him know. Mr. Connolly will remove \$1,847 from our bill. He will not assess the \$1,847 to Lebanon. He will just take a hit for it.

Dwayne stated that there will be a Public Hearing on the County Budget tomorrow, June 21, 2017 at 6:30 at the EMA office in the York County Government Building in Alfred. He stated that our projected increase in the County budget is about \$13,000 from last year.

Dwayne stated that the County Budget is creating some controversy within some of the towns, primarily the coastal communities like York, Wells, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. This is due to the Recovery Center that is being proposed. This year it is only being proposed for \$250,000, however the build out funding of the project will go to \$1.6 million. These towns pay the majority share of the County Budget and they are not willing to fund this project. Dwayne stated that they will be very vocal about removing the Recovery Center from the budget.

Dwayne stated that they do have one valid reason that they have stated for not wanting to fund the project. The Recovery Center is not going to be exclusively for York County citizens. They are concerned that people from elsewhere like Massachusetts that get picked up for drinking and driving will want to make a deal to go to the Rehab Center and it will be the York County citizens that will be paying for it. Selectman Cowan asked why they wouldn't restrict it to Maine residents only. Dwayne stated that it is for the County to decide. Dwayne stated that the whole idea behind the Recovery Center is to lessen the impact on the jail system. It has been proven that people that go into recovery will probably never get caught and go to jail again. Those that go to jail typically have repeated offenses.

Chairman Hall asked Dwayne if the York County jail population was made up mostly of York County people. Dwayne stated that it was made up of everybody. He said that the majority of the people from the York County Jail are probably from York County but there is a great percentage that are not from our State or are from outside of our County. If there are open beds available, the State can place prisoners from anywhere in the State here. He stated that because we are in the southernmost County of the State, we get people from other states as well.

Dwayne said that he feels that the concept of the Recovery Center is a great idea, but he can see their point about it not being just for our people. Dwayne stated that he does not know what the rules are for a Recovery Center. He doesn't know if it needs to be made available for anyone no matter where they are from or if we can be selective as to who can use it.

5. New Business:

A. Transfer Station: Compactor Project Update, Single Sort Recycling Discussion

Dwayne stated that he had discussed with the Board last year, the idea of doing single sort at the Transfer Station. He would now like the Board to consider going to single sort or single stream for a couple of reasons. He stated that we are now making nothing on our recyclables. He said that our last payment for paper was \$25 per ton. He said that they are giving away their plastics for free. He said that Oceanside is taking our glass for free but we are paying for a haul charge.

Dwayne stated that the bigger problem that they are having is on the labor side. They are having problems finding people to work at the Transfer Station. He said that the way our Transfer Station is currently structured, we have one person that is full time, one that is full part time and everybody else is part time at 8 hours a week. It is hard to find people to work these hours. Dwayne stated that they currently have 2 people out on medical leave and it is putting a strain on the rest of the people there. By going to single stream, they would only need 2 people during the week and 3 people on Saturdays. He thinks that as people get used to the single stream, they may not need a third person on Saturdays. The single stream would eliminate the sorting which is the labor intensive part of our recycling.

Dwayne stated that right now they are sorting for no reason because they are not getting any benefit. The only benefit that they are seeing is on the redemption of bottles and cans. He said that they would still allow people to bring their redemption bottles to us. We would put some containers out so people can throw their bottles and cans in them. Richard Anderson has been talking to the person who currently picks up our bottles and cans and the person said that he would continue to do so but he would back charge us for doing the sorting. The other option is to set up an agreement with CLYNK. All we would have to do is put them in CLYNK bags and they will come to our Transfer Station and pick them up. They will then sort them and put the money into our account. Mr. Anderson stated that CLYNK will charge \$.20 per bag but we will not have to sort out the bottles to see if they are from Maine or New Hampshire. When they sort them out, they just will dispose of the ones that are not redeemable. The money from the bottles will then get deposited into an account that the Town would have set up. Mr. Anderson stated that they currently make about \$250 per week but he said that we would probably just do about \$100 to \$150 per week with CLYNK. The difference is that there is no labor costs on our end anymore.

Selectman Cowan asked how we will go about notifying the residents about it. Dwayne stated that on Page 13 of their packet, he has put together a small Eye of North Berwick that explains the whole process. It includes a nice color page that shows examples of what is included as part of the single stream process. Dwayne stated that they have looked into pricing for the recycling containers. If we order the ones that say North Berwick on them, it will take about 4-6 weeks to

get them. He would like to purchase 500 of them at \$6.79 each and sell them for whatever the Board decides. He was thinking about selling them for about \$10 apiece. Dwayne stated that they are 14 gallons and are guaranteed for 5 years for workmanship and material.

Dwayne stated that he would like for them to start the single streaming on August 1st. This would give them the opportunity to order the containers and to notify everyone about the new process. It will also allow them time to notify the employees that they may need them on an even more sporadic basis than what they do now. It will also allow time for the employees to be trained.

Selectman Cowan motioned to start with the single stream sorting process on August 1, 2017 and to order 500 of the recyclable containers. Selectman Galemмо seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

4. Unfinished Business:

C. Parks and Rec: Update on Rebound Wall and Trail Project

Dwayne brought up a picture of the Community Center area on the computer to show the Board what they have worked on so far. He stated that the rebound wall is now up. They are going to do the back side of the rebound wall tomorrow. They are going to strap it and put T111 on the back side. The back side of the wall is just metal rails and they don't want people climbing up the wall. By putting T111 up, this should stop this from happening.

Dwayne stated that they have started on the walking trail and it is all done except for the part in front of the playscapes. They will start putting the rest of the stone dust down tomorrow. The benches came in last week so they will put them out as soon as the trail is completed. He stated that the Parks and Rec will be holding an Open House as soon as it is done. They would like to name it the Madeline Blaisdell Memorial Trail. She was an employee for the Town of North Berwick and was on the Parks and Rec Committee. It was actually her idea to put a trail in there to begin with. She passed away about 5 years ago.

Dwayne stated that he is meeting with our graphic artist on Monday. She will be designing a display of the entire Community Center. We will be putting it in the kiosk at the beginning of the trail and it will show everything available at the Community Center.

Chairman Hall asked how they were doing with Summer Camp signups. Dwayne stated that they currently have 77 signed up. He stated that the Parent Information Night is Thursday night. Chairman Hall asked if they would need to hire any additional staff. Dwayne said that they have all their staff in place. Dwayne stated that they have about 10 to 12 families that took advantage of the before and after care program in one form or another. He stated that there is about 10 families that decided to come to our camp this year instead of going to Wells because Wells doubled their price. He stated that York went up \$300 and Berwick went up about \$120. We only went up \$100. Kristi Michaud stated that we are still the least expensive camp in the area.

D. Road Projects: Update on Projects for FY18

Dwayne stated that they are working on the Diamond Hill Road project. They have marked the trees that need to be cut and they are waiting for prices to come in from the tree cutters. They are trying to set up for the road to be ground the beginning of July. They are waiting for Libby Scott to give them that confirmation. They are looking to pave the road in the fall. Selectman Cowan asked if he had received any feedback from any homeowners regarding the wood. Dwayne said that there are only 2 homeowners that are affected and he is waiting to hear back from them as to whether they want to keep the wood or not.

Chairman Hall asked what the upcoming road projects were for next year. Dwayne stated that they will be finishing Diamond Hill Road. Buffum Road is a short project of about 2 weeks. We need to do some ditching and have it paved. The other road is Church Avenue. They will not do this one until next spring because the Water District needs to change the water line out. They want to do it as a spring project so we will wait and do our part then as well.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – July 5, 2017 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

5. New Business:

B. Appointments: Appointments for FY18

Dwayne stated that with the new year starting in a couple of weeks, all of the offices that were not elected need to be reappointed by the Board.

Selectman motioned to approve the appointment of all of the proposed candidates. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

C. Conservation/Agricultural Commission: Pollinator Health and Pesticides

Dwayne stated that he received an email from Sofie a couple of weeks ago. She stated that the Conservation Committee is working on threats to pollinators which are basically bees. The concern is with pesticides. She asked him if he had any insight or information about the subject. He told her that he didn't know enough about the subject. On Monday, he received an anonymous letter in the mail. The letter is written as if the Conservation Committee is looking to ban pesticides. He forwarded the email to Sofie for her to review. He stated that in his discussion with Sofie, she said that their goal is not to ban pesticides but just to educate the public. She is requesting to meet with the Board to discuss some of the things that they are looking at as it relates to pesticides and pollinators.

Dwayne stated that the City of Portland just became the 26th community to ban certain pesticides. Selectman Cowan stated that this is not an unheard of determination. Selectman Glemmo asked if they would have the authority to ban things like this. Dwayne stated that they would be able to do so. The Board agreed to meet with the Conservation Committee at the first meeting in August.

D. Fire Department: Red Light Authorization Request

Dwayne stated that he has a Red Light Authorization Form for Derek Fitzgerald for the Board to review. Derek is one of the new firefighters and he needs authorization to operate a red light in his vehicle.

Selectman Glemmo motioned to approve the Red Light Authorization for Derek Fitzgerald. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

6. Other Business:

Dwayne stated that the American Legion will be having a fundraiser to raise money for the fireworks for the Mill Field Festival. Pratt & Whitney is no longer a financial sponsor. Selectman Cowan asked why they are no longer sponsoring this. Dwayne stated that Pratt has changed how they give out their fundraising monies. All fundraising monies are no longer decided here. They are decided in Connecticut and have to be applied for in September for the upcoming year. Dwayne stated that he did submit an application for them to fund several things and this is the only one that they did not approve.

Selectman Glemmo asked what they were doing for a fundraiser. Dwayne stated that they are just going to go around to businesses and see if they can raise some money. The Board does not have to approve anything. The Legion is just letting them know what they are planning to do.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant:	June 13, 2017	- \$ 12,258.48
Warrant:	June 20, 2017	- \$ 508,002.18

Selectman Glemmo motioned to approve the Warrant from June 13, 2017 for the amount of \$12,258.48 and the Warrant from June 20, 2017 for the amount of \$508,002.18. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Glemmo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

Respectively Submitted,
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Jonathan Hall

Selectman: Wendy Cowan

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectman: Charles Glemmo

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Sr.