

North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes August 15, 2017

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2017**

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

Also Present: Dwayne Morin, Jeannie M. Provencher

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

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes of August 1, 2017**

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0 Abstain: 1

3. Public Input

There was no public input at this time.

4. Unfinished Budget:

A. Budget: Town Meeting FY19

Dwayne stated that on Page 13 of their packet is a timeline for the budget process for next year for the Board to consider. It sets Town Meeting on April 7th. He stated that this year the State has changed the rules on caucusing and they are done a lot earlier than they have ever been done in the past. Selectman Cowan asked why they had passed this law. Dwayne stated that it was to allow clerks to have more time to put the ballots together. Usually the day that the caucus ended was the day that the ballots were due. They pushed it back almost 3 weeks. Selectman Galemmo stated that now the nomination papers were due on 2/21. Dwayne said that this was a mistake and they actually due on 2/5. He will correct the timeline that they currently have in their packet.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve the Budget Process FY 2019 as amended. Selectman Cowan seconded. VOTE: 5-0

B. Parks and Rec: Update on Trail Project

Dwayne stated that Maritimes Northeast will be working on the trail in the woods on 9/13/17. He stated that the kiosk is on its way. He is meeting with our graphic designer on Friday to finalize the graphic design of our trail map.

C. Road Projects: Update on Projects for FY18, Salt Bid

Dwayne stated that as of today, they are pretty much done with the upper end of Diamond Hill Road and they have started grading the lower end. On Thursday, they will pave the upper end but they will not pave the lower end until 9/2. They will try to do Buffum Road at this time too.

Dwayne stated that we did get our salt bids in and they came in at about \$3.00 less per ton. He said that we use about 1500 tons of salt per year so this is a pretty good savings. The bid went to Morton Salt Company which is the same company as before.

D. Transfer Station: Single Stream Recycling Update

Dwayne stated that the single stream recycling is working well. There have been no major issues that he knows of. He stated that he is meeting with Richard tomorrow so he will know more at that time. He said that people have told them that they are happy with it and it is easier.

Dwayne stated that they did finally receive the totes and are selling them for \$10 each. He said that the company that sold them the totes had hired a shipping company. They put the totes on the truck in Ontario on 7/25 and it should have taken 3 days for it to get to us. We didn't receive them. Dwayne kept calling the company and was told that they were almost here. At one point, the company told him that they did not know where our totes were. Finally they figured out that the shipping company had delivered it to the next town. They never even made it out of Canada. The next problem that they had is when the truck came over the border, they declared that they had our containers on the truck. When they tried to bring them back into the United States, they were told that they had already brought them into the States. It was quite the mix up. Dwayne told the company that we are not paying the full price due to this as well as finding some that were misprinted and faded.

E. Public Works: Garage Addition Quotes

Dwayne stated that we received 3 bids for the garage addition and the lowest bid was \$54,000 and we only budgeted \$35,000. He is recommending that they reject all of the bids. Dwayne said that they are going to look into pricing to do the work ourselves.

Selectman Cowan motioned to reject all of the bids received for the garage addition. Selectman Galemmo seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

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

5. New Business:

A. Commitment FY17: Supplemental Tax Bill – Tree Growth – M&S Land Development

Dwayne stated that they have a Supplemental Tax Bill for a Tree Growth removal. M&S Land Development on Beech Ridge Road is removing 19.1 acres from their Tree Growth Plan. The penalty for removing these acres from the Tree Growth Plan is \$2,462.76.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve the Supplemental Tax #6 regarding Acct 1605 – M&S Land Development located on Beech Ridge Road to remove 19.1 acres from the Tree Growth Plan with a penalty of \$2,462.76. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

B. Commitment FY18: Establish Tax Rate for Ensuing Year

Dwayne stated that the way the values came in, there should be no reason not to maintain our tax rate at \$12.60. He stated that on Page 50, it listed all the figures from last year and this year so they can see what the differences were. The biggest change was in our BETE reimbursement value. It is now 65.6% which is up about 3 percentage points from last year. We picked up about \$21 million in new value for BETE which was because of Pratt & Whitney. He stated that our Real Estate values did go up about \$610,000.00. We lost about \$1 million in Personal Property value and we lost about \$22,500.00 in the Homestead value.

Dwayne stated that looking at the Budget side, if approved tonight, the Municipal Appropriation will go up \$163,000. The school went up about \$151,000 and the County Tax went up about \$14,000. He stated that on Page 48 of their packet, it lists the allowable tax rates and how much of an overlay we would have with each of the rates. The Board can choose anywhere between \$12.25 and \$12.85. He stated that \$12.60 is in the middle of these and it will leave us a \$249,000 overlay.

Selectman Cowan motioned to have the tax rate stay at \$12.60. Selectman Galemmo seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

6. Other Business:

Dwayne stated that he hired a new crossing guard and he is looking for a new janitor for the Town Hall and Community Center. Butch is leaving due to medical issues. Dwayne said that the position will start at 30 hours per week but will go to 20 hours after the school office moves out of the building. They will start at about \$12 to \$13 per hour and will work 5 hours at the Community Center and 15 hours here starting on October 1st.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence

Warrant: August 8, 2017 - \$ 29,722.19
Warrant: August 15, 2017 - \$ 514,036.68

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve the Warrant of August 8, 2017 for the amount of \$29,722.19 and the Warrant of August 15, 2017 for the amount of \$514,036.68. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

8. Adjournment:

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

Respectively Submitted,
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Jonathan Hall

Selectman: Wendy Cowan

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Sr.