

North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes February 5, 2019

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

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

Also Present: Dwayne Morin, Rebecca Reed, Mark Reed

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of January 22, 2019

Selectman Cowan motioned to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

3. Public Input

There was no public input at this time.

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Referendum 2019: Final Referendum Questions and Language

Dwayne stated that everything was approved by the Planning Board and has been reviewed again by our attorney. It is all set to go before the voters for them to decide.

Dwayne stated that there has been a shake up with Medical Marijuana this week. The State has just determined that CBD is illegal in the State of Maine. All edible CBD products have been ordered by the State of Maine DHHS to be removed from all of the stores. This includes stores like Cumberland Farms, Wholesale Foods, Hannaford and Shaws. They do not consider CBD to be a safe food by the FDA. He stated that if a person has a caregiver that provides them with it, this will still be allowed. However, any commercial entity will not be allowed to sell it anymore. He said that it applies only to edibles. The tinctures, creams and ointments can still be sold in these stores. Dwayne stated that it does not affect Medical Marijuana edible products. It only affects CBD created by hemp that is sold by commercial retailers.

B. Budget: Review Budget Books for FY20

Dwayne gave each of the Selectmen a copy of the Budget book. He stated that they start the Budget meetings tomorrow night.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – Feb. 20, 2019 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

Budget Committee – February 6, 2019 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

Budget Committee – February 13, 2019 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

5. New Business:

A. Dispatch: Review Final Contract Offer from Sanford

Dwayne said that the final offer from Sanford was included in their packet. He knew that the price was going to go up. He stated that they had given him a spreadsheet of what they were going to do but it has changed in the past couple weeks. The change is primarily because they were sued by their Dispatcher's Union and their Dispatchers are getting an additional \$2.74 per hour raise.

Dwayne stated that the language that he had requested that they change has been changed. He had also asked them to consider the first 5 years to not have a raise plus a CPI. Dwayne said that they did do that but the raise is pretty significant now. He included a spreadsheet on Pages 21 and 22 that shows what the dollar amounts are. He stated that, this past year, our contract was for about \$83,200. Next year, it will go to \$94,500 which is about an \$11,300 increase. Dwayne said that, for the next 4 years it goes up by \$14,000 each year. Selectman Cowan asked how the other towns were being impacted. Dwayne said that they were all the same but based on the type of services. The towns with just Fire and Rescue are not paying as much as we are because we have Fire, Rescue and Police. Chairman Hall asked about Berwick and South Berwick and what their contracts were. Dwayne said that they already signed their contracts and they are significantly higher than what we are going to be paying. He said that they base the initial numbers on per capita rate. He said that if they compare what we are paying to what Berwick and South Berwick are paying, we would go to \$150,000 this year. However, Sanford has agreed to let us get to \$150,000 over 5 years. When we get to \$155,000, it will equal to what Berwick and South Berwick are paying on a per capital basis. Dwayne said that on Page 22 is the next 5 years and these are adjusted by CPI only. He said that we get to parity in 2024 and by year 10, we will be at about \$174,000. This is assuming that it will be a 3% CPI for the last 5 years. Dwayne said that CPI has been at about 2% to 2¼% over the past several years. Dwayne said that this contract will lock us in for 10 years.

Selectman Cowan asked if Sanford Dispatch has been reliable. Dwayne said that the dispatch functions have worked very well for us. All of our departments are happy with their service.

Selectman Galemмо motioned to approve the contract with Sanford for dispatch services. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

B. Police: Officer Niehoff Resignation

Dwayne stated that Officer Tim Niehoff has given his resignation and his last day is next Wednesday. Dwayne said that they have put out job offers and they believe that they will be able to fill it in house.

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence

Warrant:	January 29, 2019	- \$ 41,951.51
Warrant:	February 5, 2019	- \$ 15,581.97

Selectman Galemмо motioned to approve the Warrant of January 29, 2019 for the amount of \$41,951.51 and the Warrant of February 5, 2019 for the amount of \$15,581.97. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

6. Other Business – Executive Session – Legal

Selectman Galemмо motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:03 pm and come back out at 8:03 pm. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Glemmo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Selectman Johnson, Jr. 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 Glemmo

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Sr.

