

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes May 7, 2019**

**NORTH BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES MAY 7, 2019**

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

**Absent:** Selectman Johnson, Jr.

**Also Present:** Dwayne Morin, Steve Connolly

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

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes of April 16, 2019**

Selectman Hall motioned to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

- 3. Public Input**

There was no public input at this time.

- 5. New Business:**

- A. MSAD 60: Superintendent Presentation Budget**

Superintendent Steve Connolly was present to discuss the School Budget. He stated that the District Budget Meeting is this Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The District Referendum will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 8 pm. He stated that in the booklet that was mailed to everyone, it talks about expenditures. He said that the overall expenditure is an increase of 2.27% which is on the total budget of \$42,194,575.00. It also shows that the Revenue is largely flat from one year to the next. In 18/19 we used \$1.65 million from the Fund Balance to take care of products that we were falling behind on. In 19/20, the Fund Balance that they have to use is \$395,800 so it is a decrease of almost \$770,000. The General Purpose Aid is an increase of \$730,000 so these two largely offset each other. The local taxes that are required are an increase of 4.80%. Mr. Connolly stated that sometimes people look at that it and see that the budget expenditures is increasing at 2.27% so how does the increase in local taxes come out to a 4.80%. He stated that the budget is on the total \$41 million and \$42 million while the projected increase on local taxes is from \$19,120,000 to \$20,037,000.

Mr. Connolly stated that in the District Formula, which is on Page 25 of the Selectmen's packet, shows the numbers for the 3 towns in our District. He stated that the town has different numbers for municipalities versus the numbers that they are provided by the State for the schools. Mr.

Connolly stated that the North Berwick property valuation represents 36.54% of the total property valuation for the District. The student count represents 22.23% of the total number of students in the District. He said that the average of these 2 numbers is 29.39% which represents a decrease of -0.21%. The local Revenue is the taxes required for the proposed budget and is at an increase of \$229,335. He stated that they do have separate Articles for Adult Education and Food Nutrition. The Adult Education is an increase of \$4,743. He stated that Food Nutrition is pulled out this year by the State as a separate Article. This is a decrease of \$265 for North Berwick. Mr. Connolly stated that in the 17/18 regular education costs, MSAD 60 had the lowest York County K-12 expenditure costs at \$11,381. The York County average was \$13,401 and the State average was \$12,198. Chairman Cowan asked if the disparity in the figures was new. Mr. Connolly stated that it was not new.

Mr. Connolly went over the major changes in positions. At the High School, they are adding a 9<sup>th</sup> grade Science and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher. They are also hiring a Multiple Pathways Social Worker. Multiple Pathways is a program for Juniors and Seniors who are off track. We received a \$750,000 grant last year from the Barr Family out of Boston. They are promoting the further development and expansion of Multiple Pathways Program as a unique opportunity for students. The Social Work position is one position from the grant that we absorb this year along with the Multiple Pathways Education Technician III. There is an English Language position open at the Middle School. Knowlton has a .5 Literacy Interventionist.

Mr. Connolly stated that the Social Worker, Behavior Intervention Coach, 2<sup>nd</sup> Step Ed Tech III are positions added for behavioral issues. He stated that 2<sup>nd</sup> Step is social emotional programming. He stated that, due to microcosms in our society, schools are seeing a degrading of basic behaviors of civility and norms of what is okay and not okay in students. He thinks that a good portion of this can be related to certain things such as addiction. In 2014, there were 1,054 babies born in the State of Maine addicted to substances other than displaying Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. This includes substances such as prescription medications, opiates, cocaine, and heroin among other things. This didn't just start in 2014 but it did reach basic epidemic proportions at that time. They are definitely seeing decaying social fabric in portions of households related to addiction. We are seeing the ramifications of this in our classrooms.

Mr. Connolly stated that the biggest changes are driven by the student profiles. TIS is Trauma Informed Schools. Lebanon Schools are working on becoming Trauma Informed Schools. They will watch what happens and then possibly move it over to the other 2 schools. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Step Program is probably the highest regarded researched social emotional program for elementary schools. Behavioral Interventionists are people that have positive intervention support service in their background.

Mr. Connolly stated that the School Board has agreed to put forward a proposal for a Teaching Principal at Mary Hurd Academy. This would be largely offset with additional revenue for out of district students. Chairman Cowan asked what the administrative structure was at the Academy now. Mr. Connolly stated that there really isn't one. It is primarily Susan Macri and Sue Austin who share responsibility and fill out the IEP and tend to the overall programming of the students as well as evaluate the staff. Chairman Cowan asked if there was anybody on-site in an administrative capacity. Mr. Connolly stated that there was not. He said that there are 2

teachers who handle the most immediate needs and call if they need extra support. Mr. Connolly stated that these are not students that have just a yearly IEP meeting. They typically have monthly IEP meetings for 32 students. Mr. Connolly stated that they are looking to go to 36 students. He said that the tuition for an out of town placement to us is \$29,500 for next year. This year it was \$24,000. He stated that if they get these seats filled, it would offset the increase for this position. He said that, without that position, we can't offer more seats outside. Chairman Cowan asked if the kids that were coming to them were primarily in-state or were some from out of state. Mr. Connolly said that he believes that they currently have 3 in state and one out of state student. The current one that is from out of state is from a mutual agreement so there is not a tuition for it. He stated that we have 16 students from the High School that we send to Somersworth Voc and we take in the one student from there.

Mr. Connolly stated that the other thing that they have going on is regarding their bus fleet. They are in the process of ordering 4 large and 2 mini buses which are about the \$80,000 to \$85,000 range apiece. The State has already approved subsidy for 2 large buses and 1 small bus but they don't get the subsidy in the year that they purchase the buses. The subsidy will happen in 2021. They do this because sometimes schools end up having to cut things in their budget and purchase of buses are pretty easy targets and they don't end up using the State funds. The State waits a year to ensure that they purchase the buses. He stated that they have buses that are 2003 and 2004 right now which are Freightliners. The rest are Internationals and are in good shape except that, because of the condition of the roads after a bad winter and what is used on the roads, it takes a toll on the vehicles. This has caused more repair costs for them.

Mr. Connolly went on to discuss Literacy progress for North Berwick students. The figures are for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades and this is because the MEA starts in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. It follows the same students through the Spring of 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> grade following thru to Spring of 2016 when they were 5<sup>th</sup> graders. In the Spring of 2014 they were at 70.4% and went to 66.6% in Spring 2015. In Spring of 2016, they were at 75.8%. In the 4<sup>th</sup> grade they were at 80.7% in the Spring of 2014 and in the Spring of 2015 when they were 5<sup>th</sup> graders they remained at 80.7%. He stated that their goal for the students this Spring is 85%. He said that they are hovering close to that in North Berwick.

Mr. Connolly stated that the numbers have been flat for Math scores. At the Elementary grade, they have been using Everyday Math for 20 years. It was a significant program in the 90's and early 2000's. By 2010, they were in Version 3 and the scores started to level off. Within the past 3 years, they released Version 4 and the program has stalled. They are seeing this in our own scores and know that it is part of a problem that they are seeing in curriculum reports from around the country. They believe that the Everyday Math has run its course and they will not be able to continue to make strides that they would like to see in Math. He stated that we are ahead of the State in our Literacy scores, but we are right at the State or slightly below the State level in our Math scores. They have run a 2 year pilot at the North Berwick Elementary School for Eureka Math which is an Open Education Resource. This means that they don't pay for the basic program because the curriculum was developed with Federal funds. It is aligned to the common core and State standards. It is out of the Engaged NY work. He stated that there are things that you can pay for such as technological resources to go along with it. He said that they are going to be very judicious with these moving forward. The students in the 2 year pilot at North

Berwick are faring equally as well as any of the students in the Everyday Math and that includes an implementation dip. He feels that this is a much better alignment and they feel that the scores will make a more progressive move. Chairman Cowan asked how they settled on this particular program. Mr. Connolly said that there were a couple of different resources that they did some work with and the Eureka one was the one, research wise, that had the best alignment to the common core and the best alignment to the National Council of Teachers Mathematics recommendations. It was also receiving the highest scores from teacher feedbacks from New York, Idaho and California. Mr. Connolly stated that there is a Eureka program at the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels as well but they did not opt to bring that forward to the School Board because the data for these levels is not as good as it is at the K-5 levels. They have visited other schools and done some research and have found the Illustrative Math program. They think that it will be a pretty good match to have Eureka from K-5 and Illustrative for 6-8. They still have teachers going out to other schools to continue the research.

Mr. Connolly stated that they are looking at doing a few things at the Elementary School in the future. They want to enlarge the cafeteria out towards the roadway. They want to expand the office areas out front. He said that there is not much space between the Principal and Assistant Principal in the same office. The conference space is only about 12 x 10 and there is no band space. He stated that with the small size of the cafeteria and with the band program, the schedule is driven by these 2 things. We are not driving our schedule based on when research tells us that students are most receptive. We are driving it by what space is available. Chairman Cowan asked how many students went to the Elementary School. Mr. Connolly said that there 278 students. They are also looking to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century media space instead of library space. He stated that in the back of the school, a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor can be built. This would allow them to have intervention space. They would also add a new nurse's area.

Mr. Connolly stated that they are looking for a referendum in November, 2020 that would impact all 3 towns as far as school construction is concerned. There is a 2 story connecting wing for Hussey Elementary. There will be a portable there this year. He stated that the Lebanon School currently meets State requirements, Health codes and so forth but it is a 1950 construction that he doesn't think people thought about how long it would last. He stated that if you compared the Lebanon School to one of the other schools such as the Knowlton School, it is an uneven playing field for educational settings. He stated that there is overflow parking in Lebanon so they are looking to put a new school behind the parking lot and connecting it to Hanson Elementary. They have already done the well work there because they had to replace them. They had to do septic work at Hanson School so they built the septic system large enough so it could accommodate a new school. Mr. Connolly stated that they also have work to do at Noble Middle School. They to do some refurbishing in the classroom pods, taking out the stage and reworking the music wing.

Chairman Cowan asked if he had any idea of the costs for these projects. Mr. Connolly stated that he spoke with Neil Rapoza from Civil Consultants about some of the costs. The Lebanon project itself would be about \$24.5 million. It would probably be about \$8 million range in North Berwick and about the \$10 million range at Hussey. The Noble Middle School project was booked at a little under \$2 million. They have looked to apply for Revolving Renovation Fund money which is a \$50 million fund. Selectman Hall asked if this would start after the High

School has been paid off. Mr. Connolly said that it would. They have \$13,000 left to pay on our portion of this balance.

Selectman Galemme asked if the \$44 million was going to all be from the District or would there be some State funds. Mr. Connolly stated that the Revolving Renovation Fund looks like it is a dead end at this time because there are currently no funds available in it. The other piece is the School Construction Fund but it is not available to us because we don't carry enough debt service. When the High School was built, the District had debt service on Hanson, Hussey, Noble 6<sup>th</sup> and North Berwick Elementary School so it met a circuit breaker level that allowed us to receive State funds. He stated that they will continue to pursue that avenue but after next year we won't have any debt service. Dwayne asked if it would make sense to do it piece meal so that you build up debt and then the State picks up part of some of the projects. Mr. Connolly stated that it could but what if they decided that with the first vote they would put out would be for the additions in North Berwick Elementary and North Berwick voted Yes but the other 2 towns voted No. Or if they decided to do it for the new Lebanon School and the other 2 towns voted against it. Dwayne stated that he believes it is a matter of education and not making it political. He said that if you tell the citizens that we have \$45 million worth of projects and we do \$20 million this year, the next project that we do for \$20 million would be covered by the State. It would not be from taxpayer dollars. He thinks that most people would go along with that. He stated that it is not bidding one town versus another. It is not on how they choose it but how they do it in the best fiscal way.

Mr. Connolly stated that there is currently one school project on the School Construction List. It is a High School for \$100 million. The rest of the list is 6 to 10 years out. He doesn't understand how some of the schools have qualified to be on the list. For example, all of the schools in Saco qualify to be on the State list. He said that Young School has been a portable set of schools since 1998. At the same time, Thornton Academy is adding dormitory after dormitory and other brand new facilities like a gym. For the other schools, CK Burns, Fairfield, Saco Middle and Young School, to be on the list to receive State funding when they are building and offsetting their costs for tuitioned student leaves him a little confused. Dwayne stated that they are playing the game. They are building debt load so that they can get on the State list. Dwayne said that it would probably make sense for us to play the same game. The end result is that we are going to do the projects but it is just a matter of how they get financed and the timing that they get done. He said that they should do the worst project first which he thinks is probably the Lebanon School. He doesn't think that anybody in the 3 towns are going to have an issue with it. He stated that they need to look at it as a District wide perspective. Dwayne said that we are looking at some very large increases in taxes. He is very concerned with the School Budget and the impact it will have on our taxpayers. This year it is a \$.32 increase in our tax rate. He said that we pare back our Municipal Budget to cover the School's costs. Dwayne said that there will come a point where we won't be able to do that anymore so this will have negative impact. We are fortunate this year with the School Budget because our percentage went down primarily because of our student count. Our valuation is growing at a greater rate than Berwick and Lebanon. They average it over 2½ to 3 years so that's why we are not seeing the immediate bump. We will see those bumps in the next 2 years because the last 2 years we had some pretty rapid growth. Dwayne stated that, at some point, as the School Budget increases the taxpayers will revolt.

Selectman Hall stated that Hussey has 401 students in it. He asked Mr. Connolly how many students it was built to hold. Mr. Connolly said that he did not know the number at the moment but he could let him know. Selectman Hall believes that they probably have about double the students there now than what it was originally built for. Mr. Connolly stated that the problem with the older buildings is that they were not built with any intervention programming at all.

Dwayne stated that when you look at the elementary schools in the 3 towns, all of our Special Education numbers are 17%. When he looked at it, Lebanon schools are at 17%, North Berwick School at 17% and Hussey School at 17%. However these are not the true numbers. The raw numbers show that North Berwick has 47 students, Hussey School has 69 students and Lebanon School has 81 students. The percentage doesn't do anything. It shows that, district wide, we are pretty uniform in terms of Special Education needs but if you have 89 students, it will cost a lot more for that Special Education. Mr. Connolly believes that there should be some sort of funding formula for it but he is not sure how they could establish one. If you have a student who doesn't attend public school due to significant medical needs and cannot attend any school in the future, that bill still belongs to the school. He never wants to be in a situation where a parent even has to think about those type of things. From a financial perspective, he wonders where the funding source is for this type of situation. He wonders why it became a school cost.

Selectman Hall stated that we are paying \$150,000 for an Athletic Director and an Assistant Athletic Director. The proposal for next year's budget is for \$153,000. He is wondering what the job description of the Assistant Athletic Director is. Mr. Connolly stated that one of the Athletic Directors works from the High School end and works his way down and the other one starts on the other end and works his way up and they cross over at some point. Selectman Hall asked if they were making about the same amount of money and Mr. Connolly said they did not. Mr. Connolly said that it is similar to a Principal and an Assistant Principal set up. He said that it is about a \$20,000 difference. Selectman Hall said that, as his tenure as a teacher, they have had a lot more students with an half time Athletic Director and very small stipends and that was the total Athletic Director budget. Now they have less athletes, less population than we did then and we have gone down in Classes and they seem to be spending more than double than many years ago. Selectman Hall is wondering what the need is to have so much administration for athletics. Mr. Connolly stated that the course of action that they are trying to do is to try and reconstruct our feeder program and aligning our physical education opportunities with sports opportunities too. They are trying to build the programs back to what are good drivers for school spirit and for revenues. We are currently not in a good place as far as this goes.

Selectman Hall stated that it used to cost \$40 to pay to play and we were spending a lot less on Athletic Administration. Now the cost is about \$90 to pay to play and we are spending significantly more in the Administration. He said that if they are trying to build the back feeder programs, why are they continuing with the \$90 pay to play while increasing significantly more on the Administration budget for athletics? Mr. Connolly said that if you look at the athletics as a whole and think about field costs, number of teams we are running, the number of coaches that they are hiring, the amount that a coach makes now compared to 15 years ago and other things, you would see that there is a significant increase in these costs. The money for the pay to play

mostly offsets the cost of equipment and helps to draw down the budget on what's used for students.

Selectman Hall stated that in the Special Education write up, it states that they will go to 3 Special Education Directors. This is with the Teaching Principal at Mary Hurd Academy. Mr. Connolly stated that they have an Administrator, an Assistant Administrator and now they will add the Teaching Principal.

Selectman Hall said that there is an increase of \$500,110 for teacher salaries under Regular Instruction. He asked how many total teaching positions they were adding. Mr. Connolly said that it is about an added 6.5 positions. Selectman Hall stated that the Ed Techs salaries was increasing by \$130,663. He asked how much of that was salary versus new ed tech positions. Mr. Connolly stated that they are not adding many ed techs. Some of what is included in this amount are the ones from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Step Program. In the negotiations that they are doing now, they are addressing the change in the minimum wage on the lower end of the scale and doing some incentivizing of people staying in their jobs. They are seeing that they have significant turnover so they are addressing the levels that they are working at. Selectman Hall asked if all of the non-Special Education Ed Techs that they employ were Ed Tech III pay. Mr. Connolly stated that they were not. Some of them are working Title 1 which are federal dollars that support the reading and math instruction at the elementary level and they are Ed Tech II's.

Selectmen Hall stated that he knows that Sue Austin has been working at the Mary Hurd Academy as well as at the Central Office. He asked if she would move back to 100% of the time to the Central Office. Mr. Connolly stated that she is currently being paid 1/10 out of Special Education so she will move back to full time Central Office.

Dwayne stated that there is a significant decrease under the Custodians. He asked if they were going to be utilizing less custodians. Mr. Connolly said that it is not less custodians. He said that in the last 18 months they have had a turnover of 18 custodians. Some of them had been brand new so they really didn't have much impact. They have one person with 40 years of experience that is retiring so hiring a new person at a lower salary will be a big difference.

Selectman Hall stated that under Article 5 for Student and Staff Support, there are 2 lines that he has a question about. One is Guidance Counselor and on is Literacy Coaches. He asked if they were adding a ½ time Literacy Coach and Mr. Connolly said they were. Selectman Hall asked if they were adding a new Guidance Counselor or if the increase was just due to salary increase. Mr. Connolly said that some of it is due to salary increases but they also are adding .2 position. Selectman Hall asked what the total number of Literacy Coaches they would have. Mr. Connolly said that they have 4.

Chairman Cowan asked about the Tutors section under Articles 2 and 5. She asked what the difference was between Tutors and Tutors 504 Plans. Mr. Connolly said that if a student is expelled from a school and the student has an IEP, this means that this student's education cannot be discontinued by Federal Law. They are obligated to provide some sort of service to them. They provide a tutorial service which is offsite from the school such as at a church. This is through Special Education dollars. If a student is hospitalized, we pay the hospital fee for the

tutorial service if the student has an IEP. If the student is not in Special Education but has a 504 Plan for accommodations such as the student being a diabetic or has significant asthma and is hospitalized or is unable to attend school and is at home, we are required under the 504 Plan to provide education. Chairman Cowan asked if they paid the same rate for the tutors for Special Education and the 504 Plan. Mr. Connolly said that they were paid the same and he believes it is about \$25 per hour.

Selectman Galemmo asked what the \$126,000 for Local Revenue under Nutrition was used for. Mr. Connolly stated that the regulation is that School Nutrition needs to be a break even line at the end of a school year. For the 19/20 years, they calculated that \$126,000 contribution from the communities would allow this happen. One of the things that they are having a great deal of difficulty with is that there is Legislation that was approved called No Food Shaming. Previously if an account was in arrears, notifications, alerts and letters were sent out to parents to let them know that they are in arrears. If they don't hear from them, they try calling them. Previously they would provide the basic meal of the day to these students because it is the most cost effective. The Shaming Law states that when a student comes to a register and they talk to the student about the food that they are allowed to have because they have an outstanding balance, is considered shaming them. Now they have to accept whatever the student has picked up. This means that they can have a la carte which we do not get State subsidy for at all. Between September and February we were \$8,000 in the hole.

Selectman Hall stated that, last year, they had a concern about how much money the Federal government gives to the District. He said that they used to put it in the booklet and he thought that they discussed it last year and had agreed to start including it again in this year's information. Mr. Connolly stated that he didn't recall it. He said that they don't always get the numbers for some of the Federal programs in time so they would have to use the previous year's numbers. Selectman Hall said that the total budget is \$42 million but he knows that the District is getting more than that so he would like to have a rough idea as to what the complete total is. Mr. Connolly said that they are getting about \$900,000 from Local Entitlements but does not recall what the amounts were for the Title programs.

Dwayne asked if the SRO budget included both Berwick and North Berwick's SRO plus the staff person that the school pays for. Mr. Connolly said that it was just for the SRO officers. Dwayne said that we bill the school for \$79,000 and Berwick is billing them \$100,000. He wondered why they are billing so much more. Mr. Connolly will research this further and get back to Dwayne.

#### **4. Unfinished Business:**

There is on unfinished business at this time.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – May 21, 2019 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building**

**5. New Business:**

**B. MSAD 60 Election:** Ballot Clerk Appointments

Dwayne said that Chris was recommending Susan Caler, Susan Ouellette and Linda Pedersen to be Ballot Clerks for the June 11, 2019 vote.

Selectman Hall motioned to approve Susan Caler, Susan Ouellette and Linda Pedersen to be Ballot Clerks for the June 11, 2019 vote. Selectman Galemmo seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

**C. Abatements:** Aldrich (Map 3 Lot 109-15)

Dwayne stated that they have been billing the Aldrich's for the roadway at Pine Meadow Court. We typically do not do that. The reason that it was done is because there was a lawsuit and as part of the lawsuit, they had to claim ownership and for some reason a Lot was put on to our Tax Map. The Lot is actually the roadway and is shared by multiple people so they shouldn't be paying the taxes on that roadway. We can give them a 3 year abatement.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve Abatement #5 for Andrew and Carolyn Aldrich for FY 2017, FY 2018 and FY 2019 for the amount of \$41.91. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

**D. Supplementals:** Richardson Tree Growth Removal (Map 3 Lot 3)

Dwayne stated that this was a Tree Growth Supplemental for the Richardson's. Their Tree Growth report was up and they have decided to not continue with it and are pulling it out of the Tree Growth Program. In order for them to do that, there is a penalty associated with it. In their case, it is for \$1,683.78.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve Supplemental #3 for the Richardson's to pull out of the Tree Growth Program with a penalty charge of \$1,683.78. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

**E. ZBA:** Appointment of Todd Hoffman

Dwayne stated that Todd Hoffman wants to continue to be on the ZBA.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to reappoint Todd Hoffman to the Zoning Board of Appeals through 12/30/21. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

**F. Staples Bridge: Review DOT Proposal**

Dwayne stated that next Thursday night is a Public Hearing about the bridge. What DOT will be doing is redoing the bridge by building a bridge by the existing bridge and removing the old bridge. They will realign the road. There are currently 2 designs for the bridge. One is a metal bridge design with metal girders and a concrete deck. The other is a precast concrete bridge. The current bridge is about 18 feet wide and the new one will be about 16 feet wide.

**6. Other Business:**

Dwayne said that they sent in a request to DOT to look at putting a light at the Linscott intersection. He has been notified by DOT that they have received our request and they will put it in their queue. When we first started this process, they had told him that it would probably be a 3 month process. This has changed from a 3 month process to a 3 month looking at our letter process. They will then decide from the multitude of review requests which ones they are actually going to do. They did tell him that the likelihood of Linscott Road making that list is highly unlikely. They told him that we could do a few other things. Dwayne will have a meeting with the DOT Planning Department on Thursday to find out what they can do for us. He believes that if we want anything to happen there it will be all on us. We will have to do all of the engineering and all the repair. There will be no cost sharing on the State side. He said that they can enter a program called the NPP program where we can apply to the State for assistance. Dwayne is starting this process now.

Dwayne asked if there was anything we could do in the short term. He received an email back from the State today stating that they would allow us to put up Tapco Signalization lights at Linscott Road. It is not a street light. It is basically 2 types of signalization. There would be a signal on Linscott Road and a signal on Route 9. If you are on Linscott Road and a car was coming up Route 9, the light would blink. Dwayne will find out what it will cost but he thinks it would cost about \$25,000.

Chairman Cowan said that when she was driving up Governor Goodwin Road, she noticed a little house that seems to have a lot of trash. Dwayne said that he believes it is being foreclosed on and it makes it very difficult for the town to do anything.

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

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| Warrant: | April 23, 2019 | - \$ | 0.00      |
| Warrant: | April 30, 2019 | - \$ | 86,007.25 |
| Warrant: | May 7, 2019    | - \$ | 20,587.88 |

Selectman Galemмо motioned to approve the Warrant of April 30, 2019 for the amount of \$86,007.25 and the Warrant of May 7, 2019 for the amount of \$20,587.88. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

**8. Adjournment:**

Selectman Glemmo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0

Respectively Submitted,  
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Wendy Cowan

Selectman: Jonathan Hall

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectman: Charles Glemmo

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Sr.