

North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes November 5, 2019

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

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

Also Present: Dwayne Morin

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Approve Minutes of October 15, 2019

Dwayne stated that on page 6, in the 2nd paragraph, it stated that the name of the women was Avie Murray. However, her correct name is Flora Murray. Selectman Johnson, Jr. stated that on page 3, the in the 4th paragraph, it currently states that Selectman Johnson, Jr. made the motion and that he seconded it. It was actually Selectman Galemmo that made the motion. Selectman Hall stated that the 2nd paragraph on page 5 currently reads, "Selectman Hall motioned to but the one ton truck...". It should read, "Selectman Hall motioned to put the one ton truck...".

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019 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. Capital Projects: Updates

Dwayne stated that they were pretty much at the end of the capital projects right now. They will complete Dennett Road in the springtime. They will then be putting the bridges on the trails and do some tree cutting. They still need to put the new rails on the Transfer Station Demo building.

B. Linscott Road: Intersection Realignment

Dwayne stated that they are moving forward on the Linscott Road intersection realignment. Sebago Technics finished up the surveying last week and they are currently doing the engineering design work. He hopes that they will have a first draft by mid to late November so they can send it out to the State for their comments.

Dwayne stated that he met with the State last Wednesday. He said that the Commissioner of the DOT ordered their people to come down and talk to him. Dwayne said that he went over it all again so that they could all understand. He said that the ability for us to get the parcel of land across from Pratt is looking very good. It has cleared local approval and is now at the State level. Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked what the State could possibly want with that piece of land. Dwayne stated that it's not whether they want it or not but how they have to dispose of it. He said that the State has a whole lot of disposition requirements. It is not possible for them to just give it to the town unless it is tied to something. The State has to offer it to the neighbors first. Dwayne said that if they offer it to the neighbors first, he knows one of the neighbors will most likely buy it. Dwayne stated that the Commissioner can deem it a necessity to sell it and this is what they are working on now. Dwayne was told that the Commissioner indicated that they will not do anything that will hinder our ability to move the intersection.

C. Streetlight Project: Update

Dwayne stated that the GIS mapping is almost done and we are next in line to have the lights installed. He stated that they did have a couple of issues come up. He said that they will be adding 3 to 5 streetlights. Central Maine Power had given a detailed list of where each of our lights were located. As they went out and started looking at streetlights to map and take pictures of every pole they found some poles where CMP said that lights existed but they didn't and we were paying on them. They also found 3 streetlights that we weren't paying CMP for. There were also 2 streetlights found that are privately owned but are really our streetlights. One of these is at the intersection of Burma and Route 9. This was being paid by Pratt. The other one is down by the bank. They also found an extra one at the High School and he notified the Superintendent so it will be included. We have fixed these now so the Pratt one has been moved to our account as well as any others that they found. Chairman Cowan asked what the total number of lights came to now. Dwayne said that they started off the project with 179 lights and it now looks like we will have between 181 to 184 lights. He should have the final number by the end of the week.

D. Recycling: Request to Join the NRC Recycling Reform Project

Dwayne stated that, at the last meeting, they had discussed the NRC Recycling Reform Project. They have made a request to the Board to join in with them for their reform. They are asking, that if the Board does decide to join, that they do it before December 31st. If the Board is in favor of it, then they would have to pass a resolution. Dwayne stated that there was a sample resolution on page 10. Selectman Galemmo and Selectman Hall have no issues with it. Selectman Galemmo is hoping that it will encourage manufacturing to cut down on their packaging. Dwayne stated that this is the drive for this. They also want to have it so that the producers would become responsible for the costs of recycling. He is not sure how they are planning on accomplishing this at this time.

Dwayne said that he will have a resolution at the next meeting for the Board to sign.

Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – Nov. 19, 2019 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

Labor Negotiations – November 12, 2019 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

5. New Business:

A. Special Town Meeting: Review Warrant Articles

Dwayne stated that there was a copy of a draft Warrant in their packet for the upcoming Special Town Meeting being held on December 3rd. He stated that there are 2 questions that they will be deciding on and they have both been drafted by our attorneys. The first one states, “Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease on municipally owned property Map 4 Lots 17-1, and 21 for the purposes of solar electricity generation on such terms as the Board deems to be in the Town’s interest?”. This would allow the Board the authority to enter into a long term lease with the company for solar electricity generation.

The second questions reads, “Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease with a telecommunications service provider for use of a portion of the Municipal Building (Town Hall) on such terms as the Board deems to be in the Town’s interest?”.

Dwayne stated that both Articles are not specific as to provider. It is just having the Town grant the Selectmen permission so that we can seek vendors to do and accomplish these goals. He said that he will be writing the newsletter this week. His goal is to have the Budget Committee members present at our next meeting so they can act on the Articles. He will then send the newsletter out that Friday following the meeting. He will add it to the Town website and our Facebook page indicating that there will be a Special Town Meeting. The Board all agreed that the Warrant looked good.

B. Eastern Trail: Update

Dwayne stated that the Eastern Trail has just applied for \$728,000 in Maine grants. This will design the trail from Kennebunk to North Berwick. This will get all of the engineering part of it completed. The DOT has worked well with the Eastern Trail to help get this grant.

Dwayne said that they still need to appoint a representative from North Berwick to the Eastern Trail. He stated that he has 2 people that are interested. The interested people were Mark and Rebecca Reed. Chairman Cowan told Dwayne to ask the Reed’s which one of them would like to be the primary representative.

C. Code Enforcement Officer: Update

Dwayne stated that Roger Frechette, the Code Enforcement Officer, had an accident at his home and injured himself quite badly. He did come back to work today. He will be working half days for a few days this week. He will be seeing the doctor next Tuesday and he hopes that he will be allowed to come back full time. The only problem is that he is not allowed to drive right now until he can maneuver better. Dwayne said that they are doing the same thing as when he was out on extended medical leave earlier this year. South Berwick is still covering us because he is our Deputy Plumbing Inspector and Wells has been helping to cover as well. Dwayne said that he has been doing all of the permitting and answering any questions.

D. William Hill Firefighter Assoc.: Request for Blanket Bingo Letter

Dwayne stated that, every year, the William Hill Firefighter Association gives us a contract and would like us to approve a blanket letter for Bingo. They do Bingo at the Community Center and they have to have approval from the Board.

Selectman Hall motioned to approve the Blanket Bingo Letter for the William Hill Firefighter Association. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the meeting. VOTE: 5-0

7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:

Warrant:	October 22, 2019	- \$ 28,632.19
Warrant:	October 29, 2019	- \$ 0.00
Warrant:	November 5, 2019	- \$ 89,153.25

Selectman Galemme motioned to approve the Warrant of October 22, 2019 for the amount of \$28,632.19 and the Warrant of November 5, 2019 for the amount of \$89,153.25. Selectman Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

6. Other Business – Executive Session – Legal

Selectman Galemme motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:23 pm and to come out of Executive Session at 8:23 pm. Selectman Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

8. Adjournment:

Selectman Glemmo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Selectman Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

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.