

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes December 3, 2019**

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DECEMBER 3, 2019**

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

**Also Present:** Dwayne Morin

**1. Special Town Meeting – 6:00 PM**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Review and Approve Minutes of November 19, 2019**

Selectman Johnson, Sr. stated that on page 13 the last sentence in the last paragraph has the name “Jeremiah Jones” but it should be “Jeremiah Johnson”.

Selectman Galemmo motioned to approve the minutes of November 19, 2019 as amended. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**4. Public Input**

There was no public input at this time.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Linscott Road: Intersection Realignment**

Dwayne stated that the inspection was done on Tuesday and he is waiting for the report to come in. He met with the engineers and he is hoping to have a preliminary design by the end of this week. We can then send it off to the State for their review.

**B. Streetlight Project: Update**

Dwayne stated that they are finishing up Gardner and one other town in the Calais area. As soon as one of these crews becomes available they will start on ours. Their goal is still to be done by the end of the year.

**C. Boston Post Cane:** Award to New Recipient

Dwayne stated that he has contacted the person to see if they would be interested in receiving it and he is waiting to hear back.

**D. Maple Street Forest:** Update on Crossings

Dwayne said that they got one crossing done and then they had a lot of rain. Now they may not get to the other crossing until Spring. The area where they were working flooded and it was very muddy. They put down filter fabric and brought in material just to get the trucks in and out. They hoped that it would take about a day and a half. They did about a half day on the first day but decided to stop because of the mud. If they can get some good days for weather, then they can try and do some more.

Dwayne said that he will make contact with the property owner to see if they would be interested in selling to the Town the area from the end of Nowell Street to the town property. This would allow us to control the access. He stated that we don't have a turnaround and it is very difficult to plow snow on Nowell Street. We used to turn around in people's driveways but that sometimes becomes an issue. He stated that they used to turn around where the mobile home was but now there is a brand new home there so we won't be turning around there anymore. Chairman Cowan asked how much property he was looking at. Dwayne said that is a parcel about 50 feet wide by less than 100 feet. He stated that he doesn't know if the owners are willing or not but they were amicable to allowing them to use it for access. Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked if it would affect their lot size. Dwayne said that they have a very large lot and it won't affect them at all.

Dwayne said that he would check with them. He stated that it would be nice to have a place for the trucks to turn around. Right now they plow Nowell Street and then they back the whole way out.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – Dec. 17, 2019 – 6:30 pm Municipal Building

**Labor Negotiations** – Dec. 10, 2019 – 5:30 pm Municipal Building

**6. New Business:**

**A. Budget FY21:** Discuss Budget Items for Consideration FY21

Dwayne said that he has been working on the budget and looking at some costs. He asked the Selectmen if there was anything that they wanted him to be considering to be included in the budget. Chairman Cowan asked about the property that was for sale at the intersection of Route 4 and Lebanon Road. She wondered how much they were asking for it. Dwayne said that it was \$99,000 and it has been sold. He stated that the new owner is planning on putting one house on it.

Chairman Cowan asked if there was any way that they could add a light at the end of the Transfer Station. She said that she was turning in there one night and found it to be very dark. Dwayne said that they have a light across the street that shines there. Chairman Cowan said that it doesn't shine very well. She said that maybe they just have to change the angle of it. Dwayne said that they would look into it and see what they can do.

Dwayne reviewed the plan that they currently have for Capital Improvements. Most of it is for repayments. We are still paying for Fire Truck #4. We are almost done on this truck. We will be done in 2023. We will start putting money away to replace Fire Truck #3. We are putting away \$40,000 for 2 years and then get a replacement truck. He stated that they are probably going to skip the Substation/Central Station repairs because they have done a lot of those already this past year. They did the LED lighting and both of the driveways. The only thing that the Chief would like to do is something with the bathrooms in the Central Station because they are so old. They are keeping \$50,000 in the budget for the Fire Station addition. We still have payments to do on the Tanker Bond, which we are about half way through paying.

Dwayne stated that they have \$40,000 for the Police Cruiser but he doesn't believe that this will be enough. He is waiting to hear back on prices. The SUV Ford Explorer police packages have gone to hybrid and you don't get a choice. The prices went up substantially and we are still waiting for some costs.

Dwayne said that we have 3 more years on the Road Bond. The amounts for our Road Reconstruction, Road Bond and Pavement Maintenance total \$400,000.00. The sidewalks are budgeted for \$5,000. Dwayne said that they might increase this amount because Mike wants to fix the sidewalk on Varney Road. Dwayne stated that we have the last payment for our Loader this year. Regarding the Sidewalk Plow, we originally had \$100,000 but we just got the quote and it came in at \$145,000. He said that the machine itself is \$120,000, the snow blower is about \$10,000 and the sander is about \$6,000. He stated that we already have the plow and we are not going to replace it. We will also make a payment on the Ambulance.

Dwayne stated that they have 3 road projects on the docket. They are the first section of back Beech Ridge Road, the first section of Ford Quint Road and the second section of Valley Road. If they do move forward with Linscott Road, one of these is going to have to go away unless we add to the budget. He thinks that they can move stuff around to accommodate for it. He stated that the purchase of the property for the Linscott Road project will be the biggest cost. He thinks that they can actually build the road for under \$100,000. He is waiting for the engineering to get back to him with the final numbers. He said that most of the cost will be paying us back for our trucks. Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked if it was cheaper to rent an excavator or to hire someone with an excavator. Dwayne said that it is cheaper to hire someone and it gives us an extra person. It costs about \$1,000 per day for the excavator and the man. It will be about a 3 week process. We will also need a dozer and a man. We only get charged for the hours that they are actually working.

Dwayne stated that one of their copiers from the office broke. The copiers are 9 years old. They usually try to replace it every 10 years but one of them died and because of the age of the copier, they can't repair them anymore. He said that there is currently a loaner in the Police

Department. He has been talking to the copier people to see what is available. Right now, Xerox is doing a buy one get one deal. Dwayne said that he may have to come to the Board at the next meeting to get approval to spend some unanticipated money. Chairman Cowan asked about how much it might cost. Dwayne said that it would probably be in about the \$6,000 to \$7,000 range.

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

Warrant:	November 26, 2019	- \$ 12,704.18
Warrant:	December 3, 2019	- \$ 72,931.77

Selectman Galemмо motioned to approve the Warrant of November 26, 2019 for the amount of \$12,704.18 and the Warrant of December 3, 2019 for the amount of \$72,931.77. Selectman Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**7. Other Business – Executive Session – Legal**

Selectman Galemмо motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:11 pm and get out at 7:26 pm. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**9. Adjournment:**

Selectman Glemmo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Selectman Johnson, Jr. 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.