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TOWN MANAGER COLUMN

This year's budget preparation started back in November of 2018 when all departments, committees and outside agencies were asked to submit their budget requests for the ensuing fiscal year with the goal of a flat or reduced budget. As with every year, we have continued to scrutinize every cost of town government in an effort to reduce and limit the costs of Town government.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee are recommending a budget that is increased from the previous year. They are aware of the difficulty placed on residents with increased tax burden so they have worked diligently to contain costs while maintaining service levels that citizens demand. To reduce the impact on the tax rate, the Selectmen and Budget Committee are recommending utilization of undesignated fund balance and designated fund balance. On the positive side, the Town expects to see additional tax revenue from real estate taxes, excise taxes and miscellaneous fees to assist in offsetting the increase in the amount of taxation dollars needed for the budget.

There are many increases to costs which are outlined in the pages of this newsletter including both Operational and Capital Improvement costs.

As a result, the total budget being recommended is \$4,791,818.00 or a 4.80% increase from last year. Department heads made a huge effort to contain all costs at last year's levels while continuing the range of services provided by the Town, however, continued increase in costs and services does not permit the town to decrease the budget for the ensuing year to provide the level of services citizens demand. This has resulted in the operations side of the budget increasing by 3.90% from last year. The Capital Improvement side of the budget has increased 9.14%

however, many of the planned capital projects have reserve funds saved over the past few years that will be utilized. If approved as presented, this budget will not have any effect on the Tax Rate. The Town is expecting higher revenues due to excise tax, miscellaneous fees, and taxes due to buildings and improvements. The Town is also proposing to utilize undesignated fund balance to keep the level of taxation down.

Also, on this year's ballot are 10 questions to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Street Design and Construction Standard Ordinance along with the adoption of 2 new ordinances; Licensing for Medical Marijuana Establishments Ordinance and Food Sovereignty Ordinance. The Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen have been working on the medical marijuana amendments to the Zoning Ordinance over the past 12 months and are proposing amendments to allow all, none or some of the land uses associated with Medical Marijuana based on voter preference. This represents 8 of the referendum questions voters will act upon. In addition, the Con-Ag Commission is proposing converting our Food Sovereignty Resolution into an Ordinance format.

I encourage all citizens to review the proposed changes and decide whether these are in the best interest of the town as a whole. If you believe that it is, then vote YES. If you believe that this is not the best path for North Berwick, vote NO. Either way, these are important issues that should be decided by the entire town and all are encouraged to vote on Town Meeting day.

There is also the need to elect officers for the next year and the candidates are listed within the newsletter for voter consideration.

I encourage all citizens to review the newsletter to understand the issues and to vote in the best interest of the Town and quality of life that we enjoy. *Dwayne*

Town Meeting Highlights: Morning Session – Referendum Questions and Elections



This year, the Town will open the polls for the morning session referendum questions at 8:00 am with polls closing at 1:00 pm. If you cannot vote during this time frame, you are encouraged to get an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk so that you have the opportunity to have your vote counted. Absentee Ballots can be obtained by contacting Chris at 676-3353 x 1. The last day to vote via absentee ballot is Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Please remember that you can bring this newsletter in to assist you in your voting.

All the proposed changes can be obtained at the Town Office or on the town's website: www.townofnorthberwick.org.

DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE DOCUMENT FOR THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROPOSED CHANGES (51 PAGES), THEY WILL NOT BE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. A SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. ALL THE CHANGES CAN BE VIEWED ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT TOWNOFNORTHBERWICK.ORG.

Medical Marijuana – This past year, the Maine Legislature approve significant changes to the State of Maine's Medical Marijuana law. The most significant change was allowing municipalities to regulate the land uses associated with medical marijuana. Specifically, the State law provides that unless a Town "opts-in" or votes to allow certain land uses, they are not allowed within the Town. Currently the Town only has regulations relating to Medical Marijuana Dispensaries as that was the only land use the previous State Law allowed the Town to regulate. However, the Town's regulation on dispensaries needs to be amended to comply with the new State Law. The Town does not have any regulations on the following land uses: Medical Marijuana Manufacturing Facilities, Medical Marijuana Testing Facilities, Medical Marijuana Commercial Cultivation, Medical Marijuana Counseling Offices, and Medical Marijuana Retail Stores. The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board sought input from citizens on whether to propose allowing the land uses in the Town of North Berwick. What became very clear was that many citizens felt that allowing certain medical marijuana land uses with regulations was important to the citizens. Those who were opposed to the land uses felt that the citizens should have the ability to choose what land uses should be approved.

In order to provide voters with the ability to choose what land uses should be allowed in North Berwick, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board drafted 8 questions that will allow voters to decide what land uses they would like to have in North Berwick. Each use does not have a bearing on other uses. You can choose all, some or none, each land use stands on its own merit. As an example, voters can vote to allow medical marijuana manufacturing but not medical marijuana testing facilities. ***It is important to note that the State Law does not allow Towns to decide whether medical marijuana usage is permitted or not permitted within the town. It only allows for the regulation of the land uses within the town. If voters vote NO on all the questions, medical marijuana usage is still permitted in town, just the land uses would not be permitted. Also, if voters vote NO on Question 2, the personal cultivation of medical marijuana would still be permitted, however, there would be no regulations other than that which is provided under State Law.***

The voters of Town will decide what medical marijuana land uses should be allowed in North Berwick. If you want to allow all the land uses, please vote YES on the questions. If you do not want to allow the land uses, please vote NO on the questions. If you want some of the land uses but not all of them, vote YES on the land uses you wish to allow and NO on those you do not want the Town to allow. The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board encourage all citizens to carefully consider the questions and vote how you feel is in the best interest of the Town of North Berwick.

QUESTION #1: SHALL PORTIONS OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS” BE ENACTED TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN SECTION 3.1: DEFINITIONS, AS APPLICABLE; SECTION 5.2.1.2.A: MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES; AND SECTION 5.2.1.G: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS?

Currently, this is the only land use approved by voters to be allowed within the Town of North Berwick. This was enacted by voters after the initial State of Maine Medical Marijuana law was approved in 20___. However, with the new legislation recently adopted by the State of Maine, this land use regulation needs to be amended to comply with the State of Maine Law.

What is this Land Use: A “Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S. § 2422(6), as may be amended, means an entity registered under section 2425-A that acquires, possesses, cultivates, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, sells, supplies or dispenses Medical Marijuana or related supplies and educational materials to Medical Marijuana Qualifying Patients and the caregivers of those patients. A Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary includes a location at which marijuana is cultivated pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 2428, as may be amended. A Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary is not a medical office or a professional office and is only authorized as a principal use, and not as an accessory use, and only where expressly allowed as a conditional use.

The State of Maine only allows for 14 Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to exist within the State of Maine.

Where can they be located: The currently ordinance allows Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to be allowed in the Village Center District as a Conditional Use. The Ordinance allows for only 1 Medical Marijuana Dispensary to exist in the Town of North Berwick. A Conditional Use requires Planning Board approval.

Changes to the current language: The proposed amendment includes the elimination of Medical Marijuana registered cultivation facilities associated with a Registered Medical Marijuana Dispensary from the ordinance to comply with the new State Law. The definition of registered cultivation facilities has been removed from the State law and needs to be removed from the Town’s Ordinance. The new State Law allows a Medical Marijuana Dispensary to have associated cultivation facilities with a registered Medical Marijuana Dispensary.

Setbacks from sensitive land uses such as schools, daycares, playgrounds, churches, etc.: The new state law provides that medical marijuana land uses cannot advertise within 1000 feet of a public and private school. (The law does allow the Town to reduce this setback to 500 feet). Since a Medical Marijuana Dispensary would have a sign for the land use, it is proposed to not allow them within 1000 feet of a private or public school, public library, daycare or public park and 500 feet from any church, chapel, parish house or place of worship.

General Performance Standards: In order to promote for the general welfare of the town, establish fair and reasonable standards, provide local protection from particular nuisances, preserve the peaceful rural surroundings, balance the right of land-owners to use their land and abutters to live with undue disturbances, encourage new development be integrated harmoniously into the community, protect property values and reduce adverse off-site impact of development, the proposal creates a uniform set of performance standards for all medical marijuana establishments to follow. Included in the 13 performance standards are:

- Ownership Requirements
- Enclosed and Locked Facility Requirements
- Security and Oversight Requirements
- Compliance with health and safety codes
- Waste Disposal Requirements
- Setback from Sensitive Uses
- Annual License Requirements
- Operations Manual and Safety Plan Requirements
- Odor Control Plan Requirements
- Prohibition of on-site consumption
- Signage and Advertising Requirements
- Inspection Requirements
- Compliance with all applicable State and Local laws

Intent: To amend the Town of North Berwick Medical Marijuana Dispensary regulations to comply with State of Maine law and include local regulations to the operation of the land use.

QUESTION #2: SHALL PORTIONS OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS” BE ENACTED TO REQUIRE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN SECTION 5.2.1.2.B: HOME CULTIVATION MEDICAL AND ADULT USE MARIJUANA?

Explanation: The Town cannot prohibit the cultivation of Medical Marijuana or Adult Use Marijuana for personal use within their community. However, the Town can establish a set of performance standards to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community. The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board are proposing a set of regulations to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

What is this Land Use: The inside or outside cultivation of marijuana, both Medical and Adult Use, for personal use. This would be limited to 1/4 the total square footage of the dwelling or 120 square feet, whichever is less.

Where can they be located: The Town is not permitted under State Law to prohibit this activity, therefore, it is allowed in all Zones of the Town.

Requirements:

- It must be located in an enclosed, locked facility or secured outdoor area.
- Outside cultivation must be screened from common visual observation with a solid fence at least 6 feet in height.
- Cannot include the commercial sale of marijuana.
- Must comply with health and safety codes.
- Use of non-synthetic chemicals and pesticides must comply with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.
- Must have adequate ventilation and odor management to prevent mold damage and odors from becoming a nuisance to surrounding properties.
- Must provide for the proper waste disposal of marijuana waste and residue.

Intent: To provide a reasonable set of performance standards for the Home cultivation of Medical and Adult Use. If not approved by voters, the land use is still allowed without any local regulation.

QUESTION #3: SHALL PORTIONS OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS” BE ENACTED TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMERCIAL CULTIVATION AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN SECTION 3.1: DEFINITIONS, AS APPLICABLE; SECTION 5.2.1.2.C: MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMERCIAL CULTIVATION; AND SECTION 5.2.1.G: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS?

What is this Land Use: “Medical Marijuana Commercial Cultivation Facility” means an indoor or outdoor area in excess of 120 sq. ft. used for cultivation in accordance with the Maine Medical Marijuana Act 22 M.R.S. § 2421 et seq. that is enclosed and equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by a person authorized to have access to the area pursuant to Maine Medical Marijuana Act 22 M.R.S. § 2421 et seq. A Medical Marijuana Commercial Cultivation facility shall not be used as, or occupied by a “collective” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. § 2422(1-A), as may be amended. A Medical Marijuana Commercial Cultivation Facility is only authorized as a principal use, and not as an accessory use, and only where expressly allowed as a permitted or conditional use.

Where can they be located: The proposed amendment would allow this as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Farm and Forest District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District. A Conditional Use requires Planning Board approval.

Specific Requirements:

- Medical Marijuana Commercial Cultivation shall be conducted indoors except outdoor cultivation is allowed in the Farm and Forest District.
- Outdoor cultivation in the Farm and Forest District must be setback 100 feet from the front lot line and 75 feet from the rear and side lot lines.

- The vegetative footprint of the Cultivation Facility is limited to 2,500 square feet in area.
- Whether inside or outside, the facility must be an enclosed and locked facility/outdoor area.
- Outdoor Commercial Cultivation must be screened from common visual observation with a solid fence at least 6 feet in height.
- Collocation of cultivation facilities to increase the vegetative footprint size is prohibited in the Farm and Forest District.
- Collocation of cultivation facilities in other allowed districts is allowed pursuant to the extent allowed by State Law, however, each caregiver shall have a distinct and sperate space and no collective of caregivers is permitted.
- The use of gas products, including but not limited to carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and butane, and ozone generators is prohibited.

General Performance Standards: In order to promote for the general welfare of the town, establish fair and reasonable standards, provide local protection from particular nuisances, preserve the peaceful rural surroundings, balance the right of land-owners to use their land and abutters to live with undue disturbances, encourage new development be integrated harmoniously into the community, protect property values and reduce adverse off-site impact of development, the proposal creates a uniform set of performance standards for all medical marijuana establishments to follow. Included in the 13 performance standards are:

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| • Ownership Requirements | • Operations Manual and Safety Plan Requirements |
| • Enclosed and Locked Facility Requirements | • Odor Control Plan Requirements |
| • Security and Oversight Requirements | • Prohibition of on-site consumption |
| • Compliance with health and safety codes | • Signage and Advertising Requirements |
| • Waste Disposal Requirements | • Inspection Requirements |
| • Setback from Sensitive Uses | • Compliance with all applicable State and Local laws |
| • Annual License Requirements | |

Intent: *To amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit Medical Marijuana Commercial Cultivation as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Farm and Forest District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District.*

QUESTION #4: SHALL PORTIONS OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS” BE ENACTED TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITIES AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN SECTION 3.1: DEFINITIONS, AS APPLICABLE, SECTION 5.2.1.2.D: MEDICAL MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITIES; AND SECTION 5.2.1.G: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS?

What is this Land Use: "Medical Marijuana Testing Facility", as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S. § 2422(5-C), as may be amended, means a public or private laboratory that:

- Is authorized in accordance with section 2423-A, subsection 10 to analyze contaminants in and the potency and cannabinoid profile of samples; and
- Is accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a 3rd-party accrediting body or is certified, registered or accredited by an organization approved by the department.
- A Medical Marijuana Testing Facility is only authorized as a principal use, and not as an accessory use, and only where expressly allowed as a permitted or conditional use.

Where can they be located: The proposed amendment would allow this as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District. A Conditional Use requires Planning Board approval.

Specific Requirements:

- A Medical Marijuana Testing Facility may not be located or co-located with any other medical marijuana establishment.
- Medical Marijuana Testing Facilities shall include appropriate ventilation systems to mitigate noxious gases or other fumes used or created as part of the production.
- No setbacks from Sensitive Uses. Utilize setbacks in Zoning District.

General Performance Standards: In order to promote for the general welfare of the town, establish fair and reasonable standards, provide local protection from particular nuisances, preserve the peaceful rural surroundings, balance the right of land-owners to use their land and abutters to live with undue disturbances, encourage new development be integrated harmoniously into the community, protect property values and reduce adverse off-site impact of development, the proposal creates a uniform set of performance standards for all medical marijuana establishments to follow. Included in the 13 performance standards are:

- Ownership Requirements
- Enclosed and Locked Facility Requirements
- Security and Oversight Requirements
- Compliance with health and safety codes
- Waste Disposal Requirements
- Setback from Sensitive Uses
- Annual License Requirements
- Operations Manual and Safety Plan Requirements
- Odor Control Plan Requirements
- Prohibition of on-site consumption
- Signage and Advertising Requirements
- Inspection Requirements
- Compliance with all applicable State and Local laws

Intent: To amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit Medical Marijuana Testing Facility as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District.

QUESTION #5: SHALL PORTIONS OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS” BE ENACTED TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA MANUFACTURING FACILITIES AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN SECTION 3.1: DEFINITIONS, AS APPLICABLE; SECTION 5.2.1.2.E: MEDICAL MARIJUANA MANUFACTURING FACILITY; AND SECTION 5.2.1.G: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS?

What is this Land Use: “Medical Marijuana Manufacturing” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. § 2422(4-G), as may be amended, means the production, blending, infusing, compounding or other preparation of Medical Marijuana Concentrate and medical marijuana products, including, but not limited to, Medical Marijuana Extraction or preparation by means of chemical synthesis.

"Medical Marijuana Manufacturing Facility" as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S. § 2422(4-H), as may be amended, means a registered tier 1 or tier 2 manufacturing facility or a person authorized to engage in Medical Marijuana Extraction under section 2423-F. A Medical Marijuana Manufacturing Facility is only authorized as a principal use, and not as an accessory use, and only where expressly allowed as a permitted or conditional use.

Where can they be located: The proposed amendment would allow this as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District. A Conditional Use requires Planning Board approval.

Specific Requirements:

- A Medical Marijuana Testing Facility may not be located or co-located with any other medical marijuana establishment.
- Medical Marijuana Testing Facilities shall include appropriate ventilation systems to mitigate noxious gases or other fumes used or created as part of the production.

General Performance Standards: In order to promote for the general welfare of the town, establish fair and reasonable standards, provide local protection from particular nuisances, preserve the peaceful rural surroundings, balance the right of land-owners to use their land and abutters to live with undue disturbances, encourage new development be integrated harmoniously into the community, protect property values and reduce adverse off-site impact of development, the proposal creates a uniform set of performance standards for all medical marijuana establishments to follow. Included in the 13 performance standards are:

- Ownership Requirements
- Enclosed and Locked Facility Requirements
- Security and Oversight Requirements
- Compliance with health and safety codes
- Waste Disposal Requirements
- Setback from Sensitive Uses
- Annual License Requirements
- Operations Manual and Safety Plan Requirements
- Odor Control Plan Requirements
- Prohibition of on-site consumption
- Signage and Advertising Requirements
- Inspection Requirements
- Compliance with all applicable State and Local laws

Intent: *To amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit Medical Marijuana Manufacturing Facility as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District.*

QUESTION #6: SHALL PORTIONS OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS” BE ENACTED TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL STORES AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN SECTION 3.1: DEFINITIONS, AS APPLICABLE; SECTION 5.2.1.2.F: MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL STORE; AND SECTION 5.2.1.G: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS?

What is this Land Use: A “Medical Marijuana Retail Store” is a retail establishment operated by a single Medical Marijuana Registered Caregiver to furnish or sell Medical Marijuana to Medical Marijuana Qualifying Patients, as those terms are defined in 22 M.R.S. § 2422 and may include an area for consultation with Medical Marijuana Qualifying Patients. Two or more Medical Marijuana Registered Caregivers are prohibited from forming, owning or operating a Medical Marijuana Retail Store as a single Medical Marijuana Retail Store except as permitted under 22 M.R.S. 2430-D. A Medical Marijuana Retail Store is only authorized as a principal use, and not as an accessory use, except where permitted by law, and only where expressly allowed as a permitted or conditional use.

Where can they be located: The proposed amendment would allow this as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District. A Conditional Use requires Planning Board approval.

Specific Requirements:

- No more than one Medical Marijuana Retail Store may exist in the Town of North Berwick.
- License applications for Medical Marijuana Retail Stores, are subject to a lottery to choose the recipient.
- License applications for Medical Marijuana Retail Stores are subject to the North Berwick Medical Marijuana Licensing Ordinance.
- Medical Marijuana Retail Stores are prohibited from having drive-through pick-up facilities, and from providing home delivery services.
- All medical marijuana, prepared medical marijuana, or medical marijuana products shall be stored in a secured area accessible only to store employees for sale to qualifying patients.
- The owner of a Medical Marijuana Retail Store shall include in their operations manual a process that prohibits persons under the age of 18, unless accompanied by their Parent or their Legal Guardian or have a Medical Marijuana Qualifying Patient’s Card, from entering the Medical Marijuana Retail Store.
- There shall be no cultivation of medical marijuana within a Medical Marijuana Retail Store or collocated with a Medical Marijuana Retail Store.
- A Medical Marijuana Retail Store may not be located or co-located with any other medical marijuana establishment.

General Performance Standards: In order to promote for the general welfare of the town, establish fair and reasonable standards, provide local protection from particular nuisances, preserve the peaceful rural surroundings, balance the right of land-owners to use their land and abutters to live with undue disturbances, encourage new development be integrated harmoniously into the community, protect property values and reduce adverse off-site impact of development, the proposal creates a uniform set of performance standards for all medical marijuana establishments to follow. Included in the 13 performance standards are:

- Ownership Requirements
- Enclosed and Locked Facility Requirements
- Security and Oversight Requirements
- Compliance with health and safety codes
- Waste Disposal Requirements
- Setback from Sensitive Uses
- Annual License Requirements
- Operations Manual and Safety Plan Requirements
- Odor Control Plan Requirements
- Prohibition of on-site consumption
- Signage and Advertising Requirements
- Inspection Requirements
- Compliance with all applicable State and Local laws

Intent: *To amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit Medical Marijuana Retail Stores as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District.*

QUESTION #7: SHALL PORTIONS OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS” BE ENACTED TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA COUNSELING OFFICES AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN SECTION 3.1: DEFINITIONS AS APPLICABLE; AND SECTION 5.2.1.G: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS?

What is this Land Use: “Medical Marijuana Counseling Office” is an office for consultation with Medical Marijuana Qualifying Patients and operated by a single Medical Marijuana Registered Caregiver to furnish or sell Medical Marijuana to Medical Marijuana Qualifying Patients, as those terms are defined in 22 M.R.S. § 2422. No Medical Marijuana will be left on site. Two or more Medical Marijuana Registered Caregivers are prohibited from forming, owning or operating a Medical Marijuana Counseling Office, except as permitted under 22 M.R.S. 2430-D. A Medical Marijuana Counseling Office is only authorized as a principal use, and not as an accessory use, and only where expressly allowed as a permitted or conditional use.

Where can they be located: The proposed amendment would allow this as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District. A Conditional Use requires Planning Board approval.

General Performance Standards: In order to promote for the general welfare of the town, establish fair and reasonable standards, provide local protection from particular nuisances, preserve the peaceful rural surroundings, balance the right of land-owners to use their land and abutters to live with undue disturbances, encourage new development be integrated harmoniously into the community, protect property values and reduce adverse off-site impact of development, the proposal creates a uniform set of performance standards for all medical marijuana establishments to follow. Included in the 13 performance standards are:

- Ownership Requirements
- Enclosed and Locked Facility Requirements
- Security and Oversight Requirements
- Compliance with health and safety codes
- Waste Disposal Requirements
- Setback from Sensitive Uses
- Annual License Requirements
- Operations Manual and Safety Plan Requirements
- Odor Control Plan Requirements
- Prohibition of on-site consumption
- Signage and Advertising Requirements
- Inspection Requirements
- Compliance with all applicable State and Local laws

Intent: *To amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit Medical Marijuana Counseling Office as a Conditional Use in the Village Center District, Commercial District, Commercial II District and Industrial District.*

QUESTION #8: SHALL AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “LICENSING FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE” BE ENACTED?

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for and regulate the issuance of Local Licenses for Medical Marijuana Establishments as defined in the North Berwick Zoning Ordinance and by the State of Maine under the Medical Marijuana Legalization Act, 22 M.R.S.A., as may be amended. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings: Medical Marijuana manufacturing facility, Medical Marijuana Retail Store, Medical Marijuana Testing Facility, Medical Marijuana Commercial Cultivation Facility (indoor and outdoor), and Medical Marijuana Counseling Office. These terms are collectively hereinafter referred to as “Medical Marijuana Establishments.”

Ordinance Requirements:

- The fee for licenses granted under this Ordinance shall be \$1,000.00 per year. The fee shall be doubled for late or after-the-fact applications.
- No Medical Marijuana Establishment shall be established or operated within the Town without first receiving and then maintaining all approvals required under this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, the North Berwick Zoning Ordinance.
- No Medical Marijuana Establishment shall conduct any activity for which it has not received the required State License and Local License.
- The municipal officers shall have the authority to approve or disapprove applications for licenses for the operation of Medical Marijuana establishments.
- The Ordinance describes the process of how licenses are to be issued and/or renewed on an annual basis.
- The Ordinance describes the process of how the lottery for the Medical Marijuana Retail Store shall be conducted.
- The Ordinance describes the appeal process, the penalty for violating the licensing ordinance, the severability provision and process for conflict with other laws.

Intent: To provide for and regulate the issuance of Local Licenses for Medical Marijuana Establishments as defined in the North Berwick Zoning Ordinance and by the State of Maine under the Medical Marijuana Legalization Act.

QUESTION #9: SHALL AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.6.A.7 OF THE STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARD ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF A PRIVATE ROAD” BE ENACTED?

Ordinance Currently Reads:

2.6 Street classification system.

- A. All streets in the Town of North Berwick shall be classified by the Board of Selectmen into the following categories based on construction standards:
7. Private Road: a privately owned access way or right-of-way that does not meet any of the standards contained in this ordinance. These roads are nonconforming and provide frontage for more than two dwelling units and cannot be dedicated to the Town.

Proposed to Read:

2.6 Street classification system.

- A. All streets in the Town of North Berwick shall be classified by the Board of Selectmen into the following categories based on construction standards:
7. Private Road: a privately owned access way or right-of-way that does not meet any of the standards contained in this ordinance **at the time of adoption (4/1/06)**. These roads are nonconforming and **at time of adoption (4/1/06)**, provide frontage for more than two dwelling units and cannot be dedicated to the Town. **Includes the following:**

Company Woods Road
Blue Heron Lane
Cary Lane
Case Road
Puffin Lane
Pine Meadow Court
Adams Bridge Road
Beech Ridge Road (Disc.Section)
Nature's Way
Stub Marsh Road
East Road
West 1st Street
West 11th Street
West 2nd Street

Otter Cove Lane
West 4th Street
West 41st Street
West 51st Street
West 52nd Street
West 53rd Street
West 54th Street
Knollwood Court
Butler Road
Staples Drive
Hartford Lane(Disc.Section)
Loon Lane
Dove Drive

Intent: To clarify the definition of a Private Road in the Street Design and Construction Standard Ordinance.

QUESTION #10: SHALL AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ORDINANCE" BE ENACTED?

Explanation:

- The municipal officers and voters of the Town of North Berwick (the "Town") support the rights of the residents of the Town to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume local foods in order to promote self-reliance, the preservation of family farms, and local food traditions; and
- The Town recognizes that family farms, sustainable agricultural practices, and food processing by individuals, families, and non-corporate entities offer stability to a rural way of life by enhancing the economic, environmental, and social wealth of the community; and
- The Town desires to support food systems that respect human dignity and health; nourish individuals and the community; and sustain producers, processors, and the environment; and
- The Town desires to enact a local food self-governance ordinance pursuant to the Town's home rule authority granted it by the Constitution of the State of Maine that facilitates the ability of individuals to acquire, produce, process, prepare, preserve, and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment and sustenance; to barter, trade, and purchase food; and to save and exchange seed from the sources of their own choosing for their own physical health and well-being.

The Purpose of this Ordinance:

- Preserve the ability of individuals and communities to save and exchange seed and to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume locally produced foods;
- Ensure the preservation of family farms and traditional foodways through small-scale farming, food production, and community social events;
- Improve the health and well-being of citizens of the Town by reducing hunger and increasing food security through unimpeded access to wholesome, nutritious foods by encouraging ecological farming;
- Promote self-reliance and personal responsibility by facilitating the ability of individuals, families and other entities to prepare, process, advertise, and sell foods directly to customers intended solely for consumption by the customers or their families;
- Enhance rural economic development and the environmental and social wealth of rural communities; and
- Protect access to Local Food through Direct Producer-to-Consumer Transactions.

Under This Ordinance:

The Producers and Processors of Local Food intended for Direct Producer-to-Consumer Transactions in the Town as defined, shall be exempt from state licensure and inspection, and the State of Maine shall not enforce those state food laws, rules, or regulations with respect to Direct Producer-to-Consumer Transactions.

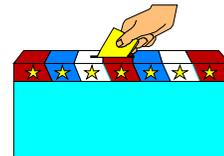
This Ordinance is not applicable to any meat or poultry products that are required to be produced or processed in compliance with the Maine Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Program, Title 22, Chapter 562-A, of the Maine Revised Statutes and the rules adopted thereunder.

Producers and Processors of Local Food may enter into private agreements with consumers to waive any liability for the consumption of Local Food. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as a waiver of the Town’s immunity from liability pursuant to the Maine Tort Claims Act or any other immunities of defenses otherwise available to the Town.

Intent: In 2016 The Town of North Berwick adopted a Food Sovereignty Resolution. In 2018, the Maine Legislature enacted legislation to allow Towns to enact Ordinances to reflect Food Sovereignty Policies of the community. This Ordinance replaces the Town’s policy with an Ordinance



Elections



The following positions will be elected this year prior to the annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen encourage all registered voters to get out and vote.

Selectmen, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor:

For 3 years (vote for two)

Wendy Cowan

Michael Johnson, Sr.

MSAD #60 School Director:

For 3 years (vote for one)

Rebecca Hopper

Cemetery Trustee:

For 3 years (vote for two)

Dale Clock

Peter Derby

Water District Trustee:

For 3 years (vote for one)

Nelson Begin

Julie Fernee

Sanitary District Trustee:

For 3 years (vote for two)

Jay Randall

John Randall

Budget Committee Member:

For 3 years (vote for not more than four)

Maurice Dolbec

Justin Dowling

Amelia Samll



AFTERNOON SESSION
WARRANT ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS:



BUDGET COMMITTEE FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Budget Committee has deliberated over the budget requests of the various departments, committees and agencies seeking funding from the Town of North Berwick for the ensuing year. The Budget Committee met on four occasions during the months of February and March and has recommended the FY 2020 budget.

If the Budget Committee recommendations are followed, the total budget will increase by \$219,513.00 or a 4.80% increase, and the amount needed from Taxation to fund the budget will increase by \$52,923.00. Due to expected new valuation, it is anticipated that approval of this budget will have a no impact on the tax rate.

LD #1 Limitations

In January of 2005, the Maine Legislature passed a law which in effect caps the amount of taxes a Town may raise without a referendum vote. As part of every Tax Levy cap pursuant to this legislation to ensure that the Town does not exceed the cap. If the Budget Committee's recommendations are followed at Annual Town Meeting the Town of North Berwick will continue to remain under the State of Maine property tax cap by \$1,411,335.00.

Below is the analysis of the LD#1 cap on the Town of North Berwick for FY2020:

<u>Budget Committee Recommendations</u>	
Appropriations	\$4,791,818.00
Available Resources	
Excise Tax	\$850,535.00
Fund Balance (Surplus)	\$227,900.00
Des. Surplus	\$10,000.00
Misc. Fees	\$335,730.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$137,000.00
Equipment Fund	\$153,270.00
State Road Aid	\$70,500.00
Enterprise Fund	\$134,865.00
Impact Fees	\$15,300.00
 Subtotal	 \$2,872,018.00
 Increase over FY2019	 \$52,923.00

Tax Limitation Calculations

Tax Limit	\$4,268,053.00
Balance to be carried	\$1,411,335.00

Proposed Expenditures

By Department

	FY19	FY20	% Inc(Dec)
Highway	\$518,450.00	\$556,035.00	7.25%
Capital Imp.	\$789,998.00	\$857,843.00	9.14%
General Gov.	\$977,487.00	\$1,002,095.00	2.52%
Protection	\$1,548,758.00	\$1,595,730.00	3.03%
Library	\$243,000.00	\$252,750.00	4.01%
Parks and Rec.	\$112,495.00	\$115,600.00	2.76%
Health and Social	\$248,595.00	\$272,758.00	7.98%
Other	\$37,607.00	\$43,092.00	14.59%
Debt	\$95,915.00	\$95,915.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$4,572,305.00	\$4,791,818.00	4.80%

Capital Improvement Budget

Highway	\$508,670.00	\$653,670.00	28.51%
Parks and Rec.	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
General Gov.	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	(66.67%)
Police	\$39,250.00	\$55,600.00	41.66%
Rescue	\$65,000.00	\$33,500.00	(48.46%)
Transfer Station	\$17,000.00	\$900.00	(93.08%)
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Fire	\$140,078.00	\$114,173.00	(28.50%)
TOTAL	\$789,998.00	\$857,843.00	9.14%

Proposed Revenues

Taxation	\$2,819,095.00	\$2,872,018.00	1.88%
State Rev. Sharing	\$137,000.00	\$137,000.00	0.00%
Excise Tax	\$820,450.00	\$850,535.00	3.67%
Equipment Fund	\$77,920.00	\$153,270.00	96.70%
Misc. Fees:	\$320,590.00	\$335,730.00	4.72%
Road Block Grant:	\$70,500.00	\$70,500.00	0.00%
Enterprise Fund	\$120,500.00	\$134,865.00	11.92%
Designated Surplus	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%
Undesignated Surplus	\$196,250.00	\$227,900.00	16.13%
TOTAL	\$4,572,305.00	\$4,791,818.00	4.80%

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The proposed budget for FY20 calls for a 4.80% increase in funding over FY19. The Board of Selectmen's goal was to keep the operations side of the budget to under a 3% increase from the previous year and the proposed budget represents a 3.90% increase in operational costs. The capital side of the budget is increasing 9.14% in order to meet the Town's capital needs identified in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan.

The town is anticipating receiving additional revenue from the excise tax collections, utilizing reserve funds for the purchasing of equipment scheduled on the Capital Improvement Plan and an increase in miscellaneous fee collections. BETE program collections are expected to remain constant due to the continued equipment improvements made by Pratt and Whitney and it is estimated that additional property tax revenue due to the increased residential building within the Town will increase. It is estimated that an additional \$103,200.00 in additional tax revenue will be received and the proposed budget only utilizes \$52,923.00 leaving the remaining to assist with and school and county increases. In addition, last year the Town received more BETE reimbursement than expected due to Pratt's expansion and equipment improvements and the Board of Selectmen increased the overlay in an effort to assist in funding future budget increases. The Town continues to maintain a healthy fiscal approach by maintaining a fund balance equal to more than 90 days of expenditures as recommended by our auditors as well as healthy fund balances within the Town's trusts and dedicated funds. Funds in excess of the 90 day goal are used for future capital projects and this can be seen in the use of Undesignated Fund Balance for many capital items in the proposed budget.

In terms of expenditures, the Town department heads have made a concerted effort to produce budgets that fund the services demanded by citizens at the lowest possible cost while still maintaining our capital equipment and providing competitive salaries and benefits for our employees. Significant increases in costs include the following:

There are increased costs that the town continues to see in the area of insurances (health, dental and workers compensation) as well as increases in the Town's retirement programs. The employees of the Town are dedicated to providing the best possible service to our citizens and are invaluable to the operation of the Town. The Selectmen continue to try and pay a competitive wage to our town employees and to that end, positions are reviewed within the regional market and increases are made to those positions who have fallen behind in the market. The Town typically pays at the bottom to mid level of the market for the majority of our positions. In order to keep pace, the Board of Selectmen has voted to increase wages for next year by a 2.5% cost of living increase. The Town's labor agreement with the Police Officers requires a 2.0% increase in Police Officer wages. In addition, some of our positions pay at the minimum wage scale and with the increase in minimum wage, we see these increase in the Library and Parks and Recreation staff costs.

The Town's current contract for dispatch service with Sanford Regional Communication expires in June, 2019 and the recently negotiated contract will see a significant increase to the Town for dispatch services. The current contract of \$84,000.00 will increase to \$150,500.00, however, Sanford is allowing the Town to ramp up to this cost over a five-year period. We will see dispatch cost increase by \$14,000.00 over the next five budget cycles and then settling into a cost of living index increase for the remaining 5 years of the ten-year contract.

With the tightening of domestic recycling markets, the Town has seen our recyclable disposal cost go from no charge to a charge market. This is estimated to increase Transfer Station costs around \$30,000.00 in the coming year. The Town is hopeful that recycling markets will improve over the coming year.

The Winter Public Works budget has been completely utilized over the past two years. In past years, the town has been able to bring forward unused winter highway funds, however, late spring storms of 2018 caused the town to overspend that account in FY18. This affected the FY19 budget due to budgeting occurring prior to the unexpected storms. The Town tries to begin each winter with a minimum balance of \$150,000.00 and we began FY19 with \$125,00.00. This year, the budget proposed begins at \$150,000.00.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee are proposing to rejoin the Eastern Trail Management District to assist the district in the completion of the Eastern Trail through the Town of North Berwick. Work on surveying and design will begin shortly on the section of the trail from the Wells Townline to Route 9. Cost to be a member community of the district is \$3,500 per year.

FY20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In an effort to keep the town's infrastructure and equipment in good working order and replacing only those items that are essential for operations. The Capital Improvement side of the budget is proposed to increase 9.14%. The Board of Selectmen proposed and the Budget Committee is recommending the following Capital Improvement Budget.

Fire Department:

This year there are three CIP projects for the Fire Department:

Pumper: Eight years ago, the Town authorized the purchase of a new fire pumper to be financed over a ten-year period. This is the seventh of ten payments on the bond for the fire pumper.



Tanker: At the 2015 Town Meeting, the voters approved the purchase of a tanker that holds 3,000 gallons of water for utilization in the area of town currently not served by the hydrant system. This is the third payment on the 10-year bond to fund the purchase of the tanker



Fire Station Planning: Over the past two years, the town has been appropriating \$50,000.00 a year for the planning of a new Fire Station. In December 2018, the Board of Selectmen in conjunction with the Planning Committee, entering into a contract with Port City Architecture to complete a feasibility study for the new facility to house both the Fire Department and Rescue Squad on land owned by the Town on Lebanon Road. This land is geographically located in the center of the Town. Port City Architecture anticipates completion the feasibility study by the Summer of 2019. Barring any unforeseen complications, this will allow time for the site and building design to be completed for voter approval in 2020 with construction occurring in 2020 – 2021.

There are still many questions that to be asked and answered: Is the proposed site suitable for this facility? Can we build a facility to house both Fire and Rescue equipment? What would we do with the current Central station? Can we make improvement to the current Rescue Building for living quarters and offices and build a facility to simply house the equipment? Should an addition to the back of the existing Rescue Squad building be constructed? Discussions have included creating a training center for the Fire and Rescue Squads within the Current Central Station building and still having a fire fighting presence in the village area. The current Rescue Building is also cramped for space and it would be a logical fit for the new facility to be able to accommodate both emergency services. All these questions and more need to be answered before the Town moves forward with a plan that will serve the town for years to come. The Town is proposing to appropriate \$50,000.000 to continue the process of planning for a new facility for the Fire Department and inclusion of the Rescue Squad within the facility.

Rescue Squad:

Ambulance: At last year's Town Meeting, voters approved the purchase of a new Ambulance to replace an older unit. In anticipation of this replacement, the Town started setting funds aside for the purchase of a new ambulance in 2017, however, there was not enough funds in reserve to purchase the Ambulance. The Town Meeting granted permission to borrow \$130,000.00 from the Town's Undesignated Surplus and replenish the funds over the next three budget cycles. Due to a higher than anticipated financial gift from the Rescue Squad, Inc. of \$60,000.00, the town only had to borrow \$67,000.00 and is able to pay back the funds in a two-year period of \$33,500.00 each year. This year's budget includes the first repayment of \$33,500.00.



Police Department:



Police Cruiser: This year, the police department is requesting a replacement cruiser. Once again, the Police Department is planning on replacing one of the Impalas with a Ford Interceptor SUV. The Town currently has 4 SUV's in our fleet and we have found that the maintenance costs are significantly less than the standard cruiser even as the vehicles age. The SUV model also allows for the department to respond to emergencies in all types of weather.

The increase in cost this year can be attributed to the Town needing to purchase a new light bar along with the SUV and an increase in cost from the manufacturer. Estimated cost - \$39,600.00

Computer System: In January 2020, Microsoft will discontinue the Windows 7 operating system. The Town will need to replace the current Police Department computers and upgrade them to the Windows 10 operating system. This will include the replacement of 11 computers in the office as well as the four computers in the vehicles. All these computers are over 5 years old and need to be replaced. The Town has received a grant for the replacement of 2 of the vehicle computers, which cost \$3,300.00 each. In addition, the communication between the Police Department and our dispatch center in Sanford has for years utilized the internet and a series of servers to assist in sending data back and forth. Although it has worked, larger amount of data is shared and relying on an internet connection and multiple servers which have a tendency to fail on a regular basis has prompted the town to look at better alternatives. In order to improve the speed, function and reliability of the data communication, the Town will be contracting with Consolidate Communications for a fiber line connection between the Police Department and Sanford Regional Communications. This will add a yearly cost to the Police budget of \$4,800.00, however, Consolidated Communications will not charge any upfront capital costs. The only cost to the Town will be the purchase and installation of an updated switch. Estimated cost of the computer CIP project is \$16,000.00.

Public Works:

Wheeler: It is planned to replace the 1996 Ford Dump Truck this year with a wheeler. In anticipation of this large purchase, the Town started placing funds into a reserve account in 2017. The reserve fund has a current balance of \$105,000.00. The Town is proposing to appropriate \$95,000.00 this year in order to purchase the new wheeler at an estimated cost of \$200,000.00.



Loader: At the 2016 town meeting, voters approved the purchase of a new CAT loader on a lease purchase agreement not to exceed 5 years in length. The town was able to negotiate the purchase price and trade in value to reduce the lease term to a four-year term and stay under the \$30,000.00 budgeted yearly appropriation. This will be the third of 4 payments of \$28,670.00 per year.

One Ton: The Town is proposing to replace the 2007 GMC 3500. The Town replaces the one ton vehicles on a ten year replacement schedule, however, we had made significant repairs to this vehicle to extend the replacement to 12 years. It is proposed to purchase a Ford F350 one ton cab and chassis and outfit the vehicle with a heavy duty dump body, plow gear and stainless steel sander. Estimated cost for the vehicle and equipment is \$85,000.00.





Salt/Sand Shed: The Town built the Salt/Sand shed in 1995 and over the years, a few repairs have been made to the building, most notably the replacement of the roof in 2016. The current project is to repair the spalling of the concrete foundation due to salt corrosion. Unfortunately, when the structure was built, the concrete foundation was not treated to resist the salt corrosion. The Town has hired Civil Consultants to design a structural repair to the foundation. At this time the design is in progress. Due to the severity of the winter this year, the building will be nearly empty at the end of the winter and this will assist in the necessary repair this summer. It is anticipated that the cost of the repair will not exceed \$40,000.00.

ROAD PROJECTS

FY2020 PROPOSED ROAD CIP

PROJECTS: The overall Road Capital Improvement Budget for this year is proposed to be \$405,000.00. In addition to making the \$107,480.00 payment on the road bond approved seven years ago, the following projects are planned to be accomplished during the ensuing fiscal year.

Valley Road: This is the first phase of a three-year project to resurface and repair Valley Road. This year will see the resurfacing and drainage improvements on the section from Oakwoods Road to Boyle/Ford Quint Road intersection. Estimated cost this phase is \$106,875.00.

Dennett Road: It is planned to perform drainage improvements and resurface the section of Dennett Road from the Gas line to the South Berwick Townline. Estimated cost of the project is: \$39,215.00.

Bauneg Beg Hill Road: This is the second phase of a two-year project to repair Bauneg Beg Hill Road. This year, it is planned to make drainage improvements, rebuild approximately 850 feet of road and then shim and overlay the section of Bauneg Beg Hill Road from Hammond Road to the Sanford Townline. Estimated Cost: \$142,915.00

NORTH BERWICK COMMUNITY GARDEN



The North Berwick Community Garden is now accepting applications for 2019 garden plots. There are a limited number of beds available and are rented on a first come, first served basis. The raised bed plots are 4' x 12' with an annual non-refundable cost of \$25 for residents, \$35 non-residents, and \$15 seniors (60+). Applications and information are available at the North Berwick Town Hall and the DA Hurd Library.

You may also contact:

scaler319@gmail.com

joanshaw1@yahoo.com

jdennett@maine.rr.com

meleta.baker@gmail.com

NORTH BERWICK SUMMER CAMP

The North Berwick Summer Camp program offers summertime recreational activities for North Berwick youth ages 5-13 years old. The program incorporates team sports, games, crafts, and theme days and weeks. Campers will also go on quality field trips during the week. Camp will take place at the North Berwick Community Center on Lebanon Rd. The North Berwick Recreation Director is on-site most days. The Town has a very qualified staff and all are certified in First Aid/CPR. Resident cost: \$775.00 per child Non-resident \$825.00 per person for the entire 6 weeks, all field trips and a camp t-shirt. Dates: Monday, July 1st through Friday, August 9th, 2019 from 9am-3pm. This year there will be a \$50.00 discount per sibling after the first camper is registered.

Before and after care is also available for an additional fee and this fee remains the same as last year.

The minimum number of campers to operate the program will be 40 campers with a maximum of 85 campers.

All you need to secure a spot is a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit.

Don't wait too long!!

For more detailed information on the Summer Camp Program please go to the Town Website at www.townofnorthberwick.org.



Accepting registrations beginning April 1, 2019

Sign-Up Dates:

April 10th 5:00pm-7pm at NB Comm. Ctr.

May 23th 5:00pm-7pm at NB Comm. Ctr.

PARKS AND RECREATION DATES TO REMEMBER

North Berwick Fall Soccer Program



Residents: \$40.00 per player
\$95.00 for a family of 3 or more
Non-Residents: \$50.00 per player

Season Dates:

September 14 – October 26, 2019
Practices begin 1st week in September

Sign Up Dates:

Tuesday, May 23, 2019 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, July 31, 2019 5:00pm to 6:00pm
At the N.B. Community Center

No sign-ups accepted after August 1st to allow time to coordinate the ordering of jerseys, as well as, ordering the equipment and field items required. Thank you for your understanding.



Easter Event

Saturday, April 20, 2019
Noon - 1:30pm
Community Center
Ages: Pre-k to 3rd grade

On April 20th the Easter Bunny will hop into North Berwick and hide lots of eggs at the NB Community Center. Egg hunt starts at noontime followed by some other activities. There will be three grade groups: Pre-k, Kind.-1st and 2nd -3rd. Make sure and bring a basket. The eggs will contain candy, trinkets and numbers for a prize that we cannot fit inside the eggs. North Berwick residents only please... Dress accordingly, event will be held rain, snow or shine.

Egg hunts start at NOON -- BRING YOUR BASKET!

WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PARKS AND RECREATION THIS YEAR?

Check out the yearly Activity Booklet available at the Town Hall and Community Center. You can also check it out on our website; townofnorthberwick.org under Parks and Rec.

It is full of information about Parks and Recreation activities as well as local non-profit groups in North Berwick.



ADOPT A CEMETERY PROGRAM



The Adopt a Cemetery program is designed to save taxpayers money by not having to hire companies and individuals to maintain the Veteran's cemeteries in the Community. The program is designed where individuals, families or organizations can adopt a cemetery and maintain that cemetery between May and October of every year. State Law dictates that "municipality in which said burying ground is located shall keep in good condition and repair, all graves, headstones, monuments or markers designating the burial place of said Revolutionary soldiers or sailors or soldiers or sailors who served in the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps in any war and shall keep the grass suitably cut and trimmed on those graves from May 1st to September 30th of each year."

All those interested in this program are asked to send in the form prior to April 15, 2019.

**TOWN OF NORTH BERWICK
2019 ADOPT-A-CEMETERY PROGRAM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

I wish to _____ Adopt Cemetery # _____

_____ Willing to have the Town assign a cemetery

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Map available at the Town Office)

Whitehouse Murray(#4), Frost(#5), Guptill (#7), Grant-Hayes (#9), Libby-Hanson (#12), Dillingham(#14), Stackpole(#15), Brackett(#20), Pray (#21), Hurd(#22), Rogers (#23), Fenderson(#25), Remick(#26), Hurd-Staple(#27), Fernald(#28), Libby(#29), Hanscom-Brackett(#30), Goodwin(#32), Abbott(#33), Nowell(#34), Chadbourne (#37), Nowell(#40), Junkins (#47), Weymouth(#54), Johnson-Nutter(#56), Fernald (#57), Clark(#58), Stillings(#59), Hall(#60), Brackett(#67), Hanscom(#70), Abbott(#73), Staples(#77), Staple-Hurd(#78), Young(#88), Randall(#98), Hubbard(#99), Twombly(#104), Chadbourne(#107), Hill(#109), Hartford-Guptill(#120), Quint(#124), Ford-Goodwin(#129), Allen (#130), Ford (#131), Billings(#136), Ford(#138), Morrill(#143), Grant(#147), Cutts(#155), Weymouth(#159), Hammond(#161), Applebee(#164), Hurd(#166), Nunn-Merrill(#167), Weymouth(#174), Ricker (#181), Abbott (#183), Breton (#186), Chadbourne(#187)and Wood(#188).

TAX CLUB

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the continuation of a Tax Club for the 2020 Fiscal Year. The Tax Club allows property owners to pay their property taxes over the course of the year through a payment book that the Town will issue once an application has been completed and commitment set.

The Tax Club works very similar to a Christmas Club Account in that your tax bill is evenly divided over the year into a number of payments that the property owner chooses so long as all taxes paid have been received by June 15 of the fiscal year. In most cases, the payments would be divided over no more than a ten month period starting in September and ending in June. The start date of September is used due to the setting of

commitment by the Board to determine the actual taxes owed by the property owner. The payments are made without any interest charges accruing so long as the payments are received in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The agreement is written to reflect the property owner's budget. If the property owner does not keep up with the payments then all interest that would have been due must be paid in full.

Any property owner who would like additional information or would like to join the tax club should fill out the following application and drop it off at the Town Office and someone will contact you to finalize your application:



TOWN OF NORTH BERWICK TAX CLUB



RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Tax Club of the Town of North Berwick will be conducted on a payment plan approved by the Town and the individual taxpayer not to exceed 10 months in duration. Taxpayers must make payments according to the Tax Club coupon book issued to them no later than the 15th day of the month in order to qualify for the "No Interest" benefit.

Payments will be made at the Tax Collector's Office, Town of North Berwick, 21 Main Street, North Berwick, Maine 03906 or mailed to the Tax Collector's Office, Town of North Berwick, P.O. Box 422, North Berwick, Maine 03906.

Payments received after the due date will be subject to paying all back interest and fees if applicable.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Account Number: _____

Map: _____

Lot: _____

I have read the above and do hereby agree to join the Town of North Berwick Tax Club.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Witnessed: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY TOWN

Fiscal Year: 20____ Tax Bill: \$ _____

Number of Payments: _____

Amount per Payment: \$ _____

Annual Town Meeting – Saturday, April 6, 2019
Philip Hussey Auditorium
Noble High School

Elections & Referendum Questions – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Budget Meeting Session – 1:30 pm
GET OUT AND VOTE!!!

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