

North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes
February 7, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Present: Gregg Drew, Julie Fernee, Elisabeth Glidden, Dan Baker, Maurice Dolbec, Stan Cowan, Mark Rouillard, Lynn Manley, Stephanie Camire, Beverly Gray and Rebecca Reed.

Also Present: Dwayne Morin

Chair Reed opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and the Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Stan to approve the minutes as amended for January 31, 2024 Vote 9-0-2 in favor.

Public Input

There was no Public Input.

General Government Articles:

Chair Reed read **Article 29** regarding ***General Government Appropriations*** of \$989,845.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$989,845.00 with \$5,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Administration	\$371,780.00
Town Office Salaries	\$200,125.00
HRA	\$14,000.00
Select Board	\$5,200.00
Code Enforcement Salary	\$88,700.00
Code Enforcement Administration	\$25,700.00
Tax Assessment	\$66,500.00
Tax Assessment Appraisals	35,000.00
Town Manager Salary	\$131,690.00
Town Manager Administration	<u>\$51,150.00</u>
	\$1989,845.00

Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 30** regarding ***Town Reports*** of \$5,500.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded Maerk by ought to pass \$5,500.00. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 31** regarding ***Debt Service – Municipal Building Fund Appropriation*** of \$95,915.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Greg ought to pass \$95,915.00. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 32** regarding ***Insurance Appropriations*** of \$342,400.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$342,400.00, as follows:

Insurance	\$177,400.00
FICA For All Employees	\$155,000.00
Family Medical Leave Act	\$10,000.00
	\$342,400.00

Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 33** regarding *General Assistance Appropriation* of \$5,000.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$5,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 33** regarding *Unanticipated Expenses Appropriation* of \$5,000.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$5,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Protection Articles

Chair Reed read **Article 20** regarding *Capital Improvements - Communications* of \$62,250.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$62,250,000.00 with \$50,000.00 from ARPA Funds. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 21** regarding *Street Lights, Hydrant Rental and Dispatch Services* of \$376,975.00 along with the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Julie ought to pass \$376,975.00 as follows:

Street Lights	\$13,500.00
Hydrant Rental	\$196,000.00
Dispatch Services	<u>\$167,475.00</u>
	\$376,975.00

Vote 11-0 in favor.

Boards Article

Chair Reed read **Article 35** regarding *Town Boards* of \$9,000.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Julieought to pass, \$9,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 11-0 in favor.

TIF Articles

Chair Reed read **Article 45** regarding *Canal Street Affordable Housing Development District* public purpose report along with the Select Board /Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Julie ought to pass Vote 11-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 46** regarding ***Canal Street Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing District Appropriation*** along with the Select Board /Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Julie ought to pass. Vote 11-0 in favor.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Maurice to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin
Town Manager