

North Berwick Budget Committee Minutes
February 14, 2024
6:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Dwayne Morin, Mike Dunn, Brian Gosselin, Toby Bowden and Richard Anderson

Chair Reed opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and the Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Maurice to approve the minutes as amended for February 7, 2024. Vote 9-0 in favor.

Stan Cowan Arrived at 6:35 pm

Public Input

None

Public Works Articles:

Chair Reed read **Article 26** regarding ***Public Works Appropriations*** of \$657,090.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$657,090.00 as follows.

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| Winter Public Works | \$125,000.00 |
| General Public Works | \$129,415.00 |
| Patch | \$6,000.00 |
| Salaries | <u>\$396,675.00</u> |
| Total | \$657,090.00 |

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read Article 27 regarding *Capital Improvements – Road Bond Appropriation of \$136,415.00* along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Gregg \$136,415.00 ought to pass. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read Article 28 regarding *Capital Improvements - Roads Appropriation* of \$318,585.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Gregg ought to pass \$318,585.00. Dwayne explained that the capital improvements planned for this year include the following roads: **Beech Ridge Road** – Shim and Overlay from School House Road to lower end; **School House Road Road** – Shim and Overlay all; **Beech Ridge Road Road** – Shim and Overlay from Governor Goodwin Road to Noble High School entrance; **Boyle Road** – Shim and Overlay 4300 feet of Road from Route 4 towards bridge; **Randall Road** – Grind 1000feet of pavement and reconstruct and then Shim and Overlay to Corner;

The breakdown of the funds is as follows:

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| Roads – Sidewalks | \$5,000.00 |
| Roads - Capital | <u>\$313,585.00</u> |
| Total | \$318,585.00 |

Vote 10-0 in favor.

Fire Department Articles:

Chair Reed read Article 9 regarding *Fire Department Appropriations* of \$225,560.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$225,560.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read Article 10 regarding *Capital Improvements – Fire Tanker* of \$23,438.00 along with the Select Board /Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Beverly and seconded by Maurice ought to pass \$23,438.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read Article 11 regarding *Capital Improvements – New Fire Station Planning* of \$50,000.00 along with the Select Board /Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Beverly ought to pass \$50,000.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 12** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Fire Pumper Reserve*** of \$44,340.00 along with the Select Board /Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Beverly ought to pass \$44,340.00. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 13** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Fire Pumper Reserve*** of \$36,150.00 long with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Beverly \$36,150.00 ought to pass. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 14** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Building Improvements*** of \$17,200.00 long with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Gregg \$17,200.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance ought to pass. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 15** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Extraction Tools*** of \$41,545.00 long with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Gregg \$41,525.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance ought to pass. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Chair Reed read **Article 16** regarding ***Capital Improvements – Forestry /Utility*** of \$50,000.00 long with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Maurice and seconded by Julie \$50,000.00 from Equipment Fund ought to pass. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Transfer Station

Chair Reed read **Article 19** regarding ***Transfer Station*** of \$321,055.00 along with the Select Board/Town Manager Recommendation. It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Maurice ought to pass, \$321,055.00 with \$177,705.00 from Enterprise Fund. Vote 10-0 in favor.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Beverly to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne G. Morin, Town Manager