



BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF ASSESSOR  
Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2016  
6:30pm

**Call to Order**

Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**I. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Members Present: Chair Thomas Wright, Selectman Edward Ganiere, Selectman Rebecca England, Selectman Mark Pendergast and Selectman Joshua Plante.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Stephen Eldridge, Water Department Chief Operator Chris Weisman, and Town Clerk Patricia Murray.

**II. MINUTES**

a. Minutes from BOS regular meeting September 6, 2016.

**Motion:** Selectman Ganiere moved to accept the September 6, 2016 minutes as written. Selectman Pendergast seconded the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously: 3 -0 with Selectmen England and Plante abstaining**

**III. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Wright asked if any members of the audience had comments.

Mr. Mark Carboni, 75 Sullivan Street, spoke. Mr. Carboni thanked the Board for reconsidering the 9:00pm fireworks ordinance time limit. He stated he put on a fireworks display last weekend and hoped everyone enjoyed it.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**a. BCTV Committee**

Town Manager Eldridge reported that letters have been sent to Concord requesting a change in percentage to 5%.

**b. Envision Berwick Committee (EBC)**

Chair Wright reported that the Age Friendly Berwick surveys are being mailed out. 1000 surveys will be mailed. For those that do not receive a survey, you may find them at Town Hall and on-line. For more information please visit <http://berwickmaine.org/age>.

Chair Wright also noted that Nick Samson, Revision Energy, will be presenting on Municipalities Solar Power Purchase Agreement at the next EBC meeting. They will also have a vote to send an informational flyer and map to every household to explain Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

**VI. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/OTHER GUESTS**

None.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Pay as You Throw Program/Recycling Committee**

Town Manager Eldridge reported a meeting will be scheduled for October.

**VIII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Eldridge reported the following:

- The safe/vault was put out to bid for the second time. No bids were received. Selectman Pendergast expressed interest but stated he can't bid on it. Town Manager Eldridge replied they could negotiate.
- All the roads are finished. Diamond Hill has some narrow areas for ditching so those will be firmed up.
- The parts for the clock tower have been ordered. The work will commence in November weather permitting. The new clock face will be weather proof.
- Selectman Plante asked about the timeline for the painting of lines in the roads that have been recently paved. Town Manager Eldridge replied that crosswalks are being done and that Diamond Hill has never had lines. This may be considered next year after the final coat.
- The Prime Tanning demolition is progressing steadily. Phase II will begin after October.
- Selectman Pendergast asked when the islands on Sullivan Street would be ready for tree planting. Town Manger Eldridge replied that Public Works will prepare the islands at night when there is less traffic. This should be completed in the next two weeks.

**IX. SELECTMEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**X. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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| 09/08/2016 | A/P Warrant #17010    | \$ 54,112.14  |
| 09/08/2016 | Water Warrant #0710   | \$ 34,700.86  |
| 09/15/2016 | Payroll Warrant #1711 | \$ 50,063.01  |
| 09/15/2016 | A/P Warrant 1711      | \$ 607,442.17 |
| 09/15/2016 | Water Warrant #0711   | \$ 14,265.90  |
| 09/22/2016 | Payroll Warrant #1712 | \$ 39,414.94  |

**Motion:** Chair Wright made a motion to accept the Accounts Payable Warrants as presented. Selectman Plante seconded the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. November 8 Town Meeting Warrant; Selectmen Vote**

The Board of Selectmen voted on the Referendum Warrant.

**b. MAP Contract**

The MAP contract, which had been previously approved by the Board of Selectmen, needed to be signed.

**c. Maine Drinking Water Program presentation**

Ms. Terri Trott, Rules Administrator for the Maine Drinking Water Program, was present. The primary rule the Drinking Water Program administers is the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the part of that rule that

directly impacts water systems is the National Primary Drinking Water regulations. Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) are based on scientific research, health effects and financial impacts to water systems. Cancer causing MCLs are based on one cancer case in a million for that level of contaminant. Other MCLs cause acute immediate health risks such as bacteria and certain chemicals. Maine adopts all federal rules. The Maine Drinking Water Program also has other Maine specific rules with protect systems and deal with systems. Secondary regulations include iron, manganese, and color. At the levels that EPA assigns these do not have a health effect but they are not aesthetic. An example of fluoride was given; at one level it provides health benefits at .7, at the secondary limit it can cause mottling of tooth enamel at a reading of over 2 parts per million, and the MCL of 4 which can cause harm. The Safe Drinking Water Act also has funding for improvements to infrastructures. Surface water systems have a lot of requirements to protect public health. A surface water system is lakes, rivers, and any wells under the influence of those. A surface water treatment plant has to guarantee through their operations that they will either inactivate or remove 99.99% of anything that would go through. Berwick has to presume there is something there and treat the water to ensure nothing is present. This is monitored through turbidity. Filters and disinfection processes are also used. Ground water systems have to watch disinfection and viruses. Temperature changes and ph. changes all effect the water. Residual and bacteria tests are taken simultaneously at the distribution center. Color in the water is a precursor to disinfectant byproducts. The treatment plant removes some color. Discussion ensued regarding testing requirements.

Mr. Chris Weisman, Chief Operator Berwick Water Department, stated this summer was exceptionally severe due to the drought. The water department is sampling regularly and working with Wright Pierce Engineering to find a solution.

**d. Bids for Police Department ATV purchase**

Chair Wright reported that the Police Department received 3 bids; Rochester Motor Sports at \$13,658.00, Wescott and Son at \$13,230.00 after rebate and Central Maine Power Sports at \$13,886.37 after rebate. Chief Towne recommends the Wescott and Sons quote at \$13,230.00.

**Motion:** Chair Wright made a motion to accept the bid from Wescott for the ATV Purchase as presented. Selectman Plante seconded the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**

**e. Bids for Chain Link Fence replacement**

Chair Wright reported that two bids were received; CA Newcombe at \$14,274.00 and GC AAA Fences at \$\$9000.00.

**Motion:** Selectman Plante made a motion to accept the bid from GC AAA Fences for the chain link fence replacement as presented. Selectman England seconded the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously: 5– 0.**

**XII. QUITCLAIM DEEDS AND/OR INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS**

**a. Quitclaim Deed for R038-008-00B-000; installment agreement paid**

**Motion:** Selectman Ganiere made a motion to accept the Quitclaim Deed request for Map R038 Lot 008-00B-000. Selectman England seconded the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**

**XIII. ABATEMENTS/SUPPLEMENTS**

None.

**XIV. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Wright asked if any members of the audience had comments. There were no comments.

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**XVI. OTHER BUSINESS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia Murray  
Town Clerk**

**The September 20, 2016 BOS Meeting Minutes – Signed as approved at the Board of Selectmen’s October 4, 2016 Meeting.**

**On behalf of the Board**

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