

**Town of Berwick  
Board of Selectmen/Board of Assessors  
Special Meeting & Public Hearing  
May 29, 2013  
6:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Haley, Selectwoman Murphy, Selectman Ganlere, Selectman O'Connor, Selectman Crichton (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Haley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Manager, Patrick Venne, 10 Residents

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Stone –** Mr. Stone was concerned that there was a Special Selectmen's meeting scheduled at the same time as the Public Hearing. He was concerned that people who regularly attend Selectmen's meetings may not have known and that would not be "transparent."

**TOWN REPORT DEDICATION**

Chairman Haley announced that the 2013 Town Report was dedicated to Brian Cincotta. Chairman Haley read the dedication page.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Venne stated that he had Legal RFP packet rates for the BOS.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion:** It was moved by Selectman O'Connor and seconded by Selectman Ganlere to accept the recommendation of the Town Manager and MRI to set the Annual Municipal Assessment Ratio to the State at 107%.

There was discussion regarding the validity of the assessment and the pending Mill Rate.  
The motion carried unanimously; 5 – 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Haley opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. Chairman Haley read the proposed "Disorderly Building Ordinance."

**Mr. Croteau –** Mr. Croteau was concerned about the Constitutionality of the proposed ordinance. He stated that the landlords should not be held responsible for the actions of tenants.

**Mr. Stone –** Mr. Stone inquired as to whether this would also include domestic violence calls.

The BOS was asked by an audience member if they knew what the Mill Rate was going to be. The BOS responded that would not be known until after the Town Meeting.

**Mr. Stolpe –** Mr. Stolpe inquired about Articles 18, 14 and 23. Selectwoman Murphy stated that Article 18 is the annual Hydrant cost. Chairman Haley stated that Article 14 was higher than last year's budget

due to the fact it had been cut the year prior. Article 23 was for Capital Improvements. This was not funded the year prior and needs to be funded this year.

**Dave Stolpe** – Mr. Stolpe asked what would happen if any article was not passed. Chairman Haley stated that it would automatically default to the prior year's funding level.

**Andrea Ouimette** – Ms. Ouimette stated that she hoped everyone will vote.

**Public Comment**

There was discussion led by Selectwoman Murphy regarding the repair of two of the Fire Department's vehicles. Chairman Haley stated that the two vehicles involved would not affect the ability of the Fire Department to do its job.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** It was moved by Selectman Crichton and seconded by Selectman O'Connor to adjourn the Public Hearing.

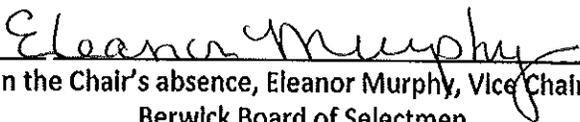
The motion carried unanimously; 5 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Signed as approved at the Board's June 4, 2013 Meeting

On behalf of the Board

  
In the Chair's absence, Eleanor Murphy, Vice Chair,  
Berwick Board of Selectmen