

APPROVED

MINUTES BERWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN – JUNE 19, 2012

Members present: Selectmen Creveling, Crichton, Haley, Murphy, and O'Connor

Others: T.M. Keith Trefethen, F.D. Janet Canney, Town Clerk Judith Buckman
Dep. Clerk Melissa Albert, Attorney Shepard, James McMahon and MRI assessing.
Members of the general public.

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 05, 2012 MOTION Murphy second Crichton with correction 5/0.

Minutes of June 12, 2012 MOTION Murphy second O'Connor 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Puffer on placement of Executive Sessions on the Agenda.

Resident Long on budget amounts and the Finance Director position.

Resident Rodrigue on the Bateman project being brought to the Planning Board as a new project.

COMMUNICATIONS

The County commissioners asked all towns in the County if they wanted the County Budget to reflect Social Services amounts. They said the all towns would have to agree or it would not be done. Wells and Alfred take exception and asked about majority rule.

Letter from resident Carol Holmstock on flag Etiquette. Procedure for receiving notifications from the State on when it should be lowered will be researched for next meeting.

Selectmen Haley on the home that was recently condemned on Ali Pond Road.

Selectman O'Connor read a letter from Lt. Tibbetts concerning fire department questions.
Resident Long commented on the letter.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS

MOTION Murphy second Crichton "approve accounts payable warrant #1249 and 1250". 5/0

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION Crichton second Murphy to Appoint James K. McMahon as Interim Town Manager.5/0 Amended to attach the “Memorandum of Understanding” MOTION Murphy second Crichton 5/0.

MOTION Creveling second Murphy “to suspend rules and have Public Comment before entering Executive Session.” 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following residents commented on the Bateman Project before the Board entered in to executive session: Ron Long, Peg Wheeler, David Rodique, Marsha Poirier, Jodie Wright, and Joe French.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MRSA 405 (6) (E) Discussion with the Town Attorney

MOTION Creveling second O’Conner to enter into executive session at 7:00 pm with Attorney Shepard and James McMahon. Session ended at 9:15 p.m.

MOTION O’Conner second Murphy “ To hire an independent investigator to look into certain issues on the Bateman Matter” 5/0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

Joe Lessard, Scott Marsh and Mike Pellietier from MRI Assessing answered questions on 9 Rochester Street, Sullivan School Project and general assessing questions. *MOTION Creveling second Murphy “ To have MRI review the home at 9 Rochester St.” 4/1*

After discussion on the taxable portion of the Sullivan School Project the Board decided to have the Town Attorney review the lease and provide a taxable assessment on the on the property. *MOTION Creveling second O’Connor 5/0.*

The pay scale range for the Finance Director position was set between \$50,000 and \$70,000. Janet and Jim McMahon will start interviews this week for the Finance Director position. *MOTION Creveling second 4/1.*

NEW BUSINESS

A letter was received from the Auditor. Interim Town Manager James McMahon would like to meet with them and discuss contents of the letter. Jim would like Janet to be available during the Audit. Board has interest in keeping cost down and also would like Janet to come back for Audit.

The position of Full time Deputy Town Clerk/Customer Service Rep/Dep. Registrar/ General Assistance will be reduced to part time. *MOTION Murphy second O’Conner 4/1.*

Approval of new General Assistance Maximums. *MOTION* Creveling second Crichton 5/0.

ABATEMENTS/SUPPLEMENTALS

None.

COMMENTS

Chairman Haley would like to have Prime Tanning put on the agenda for next meeting.

Next Board meeting will be on July 2, 2012 due to 4th of July holiday.

Thanks to Selectmen Creveling for his service to the Town.

The Chairman suggests a party for Keith after the July 27th meeting. Keith Said that was not necessary.

Peg Wheeler on not having the Town Report dedicated to anyone this year.

Peg Wheeler on Berwick Community Revitalization plan that was found by Jodie Wright.

Ron Long on comments in reference to Fire Dept.

Jodie Wright thanking Ernest Creveling for his service to the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Crichton second Murphy 5/0 @ 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Judith Buckman

