

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES AUGUST 31, 2011

Members Present: Selectmen Ramsey, Crichton, Murphy, Chambers, Elton

Others: TM Trefethen, Town Attorney Alan Shepard, David & Nathan Bateman, Attorney Ron Ward and 60 members of the General Public.

Meeting began @ 6:44PM

Purpose of the meeting was to address the request from Bateman Partners who wishes to exercise its right to enter into a 75 year Lease for the Old Berwick High School for an affordable housing project.

MOTION Elton second Chambers "sign a 75 year Ground lease with Bateman Partners for an affordable housing project in the Old Berwick High School" Passed 3-2 (Murphy, Crichton opposed).

Discussing and comments were made by both attorney's identifying what they felt was the towns legal exposure if the lease was not signed. The Town Attorney also laid out to the Board his understanding and exposure to the environmental clean-up on the property. Many questions were asked of all the experts attending by both the Board of Selectmen and the public in general.

MOTION Chambers second Elton "to adjourn" passed 5-0 @ 8:14PM

Respectfully Submitted

Keith M. Trefethen

Town Manager