

MINUTES BOAD OF SELECTMEN January 17, 2012

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

Others: TM Trefethen, Crew of the Community TV Station and 15 members of the general public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Chambers second Elton "approve minutes of January 3, 2012" passed 5-0.

MOTION Chambers second Elton "approve minutes of January 4, 2012" passed 5-0.

MOTION Chambers second Elton "approve minutes of January 10, 2012" passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Joe French concerned about amount of salt placed on Blackberry Hill Road.

Resident Dave Stolpe mentioned the Recall Vote scheduled for Monday February 13, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager reviewed materials in folder no action taken.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS

MOTION Elton second Chambers "approve warrant 1227 & 1228" passed 5-0

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Selectmen Bob Crichton made note that the Berwick Idle Land Committee will be meeting on Saturday January 21, 2012 @ 8AM at the Town Hall. Selectmen Crichton also indicated that he would be happy to Chair the Community Center Committee. The Board of Selectmen approved his involvement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Roof Rehabilitation @ Berwick Fire Station: Bids that were opened at the meeting of January 3, 2012 were reviewed by Civil Consultants. Based on their review they recommend that the bid be awarded to the low bidder. *MOTION Chambers second Elton "award Roof Rehabilitation project at the Fire Station to Kevin W. Smith, Inc. with a bid of \$47,605" passed 4-1.*

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of MMBB Application for Standpipe Maintenance: Town Staff sought approval from the Board to place an application with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the repair and maintenance of the Water Departments Standpipe. *MOTION Crichton second Murphy "submit an application to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank as recommended" passed 5-0.*

Approve Terms & Conditions for Berwick Water Department: An update of the Water Departments Terms & Conditions based on a sample prepared for use by the Public Utilities Commission was provided to the Selectmen in their packets for review. After review and questions staff was hopeful that the Board would approve sending back to the PUC for review and approval. *MOTION Crichton second Chambers "approve the submittal of the terms & conditions that were reviewed by the Board to the PUC" passed 4-1.*

Update of Disbursement Policies: Staff prepared these policies for review. As a result that the Recall Vote eliminates from Public Office three selectmen, these policies will allow the remaining selectmen to independently approve some payment of bills based on the parameters allowed under state statute.

MOTION: Murphy second Crichton "approve the Disbursement Policy for Wages and Benefits" passed 5-0.

MOTION: Chambers second Elton "approve the Disbursement Policy for State Fees" passed 5-0.

MOTION: Chambers second Elton "approve the Disbursement Policy for Education" passed 5-0.

Bids for 2008 Ford Cruiser: Only one bid was received for the Cruiser, based on this, the Board advised the Town Manager to return the bid unopened. The following action then took place; *MOTION Crichton second Murphy "Rescind the previous vote to sell the car and return the car for use to the Police Department" passed 5-0. MOTION Chambers second Elton "no new fleet purchases until another car is retired from service" passed 5-0.*

ABATEMENTS/SUPPLEMENTALS

MOTION Murphy second Chambers "allow exception for one additional year for Map R42 Lot 34" passed 5-0.

MOTION Chambers second Elton "deny the abatement request for Map R15 Lot 1-2" passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident David Rodrique read a letter that he was to send to the Code Enforcement Officer with regard to his property at 12 Wilson Street, (possible land use violation).

Resident Mike Doran one of the petitioners for the upcoming recall vote, made comment on the votes to be cast and his feeling on the Board members up for recall.

Resident Jodie Wright another owner of 12 Wilson Street made comment that past Planning Coordinator and present CEO are liars.

Resident Dave Stolpe made comment on the Chairman's running of the meeting and criticize him for the Public Comment period.

Resident Joe French wished to ask the Board if the Board would be sending out an informational mailer on the upcoming Recall Vote to be held on February 13, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Chambers second Elton "to adjourn" passed 5-0 @ 8:15PM.

Respectfully

Keith M. Trefethen

Town Manager