

**Minutes Berwick Board of Selectmen – April 17, 2012**  
**Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.**

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

Others: TM Keith Trefethen, TC Buckman, Finance Director Janet Canney, Water Dept. Chief Operator Chris Wiseman, Assessing Agents-Scott Marsh and Mike Pelletier, and about 27 members of the general public.

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION Murphy second O'Connor "approve minutes of April 4, 2012" passed 4/0*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Tom Lavigne was upset about an exchange of emails he was involved in and feels that Attorney Shepard has a conflict of interest in the Bateman Case.

Also asked new members on the Board to remember what happened to previous Board.

Resident Peg Wheeler would like to know why the Batemans aren't going to the Appeals Board.

Resident Oscar Stone commented on letters Maine State housing wrote to Keith.

Resident Ron Long on the Bateman Project and the vote taken in 2009.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Reviewed by the Town Manager, no action taken.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS**

*MOTION Murphy second Crichton "approve accounts payable #1241" passed 4/0*

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Berwick Idle Land Use Committee- Robert Crichton, Chair

There is a lot of wetlands with condition of use. Lots of high land and timber on the property as well. Have received 2x4's from Kennebunk to use for bridges walk ways when the time comes.

Berwick Community Center- Robert Crichton, Chair

This committee is not doing anything at this time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Approval of Attorney Bryan Dench from the law office of Skelton, Traintor, and Abbot as co-counsel in the Bateman case. *MOTION O'Connor second Creveling 4/0*. Attorney Dench will be lead Counsel.

Four trees have been moved out of the right of way on Pine Hill Rd. The plan is to remove the rest of the trees from the right of way and continue to work with the homeowner on this.

Speed bump on First Street has been installed.

Joan Michaud will be updating the website and looking at ways to make it more user friendly.

Chief Towne has been and will continue to be in touch with MDOT about the speed limit on Cemetery Road.

The Board would like to have joint meeting with all Boards for a workshop in the near future. Selectman Murphy would also like to have Keith contact North Berwick, South Berwick and Lebanon to resume the quarterly meetings they had in the past.

The Fire Chief feels the bids for the Forestry Unit were high. New bid documents have been sent out and are due to be returned on May 1, 2012.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of even numbered years the Municipal Officers must appoint Elections Clerks for the next two years. The Town Clerk presented a list to be approved. *MOTION Creveling second O'Connor. 4/0*

An application for the renewal of Maureen Townsend's Massage Therapy License has been received. The Code Enforcement Officer has checked and everything is in order. *MOTION Murphy second Creveling 4/0*.

Assessors Return and been received and requires signatures of the Board. Information is provided by York County Commissioners for the Town's portion of the county budget which is \$319,309.39. *MOTION O'Connor second Creveling 4/0*.

Preliminary 2013 State Valuation Report has been received. Maine Revenues Service reviews documents provided by us to determine our State Valuation. This is the figure the State uses for the School Funding Formula.

Three requests for Planning Board Alternates were received. Kenneth Poirier, Niles Shore and Derek White. Mr. Poirier and Mr. Shore were in attendance.

*Kenneth Poirier MOTION Creveling second Murphy 4/0*

*Niles Shore MOTION Murphy second O'Connor 4/0*

The Finance Director provided information on 10 Tax foreclosures for the Boards Review and possible action.

Linda Brake-signed agreement on 1/19/2012 however no one has been able to contact her.

*MOTION Murphy second O'Connor to do a Title search.*

Lisa Casselano-The Board has no objection to her selling the property to pay taxes. *MOTION murphy second Creveling 4/0*

Avis Court- Deceased and family sent letter that they have no interest in the property. The Board will follow the sealed bid process. *MOTION murphy second Creveling 4/0.*

Linwood Collins- He is making payments per installment contract. No action taken.

Pamela Elliott Est.- Paid by bank. No action taken

Amy Fradsham & Todd Bregy- Bankruptcy. No action taken.

Joseph McDonough/Becky Durant-Board needs to approve contract that they signed to pay \$200.00 a month. *MOTION O'Connor second Murphy 4/0.*

Terrance & Jennifer O'Rourke-Bankruptcy. No action taken.

Betty Ouellette- Signed letter saying she would like to repurchase but has made no attempt to contact the Town. Numerous attempts have been made to contact her. Board will follow sealed bid process. *MOTION Creveling second Murphy 4/0.*

Prime Tanning- Bankruptcy. No action taken.

Bond Anticipation note to pay for coating of Standpipe and bid opening for Standpipe. The Bond Anticipation note will require a vote of the Legislative body. The following bids were received: The first bid amount is for Interior Prep and Coating, the second is for Exterior Complete Prep and Coating.

Marcel A. Payeur, Inc.	\$146,000. 50,000.
Marston Industrial Services, Inc	180,000. 58,000.
Limerick Steeplejacks, Inc.	164,300. 90,000.
Utility Service Co., Inc.	215,000. 280,000

## **ABATEMENTS/SUPPLEMENTALS**

Map R023-001(Supplemental) Tree Growth Penalty \$13,238.10

*MOTION Creveling second Murphy 4/0*

Personal Property account 750 (Supplemental) \$450.45 *MOTION Creveling second Crichton 4/0.*

Personal Property account 750 (abatement) \$450.45 *MOTION Creveling second Murphy 4/0.*

Map R038-012-00B-000 (Supplemental) \$1161.76 *MOTION O'Connor second Creveling 4/0.*

Map R035-022-000-000(abatement) \$281.31 *MOTION Creveling second O'Connor 4/0.*

R029-008-00A-000(abatement) \$248.82 *MOTION O'Connor second Creveling 4/0.*

R007-003-00A-000(abatement) \$358.93 *MOTION Creveling second O'Connor 4/0.*

R038-012-00B-000(abatement) \$1,761.76 *MOTION O'Connor second Creveling 4/0*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andrea Ouimette on the Fire Department Bids.

Adam Puffer concerning putting questions in writing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn Creveling second O'Connor.*

8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Buckman

Town Clerk