



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MEETING AGENDA
October 20, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

I. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Wright, Selectman Crichton, Selectman Ganiere, Selectman Plante

ABSENT: Selectman Pendergast

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Stephen Eldridge, Town Clerk Jo Anne Lepley, Town Planner John Stoll

II. MINUTES

a. October 6, 2015 BOS Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Selectman Crichton and seconded by Selectman Ganiere to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2015 BOS Regular Meeting.

The motion carried unanimously; 4 – 0.

III. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Wright – Chairman Wright spoke about the success of the visit from the Vladivostok delegation and the Workforce Housing Charrette that was held on October 14th and 16th. The Workforce Housing Coalition will be presenting their findings in November.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - None

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a. BCTV Committee

Chairman Wright stated that BCTV Chairman Terri Wright could not be there. He encouraged everyone to fill out a questionnaire as the committee is getting ready for contract negotiations with Comcast.

b. Envision Berwick Committee (EBC) – Frank Underwood

Mr. Underwood stated that BCTV had filmed many of the events from the Russian visit and had also filmed the Charrette.

1. The Charrette had given those tasked with a concept a unique project.

2. The Charrette also has given the EBC something to move forward with in the planning of a TIF District.

Riverfront Update – Frank Underwood

1. The new dock has been removed for the winter. There were approximately ten volunteers. Chairman Wright said that they had learned a lot about placing and removing the dock and it should be a lot easier next time.

2. The application for Phases 2 & 3 was complete and the DEP will begin review. They should hear something by December 9th.

3. The fundraising is ongoing.

Economic Development – Frank Underwood

The economic development group is looking at different energy related matters.

1. Solar
2. Fiber optics
3. Speaking with the PUC regarding a compressed natural gas farm
4. Geothermal options

General EBC Updates

1. PSNH land does not seem to have issues moving forward towards “surplus” designation.

Rip Patten of Credere is looking at convening the advisory committee that is part of the Brownfield grant.

Mr. Underwood stated that the slogan for the new sign should be chosen on November 12th.

Mr. Underwood also gave a second call for the Town’s Holiday Tree. The parade is scheduled for December 5th and the plan is to have the tree in place for the parade. Twenty-five to maybe thirty feet tall; anything taller is difficult to move and place. Selectman Ganiere asked about a permanent tree. The rest of the BOS stated that had been a huge issue in the past when the trees had grown too large.

Historical Society

The Historical Society will be having a speaker on October 21st on the topic of “Chamberlain and Hayes” at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Underwood stated that there was still a need for volunteers and that the EBC would be meeting Thursday evening.

Chairman Wright stated that the Workforce Housing leadership was amazed at the amount of work that had already been done by the EBC. Mr. Underwood stated that the Town’s residents should be recognized for their support of the Comprehensive Plan.

Paul & Pat Boisvert

Mr. Boisvert stated that the Vladivostok visit had been a success and Victor Shalay had left with the hope of continued friendships and communication. Birgitta Ingemanson would like to return for a future visit. Mr. Boisvert wanted to thank the Historical Society and the Methodist Church for their contributions and also to thank Mike Hennessey of the House of Hope for the use of the beautiful facility.

Mrs. Boisvert spoke of arranging for Birgitta Ingemanson to visit the local school children. Mrs. Boisvert also mentioned the Berwick Winter Farmer’s Market and that they have scheduled six markets for this season.

VI. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/OTHER GUESTS

a. Alternate Planning Board Member Appointment – John England

Mr. England gave the BOS some background information and answered questions.

Motion: It was moved by Chairman Wright and seconded by Selectman Crichton to appoint John England as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.

The motion carried unanimously; 4 – 0.

b. MSAD #60 School Board Member Appointment – Kelly Smith

This item was tabled due to lack of information.

c. WasteZero Presentation – Steve Lisauskas, Vice President, Municipal Partnerships

Mr. Lisauskas presented the BOS with a presentation hand-out and then proceeded to explain how a WasteZero program would benefit the Town of Berwick both by reducing the amount spent on Transfer Station costs and environmentally. He explained that WasteZero only supplies the bags used for disposal and does not pick up or dispose of any trash (that would still be with a provider like Waste Management). He stated that the biggest issue with going to a “Pay As You Throw” (PAYT) is the education of the public. His company assists with the public education aspect.

There were questions from the BOS regarding the size of the Transfer Station, cost of the bags, and collection method. Mr. Lisauskas stated that his company would be glad to look at the Transfer Station for size requirements; the cost of the bags to the public is set by the BOS; this system works with any collection method.

The Town Manager asked about cost reimbursement and Mr. Lisauskas explained the system they have in place and that it is placed in an account for Berwick and electronic transfer is how the funds would be accessed.

WasteZero does not design Transfer Stations; they provide recommendations. WasteZero gives ongoing support to its customers.

Pat Boisvert inquired as to whether the bags are biodegradable and whether communities using this plan have noticed an increase in illegal dumping. Mr. Lisauskas explained that the bags are not biodegradable, but they are recyclable. Mr. Lisauskas cited studies that show there is not a noticeable increase in illegal dumping. It is something to watch for but it is not a concern.

Mr. Lisauskas ended the presentation by stating that he would be back in a few weeks with the information asked for and then the BOS can decide if there is a next step to take.

d. Interim Town Clerk Appointments

Motion: It was moved by Chairman Wright and seconded by Selectman Ganiere to appoint Lynn Shearer as Interim Excise Tax Collector, Interim General Assistance Administrator, Interim Registrar of Voters, and Interim Town Clerk.

The motion carried unanimously; 4 – 0.

e. Interim BMV Agent

Motion: It was moved by Chairman Wright and seconded by Selectman Ganiere to temporarily appoint Lory Faucher as Bureau of Motor Vehicles Agent.

The motion carried unanimously; 4 – 0.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Fire Department Training: Old Sanford Road, Saturday, October 24th.

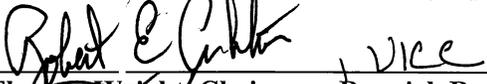
The Town Manager announced that Old Sanford Road will be down to one lane on the morning of October 24, 2015 while the Fire Department conducted training.

VIV. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS

A/P WARRANT	1615	\$128, 325
WATER WARRANT	0615	\$328.66
PAYROLL WARRANT	1616	\$44,669.19
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WATER WARRANT	0616	\$3,730.46

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The October 20, 2015 BOS Meeting Minutes
Signed as approved at the Board's November 10, 2015 Meeting
On behalf of the Board

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Thomas Wright, Chairman, Berwick Board of Selectmen