



BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF ASSESSOR
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016
6:30pm

Call to Order

Chair Thomas Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

I. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Chair Thomas Wright, Vice Chair Robert Crichton, Selectman Edward Ganiere, and Selectman Joshua Plante.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Stephen Eldridge, Finance Director Maureen Finger, Fire Chief Dennis Plante, Town Planner John Stoll, Recreation Director Kim Taylor and Town Clerk Patricia Murray.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2016

Motion: Selectman Ganiere moved to accept the minutes as written and Selectman Plante seconded.

The motion carried unanimously: 4-0.

III. First Public Comment - None

IV. Public Hearing - None

V. Reports of Committees

a. BCTV – None

b. Envision Berwick Committee (EBC)

Town Manager Eldridge stated the skating rink was in operation yesterday but the weather has not cooperated. Chair Wright expressed thanks to Pat and Paul Boisvert for all their hard work. He also extended an invitation to any people who would like to volunteer at the rink.

Mr. James Bellissimo, Chair EBC, was present. He stated the ice rink will be ready to go Thursday. He extended thanks to the Fire Department for all their help and the Select Board for their support. He also thanked Pat and Paul Boisvert. He also expressed the need for volunteers to help with maintenance and final touches. People can contact him through Envision Berwick's Facebook page. He stated that they would be looking to add lights and a sound system. Improvements would be scheduled to implement next year. The Committee voted to appropriate funds to join the Somersworth Chamber of Commerce at their last meeting. This objective was part of the 2014 Vision Report. Mr. Bellissimo stated Ms. Galleshaw stepped down from her position of Vice Chair but will remain a committee member. Mr. Frank Underwood was elected Vice Chair of Envision Berwick Committee. Mr. Bellissimo reported the Committee is looking into a transportation alternative program/safe routes to school program. They will be seeking grant money to help with the trail network, and could also be used for sidewalks, bicycle lanes, crosswalks and road bump outs. They are in the process of working on their FY 2016-17 budget. They will meet with Town Manager Eldridge and Ms. Finger soon. The budget will focus on town beautification and matching grant monies. He also reported that Mr. Don Young has

been working to acquire a list of all old properties in town and is in beginning stages of exploring a historical commission to help protect properties deemed historically significant. The Berwick Historical Society has a program tomorrow at 7pm about the dismantling of Lord Barn.

VI. Appointment / Presentation / Other Guests

a. Alternate Planning Board

- Sean Winston

Mr. Winston was introduced. He has lived in Berwick for approximately 14 years. He is the Facilities Project Manager at UNH. He feels the Planning Board seems like a good fit with his construction background.

Motion: Selectmen Ganiere made a motion to accept Sean Winston as Alternate Member of the Planning Board with his term expiring December 31, 2016. Selectmen Plante second the motion.

The motion carried unanimously: 4 – 0.

b. Farmer’s Market Committee

- Liz McGranaghan

Ms. McGranaghan was introduced. Ms. McGranaghan has lived in Berwick for three years. She is a freelance photographer specializing in food photography.

Motion: Vice Chair Crichton made a motion to accept Liz McGranaghan as a Member of the Berwick Farmer’s Market Committee with her term expiring December 31, 2016. Selectmen Plante second the motion.

The motion carried unanimously: 4 – 0.

- Kate Kennington

Ms. Kennington was not present. Chair Wright asked to table this item until Ms. Kennington can come before the Board.

Motion: Vice Chair Crichton made a motion to table the appointment of Kate Kennington as a Member of the Berwick Farmer’s Market Committee until Ms. Kennington is present at a Board Meeting. Selectmen Ganiere second the motion.

The motion carried unanimously: 4 – 0.

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Pay as You Throw Program – fee schedule

Town Manager Eldridge stated there is no update. Only two volunteers signed up at the February 2, 2016 BOS meeting. He encouraged residents to volunteer. He would like a committee of five members at least. Interested parties can contact Mr. Eldridge at the Town Office. Chair Wright reiterated that the whole solid waste program needs to be looked at. He also strongly urged people to volunteer. Mr. Eldridge noted that a newspaper article entitled “PAYT’s End Leaves Woolwich with a lot of Bags” was included in the Selectmen’s packets.

Vice Chair Crichton requested this item be put on the next BOS meeting agenda.

VIII. Communications - None

IX. Approval of Warrants

02/04/2016	A/P Warrant #1632	\$ 676,512.33
02/04/2016	Water Warrant #0632	1,985.97
02/11/2016	Payroll Warrant #1633	44,408.84
02/11/2016	Water Warrant #0633	1,147.24
02/11/2016	A/P Warrant #1633	68,931.21
02/18/2016	Payroll Warrant #1634	45,901.26

Motion: Chair Wright made a motion to accept the Payable Warrants as presented, Selectman Ganiere seconded.

The motion carried unanimously: 4 – 0.

X. New Business

Town Manager Eldridge stated the Board needs to set the date for Town Meeting. The June 14 and 15, 2016 date was suggested. The Primary Election is on June 14, 2016.

Motion: Vice Chair Crichton made a motion to set the date of Town Meeting for June 14 and June 15, 2016. Selectmen Plante second the motion.

The motion carried unanimously: 4 – 0.

Town Manager Eldridge also noted that we need information for the Town Report including recommendations for the dedication. All Committees need to get their reports into the Town Clerk by March 10, 2016. He also asked the BOS if they wanted postcards mailed when the Town Report is ready. Chair Wright responded that EBC wanted to coordinate a mailing. Mr. Eldridge will check with Mr. Bellissimo.

XI. Quit Claim Deeds and/or Installment Contracts - None

XII. Abatements / Supplemental - None

XIII. Second Public Comment - None

XIV. Executive Session - None

XV. Other Business/Non-Agenda item

Chair Wright stated that town officials did another walk-thru with interested parties at the Prime site. There has been a lot more interest and inquiries. They are hopeful to begin demolition in March.

XVI. The Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Murray
Town Clerk

The February 16, 2016 BOS Meeting Minutes – Signed as approved at the Board of Selectmen’s February 16, 2016 Meeting.

On behalf of the Board

Chair Thomas Wright