



ENVISION BERWICK MEETING MINUTES

Thursday February 11, 2016
Burgess Meeting Room
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Chair James Bellisimo called the meeting to order

In Attendance:

James Bellisimo; Pat Boisvert; Paul Boisvert; Serena Galleshaw; Niles Schore; Frank Underwood; Tom Wright; Don Young; Penny Zust

Absent:

Dave Andreesen; Kevin Jessel; Craig Plaisted; Rick Vandenberg

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

- January 14, 2016

Don Young noted that he was listed as a representative of the Berwick Historical Society. Mr Young is actually a representative for the Preservation and Heritage Sub-Committee.

Motion: Paul Boisvert made a motion to accept the minutes as amended

Second: Serena Galleshaw

Voted 9-0

In favor

Motion Passed Unanimously

Report of Committees – Please do not exceed five minutes should be three max anyway.

Frank Underwood opened discussion regarding the redevelopment of Prime Tanning and potential developers being shown the site.

Don Young stated that he had been provided with a listing of structures in Berwick organized by the actual year that they were built.

Pat & Paul Boisvert discussed their work on a community ice skating rink at the Estabrook School.

Penny Zust announced that the next Farmer's Market would take place on February 21st.

Frank Underwood discussed the next phase for the canoe/kayak launch on Rochester Street.

New Business

- Election of Vice Chair

Motion: Frank Underwood nominated Frank Underwood as Vice-Chair

Second: Paul Boisvert

Voted 9-0

In Favor

Motion Passed Unanimously

- Safe Routes to Schools/Transportation Alternative Program

The Committee discussed a Maine DOT program that provided funding for alternative transportation programs. Trail connections from the downtown to the Hussey School were discussed as a potential program.

- Appropriation of Funding for Somersworth Chamber Membership

The Board discussed Envision Berwick representing the Town of Berwick as a member to the Somersworth Chamber of Commerce

Motion: Frank Underwood made a motion that Envision Berwick spend the \$220 to become a member of the Somersworth Chamber of Commerce

Second: ? (Male voice)

Voted 9-0

In Favor

Motion Passed Unanimously

In Favor: Niles Schore; Frank Underwood; Serena Galleshaw; Don Young; Tom Wright; Penny Zust; Pat Boisvert; Paul Boisvert; James Bellisimo;

Opposed: None

- Eversource Parcel Purchase
 - Potential Kickoff Meeting with Subset of EB

The Committee discussed an appraisal conducted on a parcel of land owned by Eversource (formerly Public Service of New Hampshire) located on Saw Mill Hill Road across from the old Catholic Church. The appraisal valued the land at \$10,000 which is \$37,000 less than the Town valuation. Eversource has requested that Envision Berwick pay the cost of the appraisal to Mr. Verne Gardner for \$2500.

Motion: Frank Underwood made a motion that the committee raise their allotment for the Eversource parcel appraisal from \$2000 to \$2500 and that they make the payment to Horizon Appraisals from the Envision Berwick budget.

Second: Tom Wright

The committee discussed the necessity of an environmental assessment and concluded that they would discuss this further with Rick Vandenberg at their next meeting.

Voted 9–0

In Favor

Motion Passed Unanimously

In Favor: Niles Schore; Frank Underwood; Serena Galleshaw; Don Young; Tom Wright; Penny Zust; Pat Boisvert; Paul Boisvert; James Bellisimo;

Opposed: None

The Committee discussed creating a subset group to discuss the stormwater improvement project that will take place on the Eversource parcel and how this project could work with the creation of a park at this location.

The committee decided that subset for this meeting would consist of Serena Galleshaw; Penny Zust; and Frank Underwood.

Information Items

Other/Non-Agenda Items

The committee discussed how much funding Envision Berwick would request at the next Town Meeting vote. The Town Planner advised Committee members to meet with the Town Manager and Finance Director to discuss this item.

Adjournment

Motion: James Bellisimo made a motion to adjourn

Second: Tom Wright

Voted 9-0
In Favor
Motion Passed Unanimously

Envision Berwick adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm. Minutes prepared by John Stoll, Town Planner for consideration at the March 10, 2016 Envision Berwick meeting.

Signed as approved by the Committee:

James Bellisimo, Chair Envision Berwick

Date