

**South Berwick
Board of Assessors
January 14, 2014**

Chairman Gerald W. MacPherson, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Assessors present included Jean Demetracopoulos, John C. Kareckas, Russell H. Abell. Town Manager Perry Ellsworth and Assessing Agent Craig Skelton were also in attendance. David H. Webster was not present.

1. On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Abell, it was unanimously voted to grant abatement to The Avery Family Trust, Map 8 Lot 40, account #C1250R in the amount of \$776.25. The abatement is granted due to the wrong grade having been applied to renovations in 2002 causing an overvaluation.

Documentation presented for the abatement included the Assessing Agent's recommendation & review notes, 5 pages of quality grading guidelines, the application and statement from the applicant, the proposed amended property description and tax card.

2. The Board discussed the issuance of a Supplemental Tax Warrant in the amount of \$450.23. Mr. Skelton explained that several properties received duplicate exemptions due to a data entry error.

On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Kareckas, it was unanimously voted to issue the Supplemental Tax Warrant in the amount of \$450.23.

The supplemental taxes of \$450.23 are assessed to the following properties:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Emery, Judith	E0330R	08/69	\$103.50	rec'd Vet & Widow exempts
Downs/Eaton	W0380R	09/76	\$172.50	rec'd 2 homestead exempts
Adamets, Michael	L1700R	33/88	\$172.50	rec'd 2 homestead exempts
State of Maine	N1001R	03/1B	\$ 1.73	State rec'd 2 state exempts

On a motion by Mr. Kareckas, seconded by Mr. Abell, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Attest:

Barbara Bennett, CCM
Town Clerk

South Berwick Town Council January 14, 2014

Chairman Gerald W. MacPherson, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:41pm. Councilors present included Jean Demetracopoulos, John C. Kareckas, and Russell H. Abell. Town Manager Perry Ellsworth was also in attendance. David H. Webster was not present.

Approval of Minutes

1. Public Hearing 12-10-13: On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Abell, it was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes as written.
2. Council 12-10-13: On a motion by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Kareckas, it was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Warrants –

1. On a motion by Mr. Kareckas, seconded by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, it was unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the December 24, 2013 warrant in the amount of \$99,920.72.
2. On a motion by Mr. Kareckas, seconded by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, it was unanimously voted to sign the warrant for January 14, 2014 in the amount of \$886,583.49. Mr. Kareckas noted that 66% (\$587,064.17) was for the monthly school payment.

Public Comment

1. Mike Hasty, Fifes Ln, expressed his concerns with potential federal regulations through the Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement. He stated that the Agreement would negatively affect municipal land use regulations. He asked that the Council consider signing a resolution opposing the Agreement. The Manager stated that he will review the materials provided by Mr. Hasty and if the Council wishes to discuss it, it would be placed on a future agenda.
2. Al Johnson, Brattle St, addressed the Council with a proposal to trade 1 year of his property taxes for the transfer of ownership and installation of granite stocks he built. He passed out photos of the stockade and suggested that it could be used for fundraisers and special events.

Town Manager's Report

- Reminded everyone that there will be a meeting Wednesday morning with the MDOT concerning the Route 236/Vine Street intersection.
- Budget season has begun. Department heads have been given their worksheets. The budget schedule has been posted to the website.
- Will be attending the Legislative Policy Committee meeting on Thursday.
- Will be traveling to Augusta on Wednesday the 22nd to testify on proposed legislation regarding revenues and other budget concerns.
- Reminded everyone of the meeting on the 21st with the Conservation Commission regarding the disposition of Town owned lands.
- Sharing plowing and sanding/salting with the State on Routes 4 & 236 is going well.
- Recent weather conditions have begun creating significant pothole problems. The highway crew is doing well at keeping on top of the issue.
- We recently had our first OSHA review in 12 years. There will be a few issues to deal with. We should soon receive a list of deficiencies and will have 15 days to respond. There will be some fines involved; but it is hoped that they will be minimal.
- Met with the Library Advisory Board and Friends of the Library a couple of weeks ago. The Friends have raised \$930,545.13, including in kind donations. Memberships and lending have increased over 200% in the last year or so.
- Commented that the monthly meeting with representatives from Eliot and the School District went well. Mr. Abell added that he felt the meeting was very informative. Mr. MacPherson stated that these meetings have created a friendlier atmosphere.
- Noted that Eliot has hired its first Town Manager. Dana Lee will start soon. Mr. Ellsworth added that he knows Mr. Lee and looks forward to a good working relationship.

-2Way Communications has notified us that our current computer operating system of Windows XP Professional will no longer be supported by Microsoft and will have to be updated. 2Way is researching the costs for the upgrades.

-Deadlines for submission to the newsletter and town report are coming up soon; late January and early February.

-Made note that he will be out of the office both Thursday (LPC meeting) and Friday (vaca).

Unfinished Business

1. On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Abell, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Manager to sign Addendum #2 of the Purchase & Sale Agreement with Great Works Regional Land Trust for properties off of Lindsay Lane (which is off York Woods Rd). [This addendum extends the closing date to as late as March 1, 2014.]

New Business

1. Mr. Ellsworth explained that due to changes in the health care laws, amendments are required to the Personnel Policy regarding the Retirement Health Savings Plan [§31.78.1]. Union employees must be allowed to participate and the provision allowing use of the funds at age 55 (even if still employed with the Town) must be deleted. Employees may only utilize their funds when they leave the **Town's employ.**

On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Abell, it was unanimously voted to accept amendments and update the Personnel Policy for the Retirement Health Savings Plan.

2. On a motion by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Kareckas, it was unanimously voted to approve the **renewal of Relish's liquor license.**

3. On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Kareckas, it was unanimously voted to **renew Jayco Disposal's Solid Waste Hauler License until January 31, 2015.**

4. On a motion by Mr. Kareckas, seconded by Mr. Abell, it was unanimously voted to renew **Oceanside Rubbish's Solid Waste Hauler License until January 31, 2015.**

5. On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Kareckas, it was unanimously voted to **renew Waste Management's Solid Waste Hauler License until January 31, 2015.**

Mr. Ellsworth thanked the Town Clerk for her due diligence at getting the haulers licensed.

Mrs. Demetracopoulos commented that there are still some haulers in non-compliance and asked that the Council consider a vote for non-compliance and proceed with enforcement.

6. On a motion by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, it was unanimously voted to approve **the renewal of Spring Hill's liquor license and special amusement permit.**

7. The Council discussed LD 1483 "An Act to Promote & Enhance State Policy to Preserve and Support Existing Methods of Disposal of Municipal Waste".

[The legislation would, among other things, assess fees on licensed landfills for solid waste; these fees would be deposited into a State account. The State would then disburse the funds to qualifying municipalities (those that use a certified waste processing facility).]

Mrs. Demetracopoulos stated that towns that have access to refuse-to-energy plants would receive reimbursement payments from the state while towns that use landfills (either by choice or out of necessity) would have to pay higher fees to fund the state account for the reimbursements. She added that South Berwick would be penalized because of MERC closing; which we had no control over.

On a motion by Mr. Kareckas, seconded by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, it was unanimously voted to read the Resolve into the record and sign it. A copy of the Resolve is attached to these minutes.

On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Kareckas, it was unanimously voted to sign a letter to Representative Mark Eves asking that he withdraw his support for LD 1483.

Council Member Comments

1. Mrs. Demetracopoulos:

-Stated that it was nice that there were no frozen pipe issues on the 3rd floor (as in the past) during the recent cold spell.

2. Mr. Kareckas:

-Informed the Manager that he would be available to go to Augusta on the 22nd to testify.

-Commented that the streets are being stressed with the freeze thaw cycle.

-Thanked the Manager for his work on the deal with Casella for a solid waste contract.

3. Mr. Able:

-Commented that many places are experiencing the same road issues we are.

4. Mr. MacPherson:

-Commented that Powderhouse Hill had gotten off to a good start until the recent warm & rainy weather.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Demetracopoulos, seconded by Mr. Kareckas, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Attested:

Barbara Bennett, CCM

TOWN OF SO. BERWICK
CHECK REGISTER

Check Number	Account	Date Paid	Amount
00033654	189999 REFUNDS	01/28/2014	-200.00
00034105	011450 ASIA CAFE	01/28/2014	156.11
00034106	132500 SECRETARY OF STATE M/V	01/28/2014	7,848.68
00034107	090151 UNITED STATES TREASURY	01/28/2014	252.38
00034108	120270 LARKIN HEAVY TRUCK SALES	01/28/2014	20.00
00034109	132500 SECRETARY OF STATE M/V	01/28/2014	13,505.94
00034110	189999 REFUNDS	01/28/2014	10.00
00034111	189999 REFUNDS	01/28/2014	200.00
00034112	010235 ACTION TRAINING SYSTEMS, INC.	01/28/2014	911.57
00034113	010500 ALL STATES ASPHALT INC	01/28/2014	2,975.00
00034114	010585 AMAZON	01/28/2014	126.22
00034115	010656 AMERICAN SECURITY ALARM INC	01/28/2014	384.00
00034116	011495 ATLANTIC RECYCLING EQUIP LLC	01/28/2014	97.50
00034117	011600 AUDIO EDITIONS	01/28/2014	8.00
00034118	020225 BAKER & TAYLOR	01/28/2014	401.06
00034119	021300 BERNSTEIN SHUR	01/28/2014	55.00
00034120	021375 H T BERRY COMPANY INC	01/28/2014	375.48
00034121	022850 BUSINESS EQUIPMENT UNLIMITED	01/28/2014	260.50
00034122	021576 JANETTE BIRCH	01/28/2014	12.00
00034123	021668 BLOW BROS	01/28/2014	56.25
00034124	022503 SHARON BRASSARD	01/28/2014	169.20
00034125	022732 CHRISTOPHER BURBANK	01/28/2014	77.00
00034126	030510 CENTRAL MAINE POWER	01/28/2014	2,177.79
00034127	030725 CITIZENS BANK (CHG)	01/28/2014	200.00
00034128	030920 CLEAN-O-RAMA	01/28/2014	489.00
00034129	031915 CRANMORE MOUNTAIN RESORT	01/28/2014	1,000.00
00034130	032085 CUSTOM COACH AND LIMOUSINE	01/28/2014	1,716.00
00034131	040120 DEAN & ALLYN INC	01/28/2014	95.00
00034132	060100 HOWARD P FAIRFIELD INC	01/28/2014	307.02
00034133	060305 FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOC.	01/28/2014	95.00
00034134	061535 FRIENDS/SOBERW SR CTR	01/28/2014	284.00
00034135	010525 G&K SERVICES	01/28/2014	707.86
00034136	070200 P GAGNON & SON INC	01/28/2014	8,078.26
00034137	070800 W.W.GRAINGER INC.	01/28/2014	56.66
00034138	071050 GREAT FALLS CLEANERS	01/28/2014	220.00
00034139	071180 GROUP DYNAMIC INC	01/28/2014	275.00
00034140	191330 HANNAFORD'S	01/28/2014	79.81
00034141	080248 HANSCOM'S TRUCK STOP INC	01/28/2014	6,206.06
00034142	080450 HARVARD PILGRIM HEALTH CARE	01/28/2014	24,583.27
00034143	080525 HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, LLC	01/28/2014	74.91
00034144	081394 HUSSEY EXCAVATION INC	01/28/2014	280.00
00034145	089010 INDUSTRIAL BURNER SERVICES INC	01/28/2014	287.25
00034146	090375 INTERNATIONAL SALT	01/28/2014	15,827.01
00034147	100150 JANETOS MARKET	01/28/2014	99.92
00034148	100317 REBECCA JOHNSON	01/28/2014	38.09
00034149	110219 KID'S DISCOVER	01/28/2014	26.95
00034150	120250 MARK DAVID LANGWAY	01/28/2014	275.00
00034151	120350 NORMAND LAUZE	01/28/2014	775.00
00034152	120510 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	01/28/2014	756.12
00034153	121900 GARY LUMAYE	01/28/2014	31.72
00034154	133195 MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	01/28/2014	26.95
00034155	133358 W.B.MASON	01/28/2014	102.31
00034156	133775 F L MICHAUD	01/28/2014	195.00
00034157	133795 MICK BODYWORKS	01/28/2014	143.20
00034158	134300 MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES	01/28/2014	3,739.64
00034159	134601 EXXON/MOBIL	01/28/2014	365.27

Check Number	Account	Date Paid	Amount
00034160	134850 WENDY MORRISON	01/28/2014	75.58
00034161	135110 MAINE RECREATION & PARK ASSO	01/28/2014	45.00
00034162	140090 NADA GUIDES	01/28/2014	219.00
00034163	140105 NAPA OF SOMERSWORTH	01/28/2014	116.49
00034164	140600 NEPTUNE INC	01/28/2014	102.00
00034165	140796 NEW ENGLAND ASSN/POLICECHIEFS	01/28/2014	60.00
00034166	141060 NEW PIG CORP	01/28/2014	600.10
00034167	140300 NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION	01/28/2014	46.75
00034168	141354 NORTH COUNTRY TRACTOR INC	01/28/2014	357.21
00034169	141370 NORTHEAST HYDRAULICS INC	01/28/2014	42.92
00034170	150930 M H PARSONS & SONS LUMBER CO	01/28/2014	2,213.00
00034171	160230 PERMA-LINE CORP	01/28/2014	44.27
00034172	200700 PIKE INDUSTRIES INC	01/28/2014	900.00
00034173	160320 PINE TREE WASTE INC	01/28/2014	1,085.71
00034174	160692 POLAND SPRING	01/28/2014	91.90
00034175	161265 PORTSMOUTH FORD	01/28/2014	128.82
00034176	170000 QUILL CORPORATION	01/28/2014	46.22
00034177	192400 SO BERWICK PETTY CASH ACCOUNT	01/28/2014	26.51
00034178	191900 SO BERWICK EMERGENCY RESCUE	01/28/2014	6,512.23
00034179	192900 SO BERWICK WATER DISTRICT	01/28/2014	78,437.29
00034180	193410 SO MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING CM	01/28/2014	420.00
00034181	193622 SPRINGER ELECTRICAL SERV INC	01/28/2014	592.36
00034182	193640 STAPLES	01/28/2014	238.11
00034183	200545 TERMINIX INTERNATIONAL	01/28/2014	50.00
00034184	200875 TMDE CALIBRATION LAB INC	01/28/2014	375.00
00034185	133020 TREASURER/STATE OF MAINE	01/28/2014	2,360.00
00034186	133107 TREAS,STATE OF MAINE/DEP	01/28/2014	43.00
00034187	201300 TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION SERV INC	01/28/2014	162.50
00034188	210620 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	01/28/2014	112.00
00034189	211500 VERIZON WIRELESS	01/28/2014	624.04
00034190	230300 WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	01/28/2014	228.00
00034191	230610 WEES LLC	01/28/2014	725.00
00034192	240900 YORK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS	01/28/2014	10.85
Total Not Prepaid			172,615.71
Total Prepaid			21,793.11
Grand Total			194,408.82

Check Number	-----Account-----	Date Paid	Amount
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WARRANT NUMBER	\$ 194,408.82	DATE 01/23/2014
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* * * TREASURER'S WARRANT * * *

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THERE IS DUE AND CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATIONS LISTED ABOVE THE SUM SET AGAINST EACH NAME AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO PAY UNTO THE PARTIES NAMED IN THIS SCHEDULE.

TOWN COUNCIL:

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TOWN COUNCIL
Agenda Information Sheet

Meeting Date: January 23, 2014	NB #1
Agenda Item: Recreation Committee member resignation	
Department Head Recommendation: Town Clerk	
Accept resignation	
Town Manager's Recommendation	
Requested Action	
Motion and vote to accept Mike McGinness' resignation from the Recreation Committee.	
Vote	

Sharon Brassard

From: outdrsadvntre@aol.com
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 2:08 PM
To: Sharon Brassard
Subject: Recreation Committee

Dear Recreation Committee,

I am writing to inform you of my resignation as a committee member. Due to the birth of my 3rd child as well as beginning to home school my 6 year old, I am unable to devote the time required to be a contributing member. I wish you all the best with your goals and plan to be involved in brainstorming and volunteering with the committee as time allows.

It's been a pleasure!

Mike McGinness