

**South Berwick
Town Council Meeting
February 9, 2016**

Chairman John C. Kareckas called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Councilors present included Russell H. Abell, John James, and Thomas Chase. Town Manager Perry A. Ellsworth was also in attendance. Laura Leber arrived at approximately 6:36.

Approval of Minutes

1. Council 01-26-16: On a motion by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. James, it was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Warrant

1. On a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Chase, it was unanimously voted to sign the warrant dated February 4, 2016 in the amount of \$764,496.49. Note was made that the warrant included the monthly payment to the school for \$620,919.75.

Public Comment

1. Paul and Tamre Steinhauer, Hill Dr, addressed the Council regarding the Route 236/Vine St/Academy St Project. Mr. Steinhauer stated that the project does not address the unsafe intersection at the southern end of Academy Street. He asked the Council to give consideration to mitigating the issues of speed and the lack of sightlines coming off of Academy (southern end).

2. Jerry & Cathy Locke, Hill Dr, also spoke in regard to the southern end of Academy Street. Their daughter was recently involved in a serious accident there. Mr. Locke stated that the cautionary sign placed by the state is not effective. He asked that the Council ask the State for help with the issue.

Reports & Correspondence

1. Eastern Trail: Carole Brush (ET Exec Director) and Marianne Goodine (Town of Wells) were present to give the Council an update on the Trail.

The Eastern Trail Alliance was made up of a group of people that looked at using the old railroad corridor to create a bike path. The Eastern Trail Management District oversees the management, maintenance and funding of the Trail.

Currently, funding is being sought to build the 18 mile section of trail from Kennebunk to South Berwick. Agreements with Unitil are being finalized and grants will then be applied for to help with the costs. Ms. Brush stated that the cost of the trail is estimated at \$300,000-\$450,000 per mile. Mr. Ellsworth stated that South Berwick has been supporting the Trail with \$3500 annually.

Town Manager's Report

-The school collaboration meeting is Wednesday morning. Discussion will include the Governor's plan to cut school funding again; which could cost South Berwick as much as \$2/1000 in taxes. Mr. Ellsworth encouraged everyone to get involved with school funding.

-Discussions regarding dispatch services are ongoing.

Unfinished Business

1. The Council discussed the new police station. Mike Lassel the project architect was present to explain the process. Mr. Lassel stated that Town owned properties were looked at as possible sites. They have been narrowed down to three. The "Day" property was not deemed suitable because the lot is not large enough. The Town Hall property, although centrally located, would require significant alteration.

The most viable site, at this time, is next to the existing Fire Station.

A number of residents were present to speak on the issue of the site location. William Evans, Virginia Zavicky, Lori Medige, Catherine Pritchett, Dan & Lilly Baldwin, Kate Doherty, Tamre Steinhauer, Ken Weston, Andrew Beale, Sharon & Gerry Trull, Rebekah Cogswell, Jane Leach, Jeremy Jordan, Diana Kandilakis, Peter Seekamp, and Deb Cram. (Most of the above live in the

area of the proposed site.) Police Lieutenant Chris Burbank and Police Chief Dana Lajoie also participated in the discussion.

The major areas of concern were safety, increased traffic, noise, lighting from the new building and cruisers, the number of parking spaces being created and the potential to lose some of the green space used by many families in the area.

Mr. Lassel stated that the sketches presented are in concept form to help garner comment and input from the residents. Mr. Kareckas stated that we are in the fact finding stages and there have been no decisions made at this point.

Town Manager Ellsworth stated that there will be more discussion on the issue and encouraged everyone to participate in the process. Mr. James stated that the Council will not make the ultimate decision. It will be put to the voters.

New Business

1. On a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Chase, it was unanimously voted to accept Veronica Salyer's resignation from the Conservation Commission.
2. The Council briefly discussed the need to review the procedures involved with accepting a new town road. Council consensus was to hold a workshop on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00pm to meet with the Public Works Director to review the Town's Code (Chapter 119).
3. On a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mrs. Leber, it was unanimously voted to declare the 50 ton dumpster as junk and authorize the Town Manager to sell the dumpster and credit the proceeds to the Transfer Station Capital account towards the purchase of a usable dumpster. [Mr. Ellsworth stated that we have a buyer lined up willing to pay \$2000 for it]
4. On a motion by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. James, it was unanimously voted to approve the renewal of Spring Hill's liquor license and special amusement permit.
5. The Council discussed the process to renew the Cable TV Franchise with Comcast. Mr. Ellsworth stated that the process to get a completed contract takes about a year. Mr. Kareckas asked where we were with upgrades. Mr. Ellsworth stated that upgrades can be negotiated along with the franchise fee (we currently receive about \$40,000/yr). Consensus was to hold a workshop with the Comcast representative after the budget workshops are complete.

Councilor Comments

1. Mr. Abell:
-Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The input is very important and enlightening.
2. Mr. Kareckas:
-Stated that the budget is looking good. We are where we should be at 59%.
-Commented that neighborhood issues can be tough; the input is always appreciated.
3. Mrs. Leber:
-Stated that it was gratifying to see so many people at the meeting.
-She asked the Manager if he separates the budget into twelfths. He responded "no".
4. Mr. Chase:
-Commented that it was a great discussion (concerning the police station).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. On a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mrs. Leber, it was unanimously voted to move the executive session to the meeting of February 23rd.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Chase, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:14pm.

Attest:

Barbara Bennett, CCM

TOWN OF SO. BERWICK
CHECK REGISTER

Check Number	-----Account-----	Date Paid	Amount
00038371	191875 TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK	02/23/2016	200.00
00038372	031915 CRANMORE MOUNTAIN RESORT	02/23/2016	1,233.00
00038373	132500 SECRETARY OF STATE M/V	02/23/2016	9,517.59
00038374	010040 AAA POLICE SUPPLY	02/23/2016	399.00
00038375	010336 AGGREGATE RECYCLING CORP	02/23/2016	770.01
00038376	010524 ALSTART-CHICHESTER	02/23/2016	270.00
00038377	010740 AMERIFLEX	02/23/2016	225.00
00038378	011422 KERA ASHLINE	02/23/2016	59.39
00038379	011700 AUTO ELECTRIC SERVICE LLC	02/23/2016	155.00
00038380	020225 BAKER & TAYLOR	02/23/2016	96.95
00038381	021668 BLOW BROS	02/23/2016	55.00
00038382	030530 CENTRAL TIRE CO INC	02/23/2016	795.10
00038383	030510 CENTRAL MAINE POWER	02/23/2016	4,012.91
00038384	030725 CITIZENS BANK (CHG)	02/23/2016	197.85
00038385	031350 COLLINS SHEET METAL INC.	02/23/2016	32.00
00038386	040130 BOB DEARBORN	02/23/2016	40.00
00038387	040800 DOUCETTE EXCAVATING	02/23/2016	3,740.00
00038388	060100 HOWARD P FAIRFIELD INC	02/23/2016	2,915.97
00038389	060240 FARWELL'S AUTO SERVICE	02/23/2016	55.00
00038390	070200 P GAGNON & SON INC	02/23/2016	2,755.15
00038391	070210 GALLS LLC	02/23/2016	131.39
00038392	070600 GEORGE GORMAN	02/23/2016	204.45
00038393	070800 W.W.GRAINGER INC.	02/23/2016	73.40
00038394	191330 HANNAFORD'S	02/23/2016	732.64
00038395	080248 HANSCOM'S TRUCK STOP INC	02/23/2016	644.25
00038396	080450 HARVARD PILGRIM HEALTH CARE	02/23/2016	35,072.05
00038397	080998 HOME DEPOT	02/23/2016	244.28
00038398	081394 HUSSEY EXCAVATION INC	02/23/2016	300.00
00038399	087001 IAAO/MAINE CHAPTER	02/23/2016	35.00
00038400	087011 INT'L ACADEMIES EMER DISPATCH	02/23/2016	50.00
00038401	100150 JANETOS MARKET	02/23/2016	135.33
00038402	100325 SCOTT A JOHNSON	02/23/2016	180.00
00038403	100640 K & S OVERHEAD DOOR CO	02/23/2016	230.00
00038404	022700 KOFIE PRESERVATION	02/23/2016	960.00
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00038409	130670 MAINE RESOURCE/RECOVERY	02/23/2016	532.50
00038410	132400 MAINE SAD #35	02/23/2016	320.32
00038411	133195 MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	02/23/2016	7.50
00038412	133795 MICK BODYWORKS INC	02/23/2016	684.00
00038413	133818 MILLENNIUM ROADS LLC	02/23/2016	3,100.00
00038414	134200 MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSO (INS)	02/23/2016	1,760.94
00038415	134300 MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES	02/23/2016	4,758.56
00038416	134400 MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	02/23/2016	55.00
00038417	134900 MORTON SALT	02/23/2016	8,001.15
00038418	133359 MASSACHUSETTS REC/PARK ASSN	02/23/2016	75.00
00038419	135210 ERIC MUNDELL	02/23/2016	808.09
00038420	140105 NAPA AUTO PARTS	02/23/2016	598.04
00038421	140600 NEPTUNE INC	02/23/2016	128.50
00038422	141280 NORTH ATLANTIC POWER PDTS	02/23/2016	2,660.29
00038423	200700 PIKE INDUSTRIES INC	02/23/2016	803.75
00038424	160320 PINE TREE WASTE INC	02/23/2016	1,088.54
00038425	162350 PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CONSULT	02/23/2016	338.00
00038426	168500 QUALITY FIRE PROTECTION	02/23/2016	1,125.00

Check Number	Account	Date Paid	Amount	
00038427	170000	QUILL CORPORATION	02/23/2016	299.17
00038428	180125	RANSOM CONSULTING ENGINEERS	02/23/2016	2,718.75
00038429	160692	READY REFRESH	02/23/2016	158.32
00038430	180477	RICE'S AUTOMOTIVE CENTER	02/23/2016	44.75
00038431	190300	SANTANDER LEASING LLC	02/23/2016	23,705.31
00038432	132500	SECRETARY OF STATE M/V	02/23/2016	12,500.90
00038433	132525	SECRETARY OF STATE	02/23/2016	50.00
00038434	191275	SHAWNEE PEAK	02/23/2016	440.00
00038435	191500	MAURICE ROBERGE	02/23/2016	240.00
00038436	191753	FOREST SMITH	02/23/2016	675.00
00038437	193408	SO MAINE PLANNING & DEV	02/23/2016	1,500.00
00038438	191950	SO BERWICK HOUSE OF PIZZA	02/23/2016	48.27
00038439	192600	SO BERWICK PHARMACY	02/23/2016	23.33
00038440	193640	STAPLES	02/23/2016	111.80
00038441	194270	RAYMOND SUMNER	02/23/2016	1,330.00
00038442	133107	TREAS. STATE OF MAINE/DEP	02/23/2016	176.00
00038443	201300	TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION SERV INC	02/23/2016	1,329.82
00038444	210620	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	02/23/2016	112.00
00038445	211500	VERIZON WIRELESS	02/23/2016	796.34
00038446	230300	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	02/23/2016	237.28
00038447	230800	WEX BANK	02/23/2016	696.70
00038448	240900	YORK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS	02/23/2016	30.00
Total Not Prepaid			133,445.82	
Total Prepaid			10,950.59	
Grand Total			144,396.41	

WARRANT NUMBER \$ 144,396.41 DATE 02/18/2016
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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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