

**South Berwick
Town Council Meeting
February 23, 2016**

Chairman John C. Kareckas called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Councilors present included Russell Abell, John James, Laura Leber, and Thomas Chase. Town Manager Perry A. Ellsworth was also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

1. Council 02-09-16: On a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mrs. Leber, it was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Warrant

1. On a motion by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. James, it was unanimously voted to sign the warrant dated February 18, 2016 in the amount of \$144,396.41.

Public Comment

None

Town Manager's Report

-Commented on LD 1578. The bill, with the intention of promoting composting, would add an additional \$1 per tonnage of trash brought to landfills. The MMA Legislative Policy Committee is not in support of the bill.

-Commented that the Governor is the head of the Education Commission. Due to current proposals, SAD #35 could lose as much as \$1 million in aid this year. The school district is appealing. Everyone was encouraged to get involved and contact their representatives.

-Made note that he is trying to organize a meeting with the DOT and citizens concerned with the projects on Route 236/Vine St. and the Vine Street bridge removal.

Unfinished Business

1. Police Station update:

1. Ken Weston, Spring St, on behalf of the Shoetown Community Association, presented the Council with six alternate sites for the proposed police station. They included the Town Hall with renovations, the back lot next to Town Hall, Route 236 near the high school, on Route 4 heading north, in the area of Agamenticus Rd/Crooker Ln, and the Day property site. He listed pros and cons of each site.

Mr. Weston also presented the group's proposal for a complete redesign of the open space/playground area located next to the fire station in lieu of the new police station. He stated that the plan would provide for year round and multi-generational activities. The group is not currently asking for funding and has plans to seek volunteers and donations.

Mr. Ellsworth stated that it is premature to try to answer everyone's questions at this time; since we are in the information gathering stage. Concept drawings of what the police station will need were developed as part of the process, but there have been no decisions made as to the site location or building.

A number of area residents spoke in favor of locating the police station elsewhere and proceeding with the proposed new park plan as presented by Mr. Weston. They included Jeremy Jordan, Carin Lee, Rebecca Cogswell, Jeff Hoerth, Pam Williams, John Edy, Brian McNulty, Dan Baldwin, and Joe Tworkowski.

Mylene Hollick, Pond Rd, stated that she thought the new park was a great idea, however, we need a police station and the Town already owns the property. She expressed her concerns with the cost to taxpayers. "Every choice has a cost; it's not free".

Mr. Kareckas stated that we are still in the listening and learning phase; public engagement is very important. He added that the current proposal would leave the existing playground and green space as is and also accommodate a new police station.

A brief discussion ensued regarding how the public can stay informed regarding any Town business. It was recommended that everyone go to the Town's website and check for postings and agendas.

2. Route 236 Project update: Mr. Ellsworth stated that the project has already gone over budget, and the Town's portion has increased by \$16,500. We will be asking KACTS for the additional funding. The project is scheduled to start the day after school gets out and finish before it starts again in the fall. There is still an old right-of-way owned by the defunct railroad line that needs to be addressed, but the project is moving forward.

3. Budget process update: Mr. Ellsworth presented the Council with a revised budget schedule.

Councilor Comments

1. Mr. James:

-Thanked the audience for staying throughout the meeting (even if he did shame them into it).

2. Mr. Abell:

-He also thanked the audience for attending and their input.

-He stated that he will be doing a lot of traveling in March for work and will not be able to attend most of the workshops.

3. Mr. Chase:

-Thanked the public for attending and the input is helpful and necessary to the process.

4. Mrs. Leber:

-Thanked everyone for coming and the input. She urged everyone to keep involved by attending meetings/workshops, checking the website for postings and agendas. She also recommended that if you are not able to attend a meeting to watch the podcasts on Town Hall Streams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. On a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Abell, it was unanimously voted to enter executive session at 8:05pm pursuant to 1MRSA §405.6A to discuss the Manager's performance evaluation.

The following was reported to the Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Abell, it was unanimously voted to end the executive session at 10:01pm.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. James, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:02pm.

Attest:

Barbara Bennett, CCM

TOWN OF SO. BERWICK
CHECK REGISTER

Check Number	-----Account-----	Date Paid	Amount
00038418	133359 MASSACHUSETTS REC/PARK ASSN	03/08/2016	-75.00
00038449	132500 SECRETARY OF STATE M/V	03/08/2016	24,670.67
00038450	189999 REFUNDS	03/08/2016	36.32
00038451	189999 REFUNDS	03/08/2016	200.00
00038452	061516 441 SOUTH BERWICK LLC	03/08/2016	1,150.00
00038453	010500 ALL STATES ASPHALT INC	03/08/2016	4,650.00
00038454	011250 TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE	03/08/2016	388.00
00038455	020225 BAKER & TAYLOR	03/08/2016	605.22
00038456	021300 BERNSTEIN SHUR	03/08/2016	1,690.00
00038457	021375 H T BERRY COMPANY INC	03/08/2016	270.14
00038458	022240 GARY BOUCHER	03/08/2016	159.92
00038459	022503 SHARON BRASSARD	03/08/2016	160.00
00038460	022734 D.M.BURNS SECURITY INC	03/08/2016	100.00
00038461	030530 CENTRAL TIRE CO INC	03/08/2016	1,180.60
00038462	030500 CENTRAL MAINE POWER/CREDIT, COLL	03/08/2016	175.00
00038463	030510 CENTRAL MAINE POWER	03/08/2016	1,991.56
00038464	030725 CITIZENS BANK (CHG)	03/08/2016	135.00
00038465	031425 COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS.	03/08/2016	1,423.90
00038466	031579 CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY	03/08/2016	2,438.79
00038467	040120 DEAN & ALLYN INC	03/08/2016	30.00
00038468	040190 DELLA LAND CORPORATION	03/08/2016	150.00
00038469	040300 DEMCO	03/08/2016	143.06
00038470	032710 D J 'S MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	03/08/2016	376.03
00038471	040800 DOUCETTE EXCAVATING	03/08/2016	550.00
00038472	041250 NICOLE DRAKE	03/08/2016	19.58
00038473	060100 HOWARD P FAIRFIELD INC	03/08/2016	1,794.18
00038474	141000 FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	03/08/2016	1,167.14
00038476	060300 FAVORITE FOODS INC	03/08/2016	683.72
00038477	060750 FIRE TECH & SAFETY	03/08/2016	89.18
00038478	070200 P GAGNON & SON INC	03/08/2016	1,621.92
00038479	070210 GALLS LLC	03/08/2016	69.43
00038480	070280 GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS	03/08/2016	1,195.00
00038481	071180 GROUP DYNAMIC INC	03/08/2016	159.50
00038482	191330 HANNAFORD'S	03/08/2016	671.13
00038484	080248 HANSCOM'S TRUCK STOP INC	03/08/2016	2,606.52
00038485	081305 HARRISON SHRADER ENTERPRISES	03/08/2016	931.50
00038486	080998 HOME DEPOT	03/08/2016	371.28
00038487	089050 INDUSTRIAL PROTECTION SERVICES	03/08/2016	700.00
00038488	090120 INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE	03/08/2016	981.25
00038489	100150 JANETOS MARKET	03/08/2016	86.94
00038490	100475 JORDAN EQUIPMENT CO	03/08/2016	133.68
00038491	071170 M W GRENIER ENTERPRISES LLC	03/08/2016	270.00
00038492	132400 MAINE SAD #35	03/08/2016	620,919.75
00038493	133285 MARKET BASKET	03/08/2016	365.00
00038494	133358 W.B.MASON	03/08/2016	867.48
00038495	133383 MBI DISTRIBUTORS	03/08/2016	168.00
00038496	133795 MICK BODYWORKS INC	03/08/2016	884.37
00038497	134400 MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	03/08/2016	8.00
00038498	134900 MORTON SALT	03/08/2016	33,912.33
00038499	135130 MTCCA/MMA	03/08/2016	55.00
00038500	141400 NORTHERN DATA SYSTEMS INC	03/08/2016	3,698.07
00038501	150175 OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECH A/P	03/08/2016	120.00
00038502	150930 M H PARSONS & SONS LUMBER CO	03/08/2016	1,250.00
00038503	200700 PIKE INDUSTRIES INC	03/08/2016	758.50
00038504	160320 PINE TREE WASTE INC	03/08/2016	3,099.51
00038505	168500 QUALITY FIRE PROTECTION	03/08/2016	212.50

TOWN COUNCIL
Agenda Information Sheet

Meeting Date: March 08, 2016	UB #1
Agenda Item: Police Station	
Department Head: Town Manager	
Town Manager's Recommendation:	
<p>The Town Manager will give a brief update about his meeting with the citizen's group and Eric Bateman. The Town Manager will recommend that the Town Council allow the citizen's group to bring forward its recommendations at the next meeting before narrowing the process to a specific site.</p>	
Requested Action:	
Vote	

TOWN COUNCIL
Agenda Information Sheet

Meeting Date: March 8, 2016	NB #2
Subject	
Appointment of new Conservation Commission member.	
Information	
Application attached from Vanessa Levin	
Staff Comments/Recommendation	
If appointed, term would expire June 30, 2017	
Requested Action	
Council wishes.	
Vote	



TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

RECEIVED
2/12/16
Town Manager's Office

Committee desired: Conservation Commission

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: VANESSA LEVIN Date: 2/12/16

Address: 2 RAILROAD AVE #309 email: breath-bendayshoo.com
S. Berwick, ME 03908

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) 603-740-1300 (cell) 603-674-5200

BUSINESS/EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND
(You may attach a resume if you prefer, please be specific)

MA - Counseling Psychology BS Anthropology + Film

4 years greenhouse + gardening work @ Garden of Eves in Greenland, NH

Natural Resource Stewardship Certificate 2015 UNH Coop

Volunteer with Seacoast Eats Local + Great Lakes Regional Land Trust

MUNICIPAL OFFICES HELD or PREVIOUS BOARD EXPERIENCE
(In South Berwick or elsewhere) None

Board/Committee	Appointment Date	Term Expiration
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PLEASE LIST TWO OR THREE NEW IDEAS YOU WOULD LIKE THIS COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER.

① Organic waste → compost @ transfer station

② better media for town woods, keeping green space for humans + wildlife

③ education for permaculture ④ Vaughn woods receptacles for animal waste

PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OR EXPERIENCE THAT YOU THINK MAY BE HELPFUL TO THIS COMMITTEE.

Very motivated - have owned + operated my own business for 15 yrs (Red Tent Integretive) Passion for the Environment, my love for the beauty of South Berwick's nature

COMMITMENT LEVEL

Are you available to commit to this committee for a minimum of three years? yes

Number of hours you are able to commit to this committee/board per week: 3

VANESSA L
Applicant's signature

TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Information Sheet

Meeting Date: March 8, 2016	NB #1
Subject: Alewife Harvesting	
Information:	
Each year the Council must take action on the harvesting of Alewives. The Council must either close the waters within South Berwick to harvesting for conservation purposes or institute an ordinance prior to April 1st.	
Staff Comments/Recommendation:	
Requested Action:	
Council wishes	
Vote:	