

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – January 11, 2012

Selectmen Philip Germain, Steven Osienski and Joseph Cuddemi were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's December 28, 2011 Minutes.
- Reviewed the Library Trustees' January 5, 2012 Minutes and took note of Library Trustee Chair Lisa Shingler's announcement of her impending resignation.
- Reviewed and approved the January 4 and January 11, 2012 Accounts Payable Registers.
- Reviewed and approved the January 10, 2012 Payroll Register.
- Discussed a concern about the rescheduled weekend hours at the Transfer Station. The Board voted to re-evaluate the new operating schedule (which goes into effect February 1<sup>st</sup>) at their May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- Heard a report that FEMA intends to obligate grant funds to the Town of Bennington this week for replacing the Bible Hill Road culvert. Once FEMA's written commitment is received the Selectmen voted to engage the services of Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC to undertake the engineering of this project.
- Heard a report that Bennington's share of the 2012 (Regional) Police Prosecutor Budget has increased \$375.
- Heard a report that the Road Agent has secured a quote of \$16,100 for the purchase and installation of a replacement compactor for the Transfer Station. Funding will be requested through a Warrant Article.
- Due to a scheduling conflict with the Contoocook Valley School District, the Selectmen voted to reschedule Bennington's SB2 First Session from February 8 to February 7, 2012. The Town of Bennington had originally reserved the February 8<sup>th</sup> date and notified Conval of this arrangement on November 7, 2011.
- Received a hand-delivered invitation from Maxwell Davie for the upcoming January 21<sup>st</sup> Pinewood Derby.
- Signed the Tax Payment Agreement for M9/L10.
- Chairman Germain signed an amended Audit Letter as put forth by Vachon, Clukay & Company.

With regard to the Antrim/Bennington shared bridge:

- Chairman Germain signed a Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC Budget Amendment for Services Related to Historic Structure, Archaeological Sensitivity and Geotechnical Investigations in the net amount of \$3,846.20. The Town of Antrim also must sign the Contract.
- The projected cost estimate for replacement of the Antrim/Bennington bridge (Alt IV – Steel Truss), as prepared by Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC, is \$1,307,182. The Town of Bennington is responsible for 10% of the bridge costs.

From 6:33 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Germain, Osienski and Cuddemi as well as Administrator French. The Board confirmed their existing policy that employee wages will not be temporarily adjusted to compensate for additional duties created by the absence of another employee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. when the Selectmen departed for the 2012 Budget Hearing.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Town Administrator