

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 21, 2012

Selectmen Joseph Cuddemi and James Cleary were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Peter Martel. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- Mid-April the Hillsborough County Correctional Workers will be in Town sweeping sidewalks ahead of the annual street sweeping. Later in the month the Correctional Workers will return for cemetery and roadside cleanup.
- Depending on the next weather pattern, the weight limit on Town roads could be removed next week.
- Photos will be taken of an area of Old Stagecoach Road adjacent to where a logging operation will be starting to ensure that the road is not damaged by the heavy equipment.
- At least one more estimate will be secured for electrical repairs at the Highway Garage, Transfer Station, generator trickle charge and the bridge lights.
- Authorized the purchase of a Cat loader/backhoe at a cost of \$73,000 plus trade-in along with the purchase of approximately \$10,000 in equipment add-ons.
- Arrangements for the purchase and installation of the replacement compactor are in process.
- Appreciation for the Highway Department's assistance in creating roadside signs associated with various 2012 Warrant Articles.

From 6:52 p.m. until 8:05 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss an abatement request. Present were Selectmen Cuddemi and Cleary, Administrator French and Jason Michaels. No decision was made.

From 8:10 p.m. until 8:27 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Cuddemi and Cleary, Administrator French, Fire Chief Michael Roina and volunteer mentor Steve Campbell. The Fire Chief has chosen to currently leave vacated the Assistant Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief positions; Matthew Hall is appointed Captain, David Foster is appointed First Lieutenant and Adam Dunning is appointed Rescue Captain.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Tabled review and approval of the March 14th and 21st Minutes until Selectman Osienski is present.
- Reviewed and approved the March 21, 2012 Accounts Payable Register and the March 20, 2012 Payroll Register.
- Tabled appointment of 2012 Town Officials until the full Board is in session.
- Received the results of the Survey of Voter Opinion with regard to a future election site. By a vote of two to one, voters indicated that polling should take place at Pierce School only if school is not in session. The Moderator will be invited to meet with the Board.

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- Received notice of an April 11th SAC Meeting which will take place on a Selectmen's meeting night.
- Effective April 1, 2012 Fire Department personnel will be paid mileage at the IRS rate for travel to and from approved training programs.
- Signed Quantum Construction Consultants' Proposal for Professional Engineering Services – Final Design for the Antrim/Bennington bridge replacement project.
- Determined that construction of the replacement bridge should be done in 2013.
- Determined that construction of the TEP2 project should be delayed until 2014 since traffic on Bible Hill Road will be heavier in 2013 due to the detour created by the bridge construction.
- Authorized the Administrator to enter into the Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program and associated 5% Multi-Year Discount Program Agreement as put forth by Primex.
- Signed an Intent to Cut for M10/L47 and L47A.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Town Administrator