

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECCTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 4, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski, Joseph Cuddemi and James Cleary were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Monadnock Ledger-Transcript reporter Ashley Saari. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pierce School Principal Pamela Campbell and Moderator John Cronin, III met with the Selectmen by invitation to review the March 13th Survey of Voter Opinion regarding choices for future election sites. The most popular choice expressed was Pierce School but only if school was not in session. Moderator Cronin is opposed to voting at Pierce School if the facility is open to the students because of its intimidating location (hill) for senior citizens and the lack of parking which both could be detrimental to voter participation. Principal Campbell agreed to discuss the Town's position, that school be closed the day of elections, with Superintendent Bergeron.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the March 28, 2012 Board of Selectmen Minutes.
- Reviewed the Zoning Board of Adjustments March 19, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the April 3, 2012 Payroll Register and the April 4, 2012 Accounts Payable Register.
- Heard a report that the Town of Antrim has tabled a meeting date to explore regionalized police coverage with the Town of Bennington.
- From the Pierce April Happenings newsletter the Board noted that the Conval District Model Study Committee would be making a presentation to the public and discussing the models they have developed at an April 10th meeting at Pierce School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Reviewed Police Statistics for March, First Quarter 2012 and the Crotched Mountain 2011/2012 Ski Season.
- Tabled discussion of what has been reported as an unlicensed Route 202 business until the Board obtains legal opinion as to proper protocol for receiving and administering verbal complaints.
- Instructed the Administrator to send a letter accompanied by the Transfer Station Ordinance to a resident who recently disposed of items originating from out of town.
- Heard a report that newly elected Treasurer Thomas Belcher wants to establish a stipend for the Deputy Treasurer. The Administrator will follow-up with up with Mr. Belcher.
- Tabled decision on Quantum Construction Consultants' suggestion that a T-3 bridge rail be installed on the BennTrim bridge until further information is received, i.e. height difference, impediment of snow removal, etc.
- Will suggest to Antrim that they establish a Saturday May date for the public presentation of bridge construction information.
- Discussed 2012 assessing and the desire to invite George Sansoucy to meet with the Board.

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From 6:48 p.m. until 6:55 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss a tax deferral application. Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cuddemi and Cleary as well as Administrator French. No decision was made; the Administrator will pursue missing information.

From 6:55 p.m. until 6:58 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss an alleged health hazard. No decision was made; the Administrator will discuss the matter with the Welfare Officer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Town Administrator