

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 11, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski, Joseph Cuddemi and James Cleary were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Police Chief Steve Campbell met briefly with the Board to advise them that property recently recovered in connection with a spree of automobile thefts included a computer which housed the Town's security system codes. The Chief is working with the alarm company whose security has been breached by the theft.

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

- Preliminary thoughts and ideas relative to TEP2 and the bridge replacement project.
- Hillsborough County inmate workers will be sweeping sidewalks later this week.
- Next week the Highway and Water Departments will be replacing a curb stop near the Eaton Avenue intersection and then prepping the site for paving.
- Planned stump grinding below grade at a per day price of \$650 which includes equipment, truck and personnel.
- The logger working on Old Stagecoach Road assisted the Town by cutting a few trees which will allow for some increased road width as well as exposing the roadway to more sun which should improve winter road conditions.
- Jointly agreed that the proposed three-tier rail system at the BennTrim bridge should be 44" high rather than the existing 30" as recommended by Quantum Construction Consultants.

From 5:45 p.m. until 6:05 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) to discuss the need for backup employees at the Transfer Station. Present were Selectmen Oseinski, Cuddemi and Cleary, Administrator French and Road Agent Gary Russell. Two applications on file of Bennington residents were reviewed. The Road Agent was authorized to contact each applicant and offer them the opportunity for temporary/as needed employment at the Transfer Station.

From 6:20 p.m. until 6:33 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cuddemi and Cleary, Administrator French and Fire Chief Michael Roiina. No decisions were made.

The Fire Chief was informed that the Fire Department's long-standing policy of using town equipment to fill swimming pools is no longer viable.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's April 4, 2012 Minutes.
- Received the Zoning Board of Adjustment's April 2, 2012 Minutes and the Planning Board's March 26, 2012 Minutes.

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- Continued discussion on what could be an unlicensed business on Route 202. The Administrator will gather information from the Planning Board and the NH Department of Transportation prior to the Selectmen meeting with the owner.
- Upon review of Superior Court case Donald and Carol Latour v. City of Laconia, the Selectmen voted to tax camping trailers that are being used as residences.
- Accepted Treasurer Thomas Belcher's recommendation that a \$500 annual stipend be paid to Deputy Treasurer Joyce Miner from the \$2,000 Treasurer's salary line-item.
- At the recommendation of the GEP Dodge Library Trustees, re-appointed David McKenzie an Alternate Library Trustee for one year.
- The following documents were signed:
  - Employee Time-Off Requests (2)
  - Litter-Free New Hampshire program
  - Highway Safety Project Application
  - Notice of Intent to Cut – M11/L16
  - Notice of Intent to Excavate – M11/L16
  - Revised signature cards for Peoples United Bank and Laconia Savings Bank

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Town Administrator