

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 2, 2012

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

The Selectmen met with Quantum Construction Consultant representatives Lisa Martin and James Bouchard, Road Agent Gary Russell and Emergency Management Director Steve Campbell to discuss the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Project to improve drainage and replace the culvert on Bible Hill Road while at the same time raising the Road by approximately four feet. The following was discussed:

- Preliminary plan review
- Utilities
- Drainage and slope easements
- Agreement for Entry & Construction
- Town supplied materials
- Embankment sloughing area

It was agreed to expedite the Grant project with the expectation of completion this coming fall. FEMA officials will be consulted seeking permission to advertise the project prior to the permitting process being completed.

Chester Heinzman met with the Board to deliver his resignation from the Bennington Fire Department. The Selectmen regretfully accepted the resignation and thanked Chet for his twenty-three years of dedicated service.

Fire Chief Michael Roina accompanied by Steve Campbell (mentor) met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- Resignations from Chester Heinzman and Marc Mosher, Sr. (who has moved out of town)
- The need for estimates of cost to repair/replace three broken windows
- The need for estimates of cost to repaint the cement floor in the apparatus bay
- Arrangements made with a local business owner to maintain the Department's vehicles

From 7:05 p.m. until 7:17 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Osienski and Cuddemi, Administrator French, Fire Chief Roina and Steve Campbell. No decisions were made.

In other matters the Selectmen acted on the following:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's April 18, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed the Conval Selectmen's Advisory Committee's April 18, 2012 Minutes, the Conservation Commission's April 19th Minutes, as well as the Fire Department Officers' April 24, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for April 24 and May 1, 2012.

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- Reviewed and approved Accounts Payable Registers for April 25 and May 2, 2012.
- Tabled review of Budget Expenditures until the full Board is present.
- Tentatively scheduled May 19th as a meeting date with the Town of Antrim for Quantum Construction Consultants to present the Antrim/Bennington bridge replacement project in conjunction with Antrim's Depot Street bridge projects.
- Agreed to invite Bruce Nixon to a future meeting to discuss the status of the Building Committee's review and his interest in assuming Chairmanship of the Committee.
- Tabled designation of a Planning Board Ex-officio until the full Board is present.
- Agreed to invite the Bible Hill Road property owner of M17/L22 to a future meeting to discuss neighborhood concerns of what could be a zoning violation.
- Tabled a taxpayer request, M21/L13-1, until the full Board is present.
- Designated June 2nd as the annual Free Recycle Day; flyers will be distributed at the Transfer Station.
- Agreed to abate building taxes for the first issue 2012 tax bill of M2/L21 due to the home's April 29th loss to fire.
- Agreed to assess a camper trailer being used as a dwelling on M7/50.
- Agreed to ask the Trustees of Trust Funds what the present cost is for the maintenance of the Town's Trust Funds.
- Reviewed April Police Statistics and the Pierce School May/June Happenings.
- Approved two employee's Time-off Requests.
- Reviewed and approved an Excavation Tax Warrant and a Timber Tax Warrant.
- Reviewed and approved two Veteran Tax Credits.

From 7:59 p.m. until 8:02 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Osienski and Cuddemi and Administrator French. The Board completed their background check review of a new hire. No decisions were made.

From 8:03 p.m. until 8:08 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Osienski and Cuddemi and Administrator French. The Board denied two applications for Elderly Exemption due to excess income and tabled review of an application for a Hardship Abatement until the full Board is present.

From 8:09 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(e). Present were Selectmen Osienski and Cuddemi and Administrator French. The Board received settlement information relative to a September 2011 motor vehicle accident.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator