

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 16, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski, Joseph Cuddemi and James Cleary were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Sportsmen's Club representative David Parker met with the Selectmen and obtained unanimous permission for an alcohol waiver associated with the May 19<sup>th</sup> Game Dinner which will be held at the Fire Station.

Scott and David Veale met with the Board to discuss their unpaid tax liability. The Selectmen agreed to enter into a Forbearance Agreement with the Veales for the unpaid 2009 tax lien. The Board authorized a Tax Deferral for 2011 taxes; a 2011 Abatement Application is in process.

Planning Board Chair Jeff Rose delivered a Planning Board resolution to the Selectmen that asks the Selectboard to investigate the so-called perennial yard sale at M7/L118. The Administrator will draft a letter to the property owner for review at the next Board meeting.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's May 9, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the May 15<sup>th</sup> Payroll Registers and the May 16, 2012 Accounts Payable Register.
- Briefly discussed a meeting with Conval Superintendent Bergeron regarding the possibility of Pierce School being in session for one-half of the school day at times when the Town is using the facility as an election site.
- Confirmed the Board's intent to change its health insurance provider from LGC HealthTrust to SchoolCare as of July 1, 2012.
- Received Rick Reed's email forward of the NYT article on Dollar General in Vermont. Selectmen Osienski and Cleary chose not to read the advisory because of their respective positions on the ZBA and Planning Board.
- Approved Chief Campbell's attendance at the annual Police Chief's Conference in San Diego this fall.
- Reconsidered and approved an Elderly Exemption Application for M17/L23 after receiving updated financial information.
- Signed were the annual Application and Agreement Form for Federal Surplus Property, an Employee Time-Off Request Form and a Timber Tax Levy for M6/L2.
- Agreed to the following altered summer meeting schedule, which can/will be adjusted on an as-need basis:

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| May 23 – meeting  | July 18 - meeting   |
| May 30 – off      | July 25 - off       |
| June 6 – meeting  | August 1 - meeting  |
| June 13 – off     | August 8 - off      |
| June 20 – meeting | August 15 - meeting |
| June 27 – off     | August 22 - off     |
| July 4 – off      | August 29 - meeting |
| July 11 – off     | September 5 – off   |

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator