

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – August 15, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski and James Cleary were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

From 6:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. and from 6:32 p.m. until 6:47 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Sessions under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss candidates for consideration of filling the Selectman vacancy. Present were Selectmen Oseinski and Cleary as well as Administrator French. No decisions were made.

From 6:16 p.m. until 6:22 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Osienski and Cleary, Administrator French and Fire Chief Michael Roina. No decisions were made.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the August 7 and 14, 2012 Payroll Registers.
- Reviewed and approved the August 8 and 15, 2012 Accounts Payable Registers.
- Upon recommendation of Fire Chief Roina, signed an appointment form for Scott Plourde to be appointed, by the Division of Forest and Lands, a Deputy Forest Warden.
- Upon reconsideration of an April 23, 2012 letter from David and Scott Veale, voted not to become embroiled in matters in which the Board has no authority to act upon the allegations.
- Agreed with the Road Agent's recommendation to purchase a large capacity receptacle for the accumulation of used waste oil. There is no cost to the Town if the quantity removed exceeds 250 gallons; for removal of less than 250 gallons the cost to the Town is \$150. Road Agent Gary Russell was authorized to explore and apply for any Grant opportunities. State law prompts the need to hire an approved waste oil hauler versus allocating the used oil to local businesses as had been the Town's practice.
- Heard a report that the Department of Revenue Administration has disallowed the Amendment to Warrant Article 6. The Selectmen amended Warrant Article 6 at the Deliberative Session to correct a Scribner's error; DRA further stated that the Town was at risk of the \$596,000 appropriation lapsing at December 31, 2012. Ultimately through communications with DRA, NHDOT and the Town's Auditor it has been determined that the appropriation won't lapse and the entire funding will remain intact.
- Agreed to engage the Highway Department to eliminate the vegetation growing within the sidewalk cracks and curbing.
- Agreed to pursue a change of addressing for the buildings located on Onset Road Extension to better identify these locations.
- Signed an Intent to Excavate filed by the Town of Francestown for their excavation at the Tri-Town Landfill pit at M21/L1.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. when the Selectmen and Administrator went to Antrim Town Hall to participate in a joint informational meeting regarding the replacement of the Antrim/Bennington bridge.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Town Administrator