

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – September 19, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski, James Cleary and Jeffrey Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Also attending the meeting was Monadnock Ledger-Transcript reporter Ashley Saari.

Sam Cohen met with the Selectmen to discuss Planning Board administrative matters.

Energy Committee members David McKenzie, Peter Eppig, Molly Eppig and Peter Martel met with the Selectmen and presented their Prioritized List of Actions, as stated below:

- Close down the VFW from November through April
- Seal air leaks in the Fire Station
- Install a direct air intake on the Fire Station heater
- Improve the Library heating system control (Library Trustees are looking into feasibility)
- Town Hall improvements (pending Facilities Committee recommendations)

For cost savings purposes, the Selectmen conceptually agreed to the first three bulleted items.

Joseph O'Brien met by invitation with the Selectmen and Police Chief Steve Campbell to develop a "punch-list" of security related tasks that need to be finalized to close out last year's installation of the fire/security system installed by Mr. O'Brien. A two-week time frame was put forth by Mr. O'Brien as being a reasonable amount of time to accomplish the task list. The Selectmen authorized \$300 +/- for the cost of moving the outside front camera to an alternate location; also approved by the Board is the installation of a motion detector light inside the Town Hall entry lobby.

From 7:12 p.m. until 7:54 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose, Administrator French, Fire Chief Michael Roina and Firefighter /EMT Michael Hoiriis. No decisions were made.

Fire Chief Michael Roina reported that little to no organization/cleaning progress has been made upstairs at the Town Hall which now results in his mandate to close the second floor facility. The Selectmen will revisit the matter at their next meeting along with Chief Roina and Peter Martel.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's September 11, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed Building Committee Minutes for June 19, July 16, August 10 and August 21, 2012.
- Reviewed and approved the September 18, 2012 Payroll Registers and the September 19, 2012 Accounts Payable Register.
- Received a verbal report that the Air Quality tests taken at Town Hall came back below normal detection limits.

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- Heard a report that on September 25th the Newhall Trustee Chairman will be meeting with families whose children play soccer. A meeting of the Newhall Trustee Chairman and the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for October 3rd. Topics of discussion will include maintenance of the soccer field and the need for routine volunteer help.
- Agreed to allow the Tiger Scouts use of the VFW hall for their Monday meetings.
- Authorized volunteer Peter Martel to install a push-bar on the Town Hall gymnasium exit door.
- Agreed to reassess the Selectmen's meeting start time in the spring. Recently the Selectmen's meeting time was adjusted from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The Selectmen signed a Welfare Lien for M2/L21 and Building Permits for M24/L5 and M2/L21.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Town Administrator