

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – September 5, 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.

Police Chief Steve Campbell introduced Gregory Hertik as a potential part-time Officer. After a brief interview, Selectman Osienski administered the Oath of Office appointing Mr. Hertik a part-time Bennington Police Officer. Officer Hertik is a full-time officer with the Town of Peterborough.

Fire Chief Mike Roina met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- Amendment to the Fire Department Payroll Policy which would allow non-medical employees the ability to respond with the rescue vehicle as a driver or an extra set of hands to assist medical personnel with needed equipment. A draft of the proposed amendment will be reviewed by the Selectmen at their September 19th meeting with the Chief.
- Future locations of designated water supply for firefighting purposes.
- Conceptual agreement to affix a community informational message board to the VFW end of the Fire Station. The Administrator will research sign options and cost.

Jim Cleary and Mike Roina reported on their detailed review of the VFW building, basement and attic areas with an eye towards rehabilitating the structure for a future voting location. Estimates will be sought for moving the utilities, bathroom, kitchen and furnace replacement, along with adding insulation - which is non-existent in the basement and minimal in the ceiling.

Supervisors of the Checklist Vicky Turner, Dru Cox and Barbara Moorehead met with the Board to discuss updated changes in the election process and their affect on the voter. Supervisor Chair Turner will provide educational language which will be included in the Fall Newsletter.

Jeff Rose met with the Selectmen and announced his agreement to accept the vacant Selectman position. Selectman Cleary administered the Oath of Office for the appointment which runs until the March 12, 2013 election. The Board of three Selectmen voted, effective September 19th, to meet every other week at the new time of 6:00 p.m. Provisions are in place should the Board need to meet during the time between the scheduled meeting dates.

Selectmen Osienski and Cleary acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's August 29, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed the Planning Board's August 27, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the September 4, 2012 Payroll Register and the September 5, 2012 Accounts Payable Registers.
- Confirmed that the September 11th voting activities will take place at the former St. Patrick's Church.

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- Heard a report that the air quality testing was done earlier in the day.
- Tabled scheduling of employee reviews until the Selectmen’s meeting schedule is finalized.
- Agreed that the project of repair/replacement of the bridge light fixtures should be put out to bid.
- Agreed, on a trial basis, to allow a Conval bus to park at the VFW during the daytime with the understanding the resident driver must be readily available to move the vehicle if needed.
- Reviewed August Police Statistics.
- Heard a report that NHDOT has approved the final bridge plans with one review comment. Quantum Construction Consultants is following up on the needed wetland permits, easements and approval from NHDHR for each of the three projects which will be put out in a single bid. The goal remains to be in a position to advertise for bid the latter part of September.
- Requested grant information relative to rehabilitating the VFW building which is registered with the National Historic District. The Fire Chief is curious if grant funding is available to construct a display building for the Town’s hand-pumper.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Town Administrator