

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – October 3, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski, James Cleary and Jeffrey Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Monadnock Ledger-Transcript reporter Ashley Saari. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- Reported receiving verbal approval from NHDES of a \$2,500 Oil Handling Grant which will allow the Transfer Station to install a 275 gallon collection drum for used oil and associated equipment for containment and eventual transfer of oil off-site.
- A vendor has been identified who is willing to pick-up used oil at no cost and will pay a purchase price of \$.67 per gallon (today's rate).
- Solid Waste Committee will meet October 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the impending December 31, 2012 expiration of the Town's contract for removal of household waste, demolition material and some recyclable items.
- Tire recycling receptacle is full after one year of collections. The cost for disposal is \$750 plus a \$75 exchange fee.
- Agreed that newly appointed Solid Waste Committee member David Parker should seek Level III Certification for Transfer Station operations.
- Heard a report from Selectman Cleary that, at a minimum, the sill and window need replacement at the Transfer Station office building. The work will be undertaken by a Town employee.
- Heard a report that electrical work for the new compactor was bartered for the cost of one truck load of demolition disposal.
- Informally discussed seeking Town Meeting approval for the construction of a salt/sand shed at the Highway Department.
- Reconstruction and paving of the upper portion of Dodge Hill Road has been completed. Future road reconstruction plans include Birch Glen Drive for 2013 and Pine Meadows Circle in 2014.

Fire Chief Michael Roina reported that the motor seems to be the problem for the fire siren not operating. Selectman Rose volunteered to seek an electrician's estimate for repair since the replacement cost is prohibitive. It was agreed that if the siren cannot be repaired the electrical account with PSNH will be canceled by the end of October.

Road Agent Gary Russell and Scott Liljeberg discussed the continued delay of driveway installations along the northern end of Bible Hill Road. Mr. Liljeberg is hesitant to proceed since any work he might put forth could be impacted by the planned 2014 hazard mitigation culvert replacement project. The Road Agent was authorized to secure the project specifications and install a single culvert before June 30, 2013.

From 6:55 p.m. until 7:27 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss a Newhall Park concern. Present were Selectmen Steven Osienski, James Cleary and Jeffrey Rose as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending this portion of the meeting were Newhall Park Trustees Scott Liljeberg and David Parker. No decisions were made.

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The Selectmen and the Newhall Park Trustees discussed a request to improve conditions of the soccer field. The history of the Park was reviewed which included an enormous amount of volunteer labor and donations of material for its development. It was agreed that if a strong group of individuals were committed to upgrading the soccer field at minimal cost to the community the Selectmen and the Trustees would support the volunteers' commitment.

Georgeann and Patrick Greene met with the Selectmen to seek financial assistance from the Town for the unanticipated need and associated expense to demolish a mobile home they recently acquired for investment purposes. The Board denied the funding request.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's September 26, 2012 Minutes. Also reviewed were the Planning Board's September 24, 2012 Minutes and the Conservation Commission's Minutes of their September 20, 2012 meeting.
- Reviewed and approved the October 2, 2012 Payroll Register and the October 3, 2012 Accounts Payable Register.
- Agreed with the Road Agent and Fire Chief that the Town should acquire Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) membership at an annual cost of \$438; for the current year payment will come from the Selectmen's contingency line-item.
- Tabled the Board's tour of the gymnasium for lack of time.
- Agreed to review salary and benefits of area communities at their October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting; Department Head reviews will take place the following week.
- Reviewed the proposed Driveway Permit Application as submitted to NHDOT by Dollar General.
- Determined Trick or Treat hours to be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Selectman Cleary apprised the Board of a possible Police Dispatch matter which will be reviewed with Chief Campbell upon his return from the Chiefs' Convention.
- Signed a Demolition Permit for M24/L23 and a Release of Welfare Lien for M24/L23. Also signed was the November Election Warrant.

From 8:27 p.m. until 8:31 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Steven Osienski, James Cleary and Jeffrey Rose as well as Administrator Denise French. No decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Town Administrator