

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – November 2, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski, James Cleary and Jeffrey Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Peter Martel. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Donald Trow and Holly Mecheski were present to continue discussion regarding use of their family's property at 479 State Route 202 (M16/L9). Also attending this segment of the meeting was Code Officer Dario Carrara. It was agreed that two issues affect the owner's development plan: 1) Building Permit and 2) Land Use issues. Dario agreed to work with the family in their quest to adequately fill out planning and zoning applications. Ex-officio Jeff Rose volunteered to schedule a chat session the week of November 5th if his fellow Planning Board members are available. The goal is to hold a combined Planning and Zoning Hearing on November 26th.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's October 24, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the October 30, 2012 Payroll Register and the October 31, 2012 Accounts Payable Register.
- Will recommend the appointment of Dario Carrara to fill the Deputy Health Officer vacancy.
- Heard a report that the non-fire retardant stage curtains have been removed and disposed of due to their poor condition.
- Heard a report that the Department of Environmental Services will meet with Town Officials and property owners of M7/L60 on November 6th to discuss operation of a 2007 outside wood boiler.
- Discussed parental concern about the lack of crossing guard when the kindergarten session is dismissed. The Selectmen will communicate the concern to Pierce School officials and solicit their help in improving the crossing situation without employing a crossing guard to address the matter.
- Gratefully received a \$450 donation from the Benevolent Lodge for "Thanksgiving, Christmas and Heating Assistance".
- Received a fully executed Right of Entry Agreement from the owner of M22/L1A relative to future bridge construction activities. The owner did not seek compensation for approving the Agreement; the Highway Department committed to helping the property owner in the spring when PSNH relocates his power to an underground trench.

From 7:54 p.m. until 9:05 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) to review 2013 wages and benefits. Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose. The Board voted to continue paying the full health insurance premiums for eligible employees. Also voted were wage increases of zero to three percent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator