

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – November 7, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski, James Cleary and Jeffrey Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

From 6:13 p.m. until 6:25 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) for the purpose of the Deputy Administrator/Tax Collector's annual performance review. Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose as well as Deputy Administrator/Tax Collector Kristie LaPlante. No decisions were made.

From 6:28 p.m. until 6:38 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss Fire Department operations. Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose as well as Administrator French and Joseph O'Brien. No decisions were made.

From 6:55 p.m. until 7:03 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss Fire Department operations. Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose as well as Administrator French and Fire Chief Michael Roina. No decisions were made.

From 7:14 p.m. until 7:35 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) for the purpose of reviewing Welfare Department operations. Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose as well as Administrator French and Welfare Director Debra Davidson. No decisions were made.

From 7:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) for the purpose of the Administrator's annual performance review. Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose as well as Administrator Denise French. No decisions were made.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved Selectmen's Minutes from November 2 and November 6, 2012.
- Reviewed and approved the November 6, 2012 Payroll Register and the November 7, 2012 Accounts Payable Register.
- Received a written communication from Fire Chief Michael Roina notifying the Board of his implementation of a more stringent Order to Vacate as a result of an electrical fire and gap in the notification process under the original Order to Vacate.
- Heard reports from Chief Roina that the Peterborough Fire Department has offered the Town of Bennington a new three-phase siren at no cost. Also reported was that the State will be providing the community with "Reverse 911" in the near future.
- Heard a report of alternate upgrades for consideration when repairing the bridge lights and the electrical service in the upstairs gymnasium at Town Hall.
- Agreed to invite VFW Officials to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss how a winter shut-down of the building could affect their organization, as well as tentative reconstruction plans to enable the building to be used as a future voting site.

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- Agreed to find meeting space for the Scouts and other organizations that presently use the VFW facility if/when the building is shut-down.
- Tabled a request for relocating a monument from Sawyer Park to the VFW parcel until potential renovation plans of the building has been determined.
- Heard a report from Selectman Rose and Administrator French about an onsite Acre Street meeting with a Department of Environmental Services official which addressed nuisance and health complaints relative to the use of an outside wood boiler. Since the wood furnace at M7/L60 was installed prior to enactment of an August 2008 law its placement is a nonissue. In an effort to protect future property owner's investment of wood furnaces an inquiry will be made with Code Officer Dario Carrara as to whether the installation of wood furnaces should be subject to a Town permit. Since August 2008 the State has enacted stringent requirements for the placement of an outside wood boiler and the citizenry might not be aware of these obligations.
- Reviewed October Police Statistics.
- Signed a Yield Tax Warrant for M15/L6.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator