

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – November 28, 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.

Steve Campbell met with the Board and discussed the following:

- In his position as a member of the Joint Loss Management Committee he reported that Melissa Searles had resigned the Chairperson role; Kristie LaPlante was appointed Chair to fill the vacancy.
- In his position as Police Chief, Campbell and the Board discussed an opportunity to hire back Part-time Police Officer Lester Milton. Motion was made, seconded and voted to offer Lester Milton the position pending positive results from his physical and background check.

From 6:40 p.m. until 7:05 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose as well as Police Chief Steve Campbell. No decisions were made.

In accordance with RSA 31:95-b (Appropriations for Funds Made Available During the Year), and at a duly noticed Public Hearing commencing at 7:06 p.m., the Selectmen presented the following grant opportunities:

➤ Fire Department / SCBA / AFG	\$42,370
➤ Fire Department Training Grant	\$ 1,782
➤ FEMA / October Snowstorm	\$ 7,552
➤ Police Department / DWI / DUI	\$ 7,500
➤ Police Department / Interoperability	\$ 3,455
➤ Police Department / Safe Commutes	\$ 4,950
➤ Waste Oil Grant	\$ 2,395

There being no members from the public in attendance, and upon unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen, each of the aforementioned Grants were accepted for the indicated purposes noted above.

From 8:11 p.m. until 8:21 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cleary and Rose as well as Administrator French. The Board voted to discontinue the practice of employee/employer contracts with police officers.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's November 14, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed the Conservation Commission's November 15, 2012 Minutes and the Planning Board's November 12, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the November 21 and 28, 2012 Payroll Registers and the November 21, 2012 Accounts Payable Registers.

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- Reviewed the Second Draft 2013 Operating Budget which reflects a \$22,298/1.48% increase over the current year's Budget. A meeting of the Selectmen, Budget Committee and Department Heads and Committee Chairs has been established for January 2, 2013 when the totality of the proposed 2013 Budget will be finalized prior to the January 16th Budget Hearing. The First Session (SB-2) is scheduled for February 5, 2013.
- Reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer's investigative report of an Acre Street outdoor wood fired boiler which did not support a complaint of being a nuisance or injurious to public health.
- Confirmed the Selectmen's intent to purchase the precast culvert now for the future 2014 Bible Hill Road culvert replacement project.
- Agreed to hire Jim Craig Electric, LLC to undertake repairs/upgrade to the Town Hall gymnasium electrical system and installation of weatherproof outlets on each of the bridge post lights at an estimated cost of \$2,175.
- Confirmed the Selectmen's intent to continue the practice of erecting a Christmas tree at Monument Square.
- Agreed to a one-time elevation of the Fire Chief's annual stipend to \$1,500.
- Reviewed results of the November 28, 2012 Bid Opening for Depot Street Bridge Replacement Projects which includes replacement of the Antrim/Bennington bridge. Cold River Bridges, LLC appears to be the lowest bidder, pending review and approval by NHDOT.
- Signed three Tax Warrants for the second issue 2012 tax billings.
- Signed a Petition and Pole License as requested by the Town Clerk.
- Signed a Building Permit for M20/L4.
- Asked that the Library Trustees be invited to meet with the Board to discuss hours of operation and other budgetary items of mutual interest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator