

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 3, 2013

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Building Committee representatives Bruce Nixon and Rhea Taylor met with the Selectmen and delivered the requested Timeline for Renovating the Depot/VFW. The Selectmen voted to delay the start of basic renovations to allow the Building Committee time to develop an outline of design needs and construction plans as well as exploring funding options. The Building Committee will present rough plans to the Selectmen and VFW membership at the Board's June 19, 2013 meeting.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's March 20, 2013 Minutes.
- Reviewed Minutes of the March 6th Energy Committee meeting, March 25th Planning Board meeting and March 26th Cemetery Trustees meeting.
- Reviewed and approved the March 27, 2013 and April 3, 2013 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Heard a report that Police Chief Campbell has arranged for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Interceptor at a cost of \$22,234; additional expenses are anticipated to be approximately \$1,700 for a total projected cost of \$23,934. The March 31, 2013 Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund has a balance of \$25,893. An April 10th Public Hearing will determine if the Town accepts the donation of police equipment in excess of \$5,000 which would complete the outfitting of the replacement police cruiser.
- Upon recommendation of Police Chief Steve Campbell and Fire Chief Mike Roina the Selectmen voted to access the NH-Emergency Notification System which will allow the Town of Bennington to send emergency communications.
- Voted to appoint Rose Melanson a Conservation Commission member for a three-year term.
- Voted to appoint Christopher Clough and Melissa Clark Zoning Board of Adjustment members each for a three-year term.
- Tabled a request for Transfer Station route signage at the south end of Bible Hill Road until after the completion of the future downtown construction project.
- Denied accepting a late 2012 Abatement Application received April 3 for M7/L64. In consideration of the property owners' explanation for the late filing, the Selectmen voted to have the assessor review the property as of April 1 to determine if the existing assessment is fair and reasonable.
- Denied accepting a reduction of real estate taxes due for M7/L57 as proposed by the Estate's attorney.
- Tabled Whittemore Lake lifeguard staffing arrangements pending receipt of further information.
- Scheduled the Transfer Station's Free Recycle Day for Saturday, June 1, 2013.
- Reviewed Police Statistics for March and the First Quarter of 2013.
- Signed an Intent to Excavate for M11/L12 and M11/L16.
- Signed an Intent to Cut for M8/L17, M11/L16 and M21/L13-3.

From 7:43 until 7:53 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The Selectmen voted to abate the 2010 tax lien for M2/L3-C.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator