

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 17, 2013

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

By invitation, Bennington resident and Water Safety Instructor Heather Vanderpool met with the Selectmen to discuss the upcoming summer swim season at Whittimore Lake. Heather volunteered to produce an Emergency Action Plan for the beach and present it at the Selectmen's April 24th meeting for review.

The Selectmen took the following actions:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's April 10, 2013 Minutes; the Board also reviewed the Energy Committee's April 11th Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the April 17, 2013 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Received a report that the website had been taken down and completely upgraded to alleviate various bugs. Melissa Searles will be taking over website maintenance.
- Received a report that a 2012 W-2 error occurred due to a software programming shortfall. The Town's bookkeeper has forwarded the appropriate IRS rules to the software company so they can work with their programmer to create programming rules to correctly identify the Supervisors of the Checklist income for reporting purposes.
- Received further NH Retirement System audit information that will result in refunds of member and employee contributions for on-call police wages paid from 09/03/2008 to 02/07/2013. The Selectmen voted to refund the employees' contributions. The Administrator will seek information as to whether the affected employees are due interest from either NH Retirement System or the Town of Bennington since the contributions were withheld in error.
- Heard a report that a replacement Highway Department/Recreation Department mower will be purchased from Nashua Outdoor Power Equipment at a cost of \$11,749.17; including the 2013 appropriation the balance of the Mower Capital Reserve Fund is \$13,427.
- Agreed that Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment Notice of Decisions should be recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds.
- Selectman Osienski volunteered to attend the upcoming SAC meeting if it is held April 25th.
- Heard a report that the Hillsborough County Commissioners are considering reactivation of the inmate work program at an approximate cost to the Town of \$1,000 for each week the program is used. The matter will be revisited at the next Selectmen's meeting.
- Heard a report that the Friends of the Library are working towards establishing an annual community event that will financially benefit the Library.
- Heard a report that the selling price of the Catholic Church has been reduced to \$200,000. The realtor stated there could be some flexibility in the Covenants and suggested that the Town open a dialog with Church Officials to possibly change the Restrictive Language for Deeds and Conveyances. The Board confirmed the Town no longer has an interest in acquiring the 9 Greenfield Road property.

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- Authorized the Administrator to borrow the maximum amount allowed for the Tax Anticipation Note. This vote takes into account the possible construction of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation project on Bible Hill Road which will require the Town to pay associated costs and then seek 75/25 reimbursement.
- Reviewed Cold River Bridge's Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$210,341 and authorized the Administrator to execute the Application as the Owner of the Bridge Project.
- Heard a report that the bridge replacement project is approximately two months ahead of schedule. The Administrator has authorized the Project Engineer to explore possible opportunities for consideration of the Bible Hill Road culvert replacement project being moved to this fall.
- Reviewed and approved the following: Intent to Excavate – M3/L1, Gravel Tax Levy – M3/L1, Veteran's Tax Credit – M2/L3-4, Veteran's Tax Credit – M13/L32 and Building Permit– M10/L28.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator