

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – June 5, 2013

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Carol McKinney met with the Board to express her displeasure with the Selectmen's decision to purchase a replacement police cruiser despite the fact the voters defeated 2013 funding of the Police Cruisers Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen appreciated her visit and the opportunity to review with Mrs. McKinney the background information weighed prior to the Board's decision.

Fire Chief Michael Roina met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- The "live burn" of a vacant home was a tremendous training opportunity for multiple Fire Departments.
- Determined a need to combine the two upstairs bathrooms at the Fire Department to allow room for the installation of a shower for personnel to be able to decontaminate themselves when needed.
- Front lights will be added to the front outside bay area at the Station.
- Brick façade needs pointing up; Selectmen Cleary volunteered to seek estimates.
- Gillis Hill Road cistern is still in need of signage to alert the public that the water is for Fire Department use only.

Resident Tom Badgley met with the Selectmen to discuss his interest in serving on a land use Board. He was presented with Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment Handbooks which both provide information about the regulations and responsibilities of each Board. Mr. Badgley will return in the fall for a follow-up discussion.

Former Selectman Philip Germain met with the Selectmen by invitation to assist the Board with the upcoming Transportation Enhancement Project. At their May 22nd meeting the Selectmen appointed Phil a member of the TEP2 RFQ Review Committee to assist the Board with identifying and hiring an engineering firm to design and oversee construction of the second phase Downtown Improvement Project. From 8:22 p.m. until 9:07 p.m. the Selectmen and Mr. Germain met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to review and evaluate RFQ proposals received from Dubois & King, Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Quantum Construction Consultants and TF Moran. At the conclusion of the Evaluations the Selectmen voted not to interview any of the firms but rather to recommend Fay, Spofford & Thorndike as their choice of engineering firm. The Administrator will seek NHDOT approval to move forward.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's May 22, 2013 Minutes and reviewed the Conservation Commission's May 23, 2013 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the May 29th and June 5, 2013 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers as well as Expenditures for January through May.

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- Heard a report that changes to federal law will necessitate the need to update the Personnel Policy with regard to weapons and the employees' right to bring weapons to work with them.
- Agreed to modify the Selectmen's May 22nd Whittemore Lake Regulations by including a ban on glass containers and no open fires.
- In response to a Starrett Road traffic/speed complaint the Board agreed to request an increase in police visibility at varying times.
- Heard a report that an employee is on medical leave of absence; alternate coverage is in place into July.
- Since there was no Edward French memorial scholarship applicants the Selectmen voted to encumber \$2,000 from the 2013 scholarship line-item.
- Reviewed May Police Statistics.
- Agreed to erect "Deaf Child" signage at each end of the Class V section of Switzer Road.
- Signed the first issue 2013 Tax Warrants.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator