

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – June 19, 2013

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- As previously committed to by the Town, the Highway Department is assisting with the installation of a Bible Hill Road driveway culvert in the vicinity of the upcoming FEMA hazard mitigation project.
- Birch Glen Drive culvert and under-drainage project is underway; Dig Safe did not respond to the Town's request to mark the work area.
- Excused absences of Highway and Transfer Station employees.
- Ross Road, Dodge Hill Road and Deaf signs have been ordered; signage for the Town-owned fill site on Gillis Hill Road is also needed.
- Voted to rename Chimney Road to Codman Hill Road since there are no buildings on Chimney Road and the town of Bennington is responsible for responding to medical emergencies on Codman Hill Road in Deering. (Currently Chimney Road changes to Codman Hill Road at the unmarked Bennington/Deering town line.)
- Discussed LGC's intent to revamp their Personnel Policy template to reflect changes in federal law which now permits municipal employees to carry weapons.
- Arrangements have been made to hire Trow Logging (best price) to pick up roadside brush piles with their log truck and picker.
- Arrangements have been made to power rake Whittemore Beach.
- The bridge deck is scheduled to be poured next week. A Pre-Placement meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

From 6:40 p.m. until 7:08 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski, Administrator French and Police Chief Steve Campbell. No decisions were made.

Trustee of Trust Funds Chair Valerie Germain met with the Selectmen and notified the Board of the Trustees' decision to hire Mackensen & Company, Hampton New Hampshire as their financial advisor for acquiring long-term growth. Income from Trust Funds will pay the Advisor's fee with costs for managing Capital Reserve Funds being invoiced to the Town at \$925 per quarter. Moving forward Mackensen & Company will be responsible for generating the annual MS-9 and MS-10 forms which had been prepared by the Town's auditor at a cost of \$575 per year.

Terry Flagg, accompanied by Heidi Flagg, Justin Flagg, Chad Miller, Bruce Paige, Patrick St. John and Morgan Fox met with the Selectmen to complain about Police Chief Steve Campbell's and Patrol Officer John Giffin's actions and to request that the Selectmen investigate both Officers. Also attending the meeting was Chief Campbell and Patrol Officer Philip Marcellino. Upon an announcement by the Administrator that the session would be recorded, Mr. Flagg led an hour long presentation that included pending court cases and allegations of harassment. Selectman Osienski stated his discomfort of hearing

case specific information; Chief Campbell refused to engage in conversation with Mr. Flagg since the cases referred to are still active.

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From 8:59 p.m. until 9:14 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:311(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. No decisions were made.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's June 5, 2013 Minutes. Reviewed Minutes from the Planning Board's June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Building Committee's June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Reviewed and approved the June 12 and June 19, 2013 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Agreed that the Town would pay the Code Officer for advisory time devoted to the conceptual VFW renovation project.
- Agreed to table discussion relative to disposal of hazardous material associated with the VFW building until the Building Committee is present.
- Agreed to seek additional information that could be associated to the Code Officer's enforcement decision for M2/L3-10.
- Agreed that the Sportsmen's Club should be reimbursed for their payment of Fishing Derby prizes.
- Selectmen James Cleary signed a \$156,141.34 Revenue Anticipation Note for the bridge project.
- Received NHDOT's QBS Approval and Consultant Authorization which now enables the Town to negotiate a scope and fee for engineering services with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike for TEP#2.
- Accepted the recommendation of George E. Sansoucy, PE, LLC and voted to deny Abatement Applications for Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire and TDS Telecom.
- Tabled review of the remaining forty-one Abatement Applications until the Board's June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- As requested by the Town Clerk, signed the 2013 Unlicensed Dog Warrant.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator

