

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – September 11, 2013

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Jason Michaels and Shelagh Clough met with the Selectmen and Police Chief Steve Campbell to discuss their observations of speeding vehicles through the school zone at Pierce School. In addition to the Crossing Guard, it was agreed that Chief Campbell will continue to be a presence on Main Street as his schedule permits. The Selectmen will also bring up the traffic concern with the engineers who will be designing the TEP2 traffic calming project.

Chief Campbell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following Police Department matters:

- Sixteen applications have been received for the upcoming full-time officer vacancy; two candidates are full-time certified.
- A temporary wage incentive for the remaining 2013 calendar year was approved for a part-time police officer. The incentive will offset the individual's tax penalty and allow them to continue their part-time police officer employment in support of the declining employee field.
- Chairman Cleary signed 2014 grant applications for DWI and speed patrol.

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

- At the recommendation of the Town's insurance provider it was agreed that, barring an emergency situation, fire apparatus will only be operated by current members of the Department.
- A vent saw was purchased for \$2,400; the equipment will safely allow personnel to saw through multiple layers of debris in a short amount of time, i.e. roof.
- October 11<sup>th</sup> is designated as Fire Prevention Day and will include school activities, an Open House at the Fire Station and a public Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Sporadic areas of mold have been found on equipment and supplies. After each cleaning the mold has not returned. The Selectmen encouraged the use of industrial floor fans to circulate the air.
- The Rescue Vehicle is out of service while warranty work is done to the body. Medical equipment has been transferred to the Brush Truck; in the event of an extended absence for the Rescue Vehicle the Selectmen will consider shifting equipment from another department.

From 7:38 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski, Administrator French and Chief Roina. No decisions were made.

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In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's August 28, 2013 Minutes.
- Reviewed the Building Committee's August 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes as well as the Energy Committee's September 4, 2013 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for September 4 and September 11, 2013 as well as Accounts Payable Registers for August 30, September 4 and September 11, 2013.
- With regard to the planned VFW renovations Select Board Chair James Cleary signed a contract with Daniel Scully Architects for a Condition Assessments and Feasibility Re-Use Report. A NH Preservation Grant will pay one-half of the \$5,000 cost. At the Board's July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting the Selectmen appropriated the Town's matching funds of \$2,500. The Board also familiarized themselves with a proposal from Sustainable Energy Education Demonstration Services (S.E.E.D.S.) to work in concert with the architect to create as energy efficient a structure as possible at a fee of \$950. There was no decision on funding the S.E.E.D.S. proposal.
- After considering information gleaned from the Road Agent and Transfer Station Manager, the Selectmen voted to discontinue annual color-coded decals for Transfer Station admittance. The Board pondered developing a residency decal but made no decision.
- Agreed to allow Zumba classes in the Town Hall gymnasium pending receipt of liability insurance from the instructor. Selectman Osienski volunteered to notify the current occupant of the meeting space that they will be required to remove all of their possessions by mid-October.
- Heard a report that Conval School Officials were very helpful in delivering the Selectmen's message that Monument Square should not be used as a playground after school dismissal.
- Reviewed August Police Statistics.
- Agreed to support a Forbearance Agreement for M24/L10.
- Signed a Yield Tax Levy for M8/L17.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator