

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – October 16, 2013

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's October 9, 2013 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for October 16, 2013.
- Asked the Administrator to inquire of the Assessor if the Town can return to the 2009 pre-Assessing Agreement value for M9/L21.
- Heard a report that the August 21<sup>st</sup> RAN Request for Advancement was postponed until this date. Today's RAN request (second advancement) is in the amount of \$400,000.
- Received only one bid for painting the front side of Town Hall. Due to the late season the Selectmen agreed that the painting project should be postponed until next year.
- Voted \$2,000 from the Selectmen's Contingency Fund for the purchase of loam and seed to enhance the Newhall soccer field this fall. Volunteers have committed to providing labor and equipment to carry out this project.
- Heard a report that the Bennington Energy Committee has been awarded a \$950 SEED Grant; Chairman Cleary signed the Town's acceptance of NEGEF's terms.
- Reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer's Administrative Decision based on his inspection of conditions in the vicinity of M23/L28.
- Received with appreciation a \$450 donation from the Benevolent Lodge Trust Funds.
- Will forward to the Building Committee and the Energy Committee PSNH rebate offers which expire December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Heard a report that PSNH will be closing the Hillsborough Work Center by April 2014. Responsibility for Bennington utility maintenance will likely be transferred to either the Keene or Bedford PSNH Office.
- Reviewed and approved the 2013 Equalization Assessment Data.
- Reviewed and approved Building Permits for M7/L32 and M19/L8.
- The Selectmen voted to cancel their Wednesday meeting next week since they will be meeting with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW for review of Phase II of the downtown improvement project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator