

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – January 10, 2014

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Michael Roina and Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride representatives Felix Kagi and Pat Terry met with the Selectmen to discuss the Fire Chief's December 31, 2013 letter regarding "Continued Fire Code Violations – Fire Alarm". By way of his letter, Chief Roina issued a final warning that the Bennington Fire Department will no longer tolerate the practice of Crotched Mountain officials silencing their buildings' fire alarm system. Likewise, Chief Roina has put forth the need for the building to be evacuated as stated in Chapter 10, Section 5 of the State Fire Code. Mr. Kagi requests flexibility and common sense in the matter so as not to inconvenience Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride customers. Chief Roina agreed to explore options for other industries and ski areas.

From 7:03 p.m. until 7:13 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Chief Roina. No decision was made.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved Selectmen Minutes for December 4, 9, 18, 19,20 and 30, 2013. The Board also reviewed courtesy copies of the Planning Board Minutes for December 16 and 30, 2013 as well as the Planning Board's January 3, 2014 Notice of Decision for M15/L6.
- Finalized the Library's portion of the Operating Budget by reducing one weekly hour from the part-time salary line-item (\$716) which in turn disqualifies the employee from joining the NH Retirement System. This results in an added savings of \$2,697.
- Reviewed and approved the Fire Chief's request for a 2014 Warrant Article in the net amount of \$9,000 to purchase a thermal imaging camera; additional costs beyond \$9,000 will be paid from Fire Department fund raising revenue.
- Reviewed and approved the following additional 2014 Warrant Article requests:
 - \$5,000 The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center
 - \$ 300 Contoocook Housing Trust
 - \$ 500 Contoocook Valley Transportation Company
 - \$ 681 American Red Cross
 - \$ 500 Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire
 - \$ 500 Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County (CAC-HC)
- Received the Draft Water Quality Certification Report for the Monadnock Hydroelectric Project intended for Public Review and Comment through January 20, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
- Reviewed 2013 Police Statistics.
- Selectman Osienski volunteered to honor Eagle Scout Sean Campbell with a letter of congratulations from the Board; he will also present the award at the February 16th ceremony in Antrim.
- Reviewed the January 9th SAC meeting notes as prepared by John Jordan.

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- Reviewed and approved Quantum Construction Consultants’ Construction Administration Contract Amendment No. 2 – Additional Construction Engineering Services at an estimated fee of \$8,065.00. The Additional Scope of Services, relative to the Antrim/Bennington bridge project, includes Task A – Final Pavement Repairs and Task B – Pavement Widening Construction Change Order.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator

