

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – January 22, 2014

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

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Board's January 16, 2014 Selectmen Minutes.
- Reviewed the Energy Committee's January 8, 2014 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the January 22, 2014 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Voted to reduce the 2014 Operating Budget by \$4,700. This was accomplished by reducing \$2,000 from the FA assessing/tax map maintenance line-item (4150-3-312). Also reduced was \$2,700 from the SWD Highway Department assistance line-item (4324-5-561). The end result puts the Operating Budget \$5,307 above the Default Budget.
- Reviewed and approved the final versions of the 2014 Budget and 2014 Town Warrant.
- In response to the TEP2 development of environmental documentation being gathered by Normandeau Environmental Consultants the Selectmen agreed to follow-up with Department Heads/Committees mid-February to be sure that their comments relative to potential impacts on environmental, social, economic or cultural resources have been submitted as requested to Normandeau Consultants.
- Conceptually discussed the development of a Nonbinding Police Coverage Referendum for inclusion in the March election process. The matter will be discussed when the full Board is present.
- Conceptually discussed a verbal request that the Town put forth a Solar Energy Exemption. The request was tabled since the January 14th deadline for inclusion in the 2014 Town Warrant has passed.
- Agreed not to meet January 29th; the Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th ahead of the Deliberative Session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator