

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – February 12, 2014

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

Planning Board Chair David McKenzie and Vice Chair Christopher Maple met with the Selectmen to share conceptual information received regarding a potential campground development on Powder Mill Pond along the Contoocook River.

Fire Chief Michael Roina met with the Board and discussed the following:

- As recommended by the Selectmen, Chief Roina has tracked his time spent doing Fire Department related tasks beyond responding to fire/rescue calls, meetings and work details. The Chief reported forty-four hours were logged for the month of January. Two issues were identified that need further review; 1) how to better manage time and 2) wage incentives to the membership that could help with lightening the Chiefs' work load.
- The Chief has been gathering information from other NH ski areas and those owned by Peak Resorts to understand their practices for building evacuation when the fire alarm is activated. It was agreed that Town and Crotched Mountain Officials should sit down prior to the Mountain's fall 2014 opening to discuss matters of mutual concern.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 4, 2014 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the February 12, 2014 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Reviewed and approved the draft Selectmen's Message realizing that it is still a report in process.
- Agreed to put forth a Non-Binding Referendum soliciting the residents' input as to the level of police coverage they think appropriate.
- Approved the draft bid documents, as presented by Quantum Construction, for the FEMA culvert replacement project.
- In response to the request for a directive from the Code Officer, the Selectmen suggest if a Building Permit for rehabilitation of an existing mobile home at M1/L16 has been approved then the Board would likely approve a six-month temporary permit for the placement of a second mobile home to be used during the rehabilitation construction of the existing nonconforming mobile home.
- After receiving confirmation from Rymes Fuel that they would provide a separate invoice to the Church and no funds would be comingled with the Town, the Selectmen voted to allow the Bennington Congregational Church the opportunity to include their facility's oil volume in the Town's fuel contract which will allow the Church to receive a discounted purchase price for their heating oil next fall.

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- Southwest Region Planning Commission has notified the Town that the State of NH and FEMA have programmed funds to update Bennington's Hazard Mitigation Plan which was created in 2008. The 2014 update must be completed by September 30, 2014.
- Reviewed 2013 revenues and expenditures for the Water/Sewer Department, as prepared by the Tax Collector, and noted a revenue surplus of \$12,960.23.
- Reviewed January Police Statistics.
- Reviewed and approved an Intent to Cut for M20/L7, a Building Permit for M1/L2 and the 2013 Financial Report (MS-5).

From 8:30 p.m. until 8:33 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss an ongoing request for tax abatements. Present were Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski as well as Administrator Denise French. The property owner of M21/L13-1 will be invited to the next Board meeting.

From 8:35 p.m. until 8:40 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss the recent financial audit. Present were Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski as well as Administrator Denise French. The Treasurer will be invited to the next Board meeting.

From 8:41 p.m. until 8:44 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss noncompliance with a Forbearance Agreement. Present were Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski as well as Administrator Denise French. The property owner of M24/L10 will be invited to the next Board meeting.

From 8:45 p.m. until 8:47 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) to hear information about a pending action being considered by Primex, the Town's workers compensation insurance carrier. Present were Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski as well as Administrator Denise French. No decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator