

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 26, 2014

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

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- In response to a property owner's request, all agreed that the non-maintained Town portion of Onset Road should be posted at each end with signage "Class VI Road – Not Maintained by the Town".
- Approval of a Driveway Permit at Pine Meadows Circle; it was agreed that the Town will waive the paving requirement until such time as road rehabilitation in the neighborhood is completed by the Highway Department.
- May rental of a "man-lift" at a cost of \$1,700. The Bennington rental will piggy-back Antrim Highway Department's rental which will save an equipment delivery charge of approximately \$108.
- The Bible Hill Road culvert replacement project is slated to begin July 1st.
- Community gratitude for the Highway Department's road maintenance throughout this past winter season.
- Conceptual plan to discuss with members of the Tri-Town Landfill – consider using timber harvest income as an offset for the cost of stumping the property.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's March 19, 2014 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the March 26, 2014 Accounts Payable and Payroll Registers.
- Reviewed \$715,000 in reductions proposed by the Conval School District in order to comply with the voter approved Default Budget.
- Authorized the Administrator to represent the Board of Selectmen in mandated meetings with the Department of Revenue Administration and the Town's Revaluation Contractor, Cross Country Appraisals, LLC. Time permitting, the Selectmen will also plan to attend the two meetings.
- Tabled comment on the Draft (PB) "Community Attitude Survey" until the Select Board members have an opportunity to thoroughly review the document.
- Received notice from the Department of Environmental Services that their Agency has not received the Project Status of Alteration of Terrain Permit (WPS-8301) for excavation activities at the Harris Construction Gravel Pit. The Progress Plan was due December 2013. DES has set a May 19, 2014 compliance date.
- As requested by D.H. Hardwick & Sons, the Selectmen approved an extension on the logger's original Intent to Cut form for M7/L37-1 and M7/L37-2 thereby permitting logging operations to be completed on or before June 30, 2014.
- Denied approval of an Elderly Exemption for M8/L8 based upon the financial limit.

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- Reviewed and approved the following documents:
 - Gravel Tax Levy – M11/L16
 - Veteran’s Tax Credit – M8/L8
 - Intent to Excavate – M1/L12
 - Intent to Excavate – M11/L16
 - Building Permit – M23/L15
 - Demolition Permit – M1/L2

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise French
Administrator