

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 9, 2014

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

From 6:33 p.m. until 6:42 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss a resident's concern. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. No decisions were made.

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

- Conceptually agreed that a Fireworks Ordinance should be developed. Chief Roina will identify his concerns from a public safety point of view.
- Reimbursement of personal cell phone use for Fire Department business; Chief Roina will identify costs associated with the designated phone housed in the rescue vehicle. The Chief will receive a monthly \$15 allowance for his primary phone; reimbursement of the third "Hot Spot" wireless device is still being discussed.
- In response to ISO's Public Protection Classification Program, the Final Community Classification has been set at 05/5Y/. Town acceptance of the ISO rating is tabled while Chief Roina seeks clarification of the improved rating which could have a positive impact on residential insurance rates.
- The Chief will be assessing what the Town has for water supply sites; gathering engineering proposals to develop future water supply sites and researching grant opportunities to procure associated funding.
- Frustration that the Rabies Clinic and the Sportsmen Club Dinner are not routinely scheduled through the Fire Chief before they are publicly advertised at the Fire Station.

Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride Officials Felix Kagi and Patrick Terry met with the Selectmen and Fire Chief Michael Roina by invitation. The following matters of mutual interest were discussed:

- Follow-up conversation regarding the need to evacuate the Lodge during a fire alarm activation.
- Agreed to move the annual Fire Inspection of the buildings to September in order to allow time for compliance with any matters that might be identified.
- Better communications with the Fire Department notifying them of the dates when individuals will be sleeping in the Lodge – commonly promoted as "sleep overs".
- The need to clean silt from the pond to improve the recharge area. A Conservation Easement which encompasses the lower pond limits pond expansion.
- On behalf of Crotched Mountain, Felix agreed to install a designated hydrant for Fire Department use which will draw water off from the snow-making system.
- Ski Patrol members are mostly EMTs and have outdoor wilderness training which is compatible to EMT training. Felix suggested it could be helpful if ambulance transport personnel could provide follow-up information regarding the actual severity of injury.

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- Calls for medical services. When the Planning Board approved the Site Plan medicals were estimated to be 20-30 per season. At the close of the 2013/14 ski season medical calls exceeded 50. Current protocol calls for a Bennington Fire Officer to respond to all medical calls along with the Antrim Ambulance.

In other matters the Selectmen took action on the following:

- Reviewed and approved the Board's April 2, 2014 Minutes and reviewed a copy of the Energy Committee's April 2, 2014 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the April 9, 2014 Payroll Register.
- Voted to grant two paid time off days to Kristie LaPlante in appreciation of her diligence to bring closure to a lengthy extra-curricular project.
- Heard a report that the Planning Board approved a Lot Line Adjustment between Lots 124 and 122 on Tax Map 7.
- Heard a report that the Town will receive a \$9,364.95 Premium Holiday credit on the July 2014 SchoolCare health insurance invoice.
- Heard a report that the Town would be eligible for a \$3,994 payment for the State's share of FEMA match for Snowstorm Nemo (February 2013) if the House approves SB 370.
- Will seek suggestions from the Police Chief regarding the best course of action to achieve compliance with RSA 485-A:24 as it relates to background checks for employees and volunteers who may be left alone with any child or children.
- Received notice that Heather is not in a position to return as this summer's Water Front Supervisor, although she has volunteered to assist the Town with lifeguard interviews.
- Reviewed Police Statistics for March and the First 2014 Quarter.
- Approved a Building Permit for M1/L2 subject to confirmation from the Code Officer that the Shoreland Protection Act is being adhered to.
- Signed the annual NH the Beautiful Litter Pledge as requested by the Conservation Committee which enables them to obtain blue litter collection bags for Earth Day cleanup.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator