

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 23, 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. Also attending the meeting was Lindsay Arceci from Monadnock-Ledger Transcript.

Road Agent Gary Russell and the Selectmen discussed the following:

- TEP2 – a meeting will be scheduled with FST and potential abutters to better address the retaining wall near the Historical Society. Also to be discussed are drainage issues and relocation of a hydrant in the vicinity of the Historical Society. (Gary to schedule the meeting)
- Motion detector lights have been installed at the Transfer Station.
- The need to gather comparative quotes for maintenance of the Town's three generators.
- The need to schedule a Tri-Town Landfill meeting – tentatively May 14<sup>th</sup>. (Dee to schedule the meeting)
- Approval was granted to create a 20' wide x 50' deep area on town-owned land at Pine Meadows for the purpose of loading brush.
- The Highway Department intends to paint cross walks when the windy weather improves.
- Gary will inventory playground equipment at Sawyer Park.
- Mail boxes, which were victims of winter plowing, have all been replaced.
- Selectmen approved all Highway Department employees attendance at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Mountain of Demonstrations event at Mount Sunapee Resort. The event is sponsored by the NH Road Agents Association and is free of charge.
- Discussed the existing concrete post located at the left side of the Balch Farm entrance which was once a DOT marker placed on site 1957/58 when the State considered relocation of Route 202. It was agreed that brush will be cut in this area to increase visibility for short-term parking relative to bus transportation while at the same time leaving the marker in place. A granite post that had been removed previously is not salvageable. The lone granite post located on the right side of the Balch Farm entrance will remain in place.
- As needed, ditches will be marked to avoid liability.
- Bible Hill Road replacement culvert is on schedule for delivery prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> construction.
- Narrowing of the Antrim/Bennington intersection at North Bennington Road and Bible Hill Road will be addressed at the time of the Bible Hill Road replacement culvert construction.

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

- The portable pump on the Brush Truck has failed due to age; a replacement pump is estimated to cost \$4,000 - \$8,000. State surplus will be loaning a pump to the Bennington Fire Department.
- Conceptual development of new water sources and installation of dry hydrants.

From 7:27 p.m. until 7:33 p.m. the Board met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The Selectmen voted not to remove an existing welfare lien for M10/L52.

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From 7:33 p.m. until 7:40 p.m. the Board met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(d). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. No decisions were made.

From 7:50 p.m. until 8:06 p.m. the Board met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The employee concern will be addressed with Fire Department leadership.

The Board took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen’s April 16, 2014 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the April 23, 2014 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Heard a report from Selectmen Rose about matters discussed during his recent participation in the Local Officials Workshop held in Newbury.
- Tabled appointment of a Capital Reserve Funding Committee member.
- Received notice from the Department of Environmental Services that the Harris Construction Gravel Pit (M3/L1) is now in compliance with the Alteration of Terrain Permit WPS-8301; their next progress plan is due December 2018.
- As an abutter, received notice of an April 28th Minor Subdivision Public Hearing for M15/L6.

Reviewed and approved the following:

- Intent to Cut Wood – M9/L2
- Intent to Cut Wood – M16/L1
- Replacement Gravel Tax Levy – M11/L12
- Yield Tax Levy – M9/L2
- Yield Tax Levy – M16/L1

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator