

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – July 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 6:03 p.m.

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

- A joint review of buildings at the Highland Inn by himself, the owner's representative and Code Enforcement Officer Dario Carrara. The owner has removed the planned cook tops from each condominium which will likely have a positive impact on the required Life Safety Requirements. Chief Roina will work with the Fire Marshall's Office to determine which Building Code is applicable to the Highland Inn renovation project. Ex-officio member Jeff Rose will inquire of the Planning Board if the approved mylars (which include the cook tops) will need to be amended.
- Review of the 9-1-1 Maps as produced by the NH Emergency Management. Areas in need of attention include three homes that should be renumbered, a few buildings that need to be numbered and change in road name from Chimney Road to Codman Hill Road. The Administrator wondered why NH Emergency Management has not required an Agreement between the Towns of Bennington and Deering since Bennington is charged with providing emergency services to Codman Hill Road. An Agreement between the Towns of Bennington and Hancock is on file with NH Emergency Management since Hancock is charged with providing emergency services to three Bennington residences that access their property from North Road in Hancock.
- Discussion about the delay in upgrading the Fire Department alarm system to be compatible with the dispatch center that monitors the systems. The Administrator will communicate with the provider to determine their plan of action to put the system back in monitoring mode.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved Selectmen meeting Minutes for July 10 and July 15, 2014.
- Reviewed Building Committee Minutes for July 1, July 15 and July 22, 2014.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for July 16 and July 23, 2014.
- Voted to indefinitely change the Selectmen's meeting time to 6:30 p.m.
- After reviewing internet advertising for Amazing Grace Marina the Selectmen voted to recommend that the Planning Board meet with the property owner to determine the extent of the business and whether or not a Site Plan Review could be required.
- Heard a report that the revised County Correctional Work Program will provide 220 man hours of labor for a flat weekly fee of \$1,000. The County will now provide meals for the workers.
- Heard a report that Antrim Town Officials are requesting before and after inspections, as well as an insurance policy and written Agreement, from the Contractor, before they/Antrim will issue a waiver for the Town of Bennington's Contractor to access Depot Street with equipment needed to undertake the Bible Hill Road culvert replacement construction. The Administrator further reported that an old bridge weight posting at Antrim's Arch bridge seems to be the root of Antrim's over-abundance of concern. The Bennington Selectmen will recommend that the heavy equipment be moved to the site via a different travel route.

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- Pending the need for more information, tabled a decision on purchasing two additional key pads for Town Hall security.
- Tabled appointment of the Police Review Committee until the scope of the Committee is better defined.
- Agreed to refer an inquiry, to the Water/Sewer Commission, about billing the Town for water/sewer usage at its buildings.
- Reviewed Police Statistics for June and the Second Quarter 2014.
- Heard a report that Net Income for Water/Sewer usage is \$9,267.46 at June 30th.
- Selectman Rose volunteered to patch a small hole in the VFW roof which seems to have been caused by a small limb being impaled.
- Reviewed and approved a revised 2013 Abatement for M7/L32.
- Declined approval of a Temporary Permit/Agreement for the placement of a trailer until June 2015. Article VII.H. of the Zoning Ordinance provides for a period not to exceed six months, with potential for renewal as long as construction is actively in process.
- Signed an Intent to Excavate for M3/L1.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator