

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – August 26, 2014

Selectmen James Cleary and Jeffrey Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Welfare Director Debra Davidson met with the Selectmen to explore their interest in the Town establishing a discretionary fund to provide assistance to those folks who have a need but do not otherwise qualify for aid. The Selectmen authorized the Director to accept contributions to establish a Discretionary Public Assistance Fund.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for August 13 and August 20, 2014 as well as Accounts Payable Registers for August 13, 2014.
- Chairman Cleary will meet with officials from Quantum Construction, Landsite Corporation and the Road Agent, onsite at the Bible Hill Road culvert construction project, on August 27th to review and discuss engineering concerns.
- Re-opening of Bible Hill Road to thru traffic has been postponed until September 12th.
- Heard a report that volunteer labor did not materialize for the requested rehabilitation of the soccer field at Newhall Field. The Selectmen authorized the purchase of loam, seed and a split-rail fence as well as fuel for the donated equipment. The estimated 2014 cost of the soccer field rehabilitation project (second/year) is \$3,000, of which \$2,476 will be paid from the Selectmen's Contingency Fund. From the 2013 budget \$2,800 was spent towards the soccer field.
- Planning Board Ex-officio Jeff Rose reported on the August 12th Planning Board's informal meeting with Eric Manna who plans to establish a Route 202 business.
- Asked that the Town Clerk's Office explore options, beyond the current choice to attach information to the front of the Town Hall building, to advertise the sale of Hunting & Fishing Licenses and OHRV Permits.
- Heard a report that an employee had fallen outside while walking on the handicapped ramp. The employee seems to be fine; the Highway Department is working on restoration of the walkway.
- Selectman Cleary reported his attendance at the recent water dig at the Bible Hill Road intersection where he learned that the 10" cast iron water main that runs from the standpipe to the Monadnock Paper Mill is in pristine condition.
- The Selectmen reviewed and approved the following documents:
 - Building Permits - M1/L16 (2), M2/L3-4 M6/L7A and M7/L57
 - Intent to Cut – M7/L35
 - Yield Tax Levy – M2/L23 combined with M7/L37-2
 - Yield Tax Levy – M7/L37-1
 - Abatement – M7/L37-1
 - Highway Safety Project Application
 - MS-1 Extension

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator