

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – September 24, 2014

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Aborn and Jason Miller met with the Selectmen to discuss their offer of providing martial arts/self defense training to the regional community at no cost to the participants. The Administrator will inquire of the Town's insurance provider if it is appropriate to appoint the instructors to the Recreation Committee who would then be considered the provider of the event. The gentlemen are interested in Tuesday classes lasting for one and one-half hours; the goal is for the Town to utilize the Pierce School gym for the nonprofit event.

Brian Wilmoth met with the Selectmen to discuss his interest in moving a Hillsborough-based karate program to the Town Hall. Mr. Wilmoth does carry liability insurance and is interested in meeting Monday evenings for one and one-half hours. The Selectmen asked for a proposal that would include use of the Town's facility; one of the concepts informally discussed was reduced tuition for Bennington residents.

In other matters the Selectmen took action on the following:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's September 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes; the Board also reviewed Minutes from the September 17, 2014 Police Chief Study Committee and the Conservation Commission.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for September 24, 2014.
- Reviewed and approved 2012, 2013 and 2014 hydro-electric abatements for Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc:
  - 2012 Tax Settlements/Abatements which affects M1/L17-HPLT, M7/L87-HPLT, M9/L21-HPLT and M10/L8HPLT = \$700,000 assessed value and associated taxes of \$17,430
  - 2013 Tax Settlements/Abatements which affects M1/L17-HPLT, M7/L87-HPLT, M9/L21-HPLT and M10/L8HPLT = 922,000 assessed value and associated taxes of \$23,419
  - 2013 Tax Abatements which affects M1/L17, M7/L87 and M10/L8 = \$223,200 assessed value and associated taxes of \$5,670
  - 2014 Tax Abatements which affects M1/L17, M7/L87 and M10/L8 = \$223,200 assessed value and associated taxes of \$2,834
- As a procedural requirement relative to the 2014 Revaluation the Selectmen reviewed and approved the following Veterans Tax Credit – Map 2, Lot 6; Map 7, Lot 22; Map 7, Lot 49 and Map 10, Lot 42A.
- As a procedural requirement relative to the 2014 Revaluation the Selectmen reviewed and re-confirmed the following Elderly Exemption eligibility – Map 1, Lot 16; Map 2, Lot 3-N; Map 7, Lot 76; Map 10, Lot 24; Map 10, Lot 54; Map 13, Lot 3-A7; Map 13, Lot 3-A12; Map 18, Lot 2 and Map 22, Lot 13. Two Elderly Exemption applications were denied – Map 7, Lot 88 and Map 8, Lot 3. Two additional Elderly Exemption applications are pending.

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- Planning Board Ex-officio Jeff Rose delivered the results of the Planning Board’s “Attitude Survey 2014”. The Survey had been mailed to every residential postal receptacle; 11% of the recipients responded.
- Reviewed and approved a Building Permit for M9/L25.
- Voted to briefly meet October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to receive Revaluation data.

From 8:12 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to receive a written complaint about an employee and an opinion document. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. No decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator