

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – October 6, 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.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the September 24, 2014 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for October 1, 2014.
- Heard a report that the Town's insurance provider supports the volunteer effort of Jim Aborn to provide martial arts instruction at no cost to the community or the participants. The Administrator and Pierce School officials are working out the details which will allow the program to be held in the All-Purpose Room at Pierce School.
- Voted to allow Conval Martial Arts, LLC to utilize the Town Hall gym, at no cost, for their weekly instructional program with the understanding that Bennington residents would pay a \$25 monthly fee versus the proposed \$45 dollar a month class fee for non-resident participants.
- Received utility, hydro-electric plant, and Monadnock Paper Mill assessment values from George E. Sansoucy, PE, LLC. The extended deadline to file tax rate related documents is October 15, 2014.
- Discussed the need to develop guidelines relative to access and acquisition of donated recycled items. The matter will be referred to the Solid Waste Committee.
- Acknowledged with appreciation the efforts of youth volunteer Maxwell Davie in replacing a "Welcome to Bennington" sign by cutting, painting, assembling and mounting the new replacement sign. Max is the Assistant Sr. Patrol Leader currently at the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scout and is actively pursuing the next rank of Star Scout.
- Schedule permitting, Selectman Osienski volunteered to attend the October 9<sup>th</sup> Budget & Property Meeting at the Conval SAU Office.
- Reviewed Police Statistics for September and the Third Quarter 2014.
- As a procedural requirement relative to the 2014 Revaluation the Selectmen reviewed an Elderly Exemption application for M17/L23. The applicant did not meet the necessary qualifications for the exemption; the Selectmen denied the application.
- Reviewed the First Draft 2015 Budget, without wages and benefits, which indicates a \$27,000 increase over the existing 2014 Budget. The Selectmen voted a 2.75% COLA for employees.
- Reviewed and conceptually approved a Building Permit for M8/L1C; the Administrator will hold the Permit in abeyance until a Plot Plan is received. A Building Permit for M9/L21 was approved.
- Effective November 1<sup>st</sup> the Board will change their meeting start time to 6:00 p.m.
- Tentatively scheduled the Capital Reserve Funding Committee meeting for October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

From 7:25 p.m. until 7:32 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The Board voted to dismiss a lingering complaint which pertains to issues previously raised and considered by the Board In November 2013. A certified letter will be sent to the aggrieved individual.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator