

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – October 15, 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.

Police Chief Steve Campbell met with the Selectmen to discuss limited options for replacing the Crown Vic (sedan). At an estimated cost of an additional \$2,000, the Selectmen agreed that it is likely the Town will move towards two SUV police cruisers. The Chief was encouraged to seek proposals for the intended 2015 replacement cruiser in advance of the upcoming Capital Reserve Funding Committee meeting.

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen to discuss his observation that the planned change to the Bible Hill Road intersection next year might not be in the motorists' best interest. The Selectmen agreed that he should mark the planned "bump out", etc. which will allow for a visual determination of safe driving.

By invitation, Lisa Martin and James Bouchard from Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC and Scott Burnside from Landsite Construction met with the Selectmen and Road Agent to review the second invoice for the Bible Hill Road construction project. Mr. Burnside agreed to a \$1,000 reduction from the Granular Backfill (209.201) line-item to reflect materials provided by the Town. Chairman Cleary signed the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Mr. Bouchard expects that the "As-Built" construction plans will be available next week.

The Selectmen voted to apply a 40% economic depreciation value to the Monadnock Paper Mills complex which is identified as M9/L19; Map 9/L20 and M9/L21 and recently assessed by George Sansoucy LLC at a combined value of \$5,831,400, with declining 4% annual reduction in depreciation for the ensuing four years.

The Town's 2014 assessed value, per the Summary of Valuation, is now \$102,764,731 as compared to the 2013 assessed value of \$118,116,762; a 13% reduction in value.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's October 6, 2014 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for October 8 and October 15, 2014.
- Reviewed the Planning Board's October 14th Notice of Decision which approved a minor subdivision of M17/L34.
- Reviewed, approved and signed an Intent to Cut for Map 21/L13A, the General Election Warrant and an Elderly Exemption for M23/L2.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator