

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – October 21, 2014

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Prior to their 7:00 p.m. meeting with the Capital Reserve Funding Committee, the Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Tabled approval of the October 17, 2014 Accounts Payable Register due to missing information.
- Voted, from the Selectmen's Contingency Fund, approximately \$200 to pay for the Town's installation of a water filtration system at a Bible Hill Road residence (M10/L80) where, historically, any disturbance of Town water creates chaos for the homeowner.
- Heard a report that the Fire Marshall's Office will likely be issuing a Stop Work Order for M13/L14. It appears that construction is ongoing without the benefit of numerous Building Permits.
- Heard a report that pressure-treated wood decking had been installed the length of the train trestle, however, the gate remains locked as mandated by the State – excepting the winter months. The Administrator has asked State Representative Jon Manley to seek a change in access to this portion of the rail trail whereby the State would authorize removal of the gate in order to encourage year-round use.
- Heard a report that the Administrative Office is seeking proposals for upgrading the antiquated software for accounting and taxation.
- The Selectmen reviewed, approved and signed the Summary Inventory of Valuation which reflects an overall 13% decrease in property values as a result of the 2014 Revaluation.
- The Selectmen reviewed, approved and signed an Elderly Exemption for M7/L21.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator