

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – February 17, 2015

Selectmen James Cleary, Steven Osienski and Jeff Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French.

James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose, Steven Osienski, Debora Ash, John J. Cronin, III and Keith Nason, representing the Police Chief Interview Committee, met in Nonpublic Session from 6:25 p.m. until 8:05 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3II(b). Attending a portion of the meeting prior to the interview was Administrator Denise French. Arrangements were unanimously agreed upon that the Committee would meet February 28th with each of the three out-of-state applicants. Bret Sullivan was formally interviewed by the Committee. Upon his departure the Committee continued discussion and unanimously voted to promote Officer Bret Sullivan to the position of Bennington Police Chief.

Cemetery Trustees Jill Young, Karen Bartlett and Joshua Segal met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- In response to their request for bids for repair of Sunnyside Cemetery headstones, the Trustees chose Gravestone Services of New England.
- Due to the conditions of many delicate cemetery monuments the Trustees have voted not to engage the Hillsborough County Correctional Workers. Although, in the past, they have provided adequate maintenance at the Town's cemeteries, the Trustees intend to proactively protect the historic cemetery environment.
- Due to the physical characteristics of the property, the Trustees do not intend to construct a cemetery, as deeded to the Town by Georgietta Bryer. The bequeathed property consists of eleven acres on Old Greenfield Road; Tax Map 7, Lot 37-1.
- Invoices are being submitted directly to the Trustees of Trust Funds for those expenses being paid from Trust Fund income.
- Cemetery Trustee Jill Young reported to the Selectmen that she is/has been a Bennington resident and is qualified by residency to serve in the Cemetery Trustee elected position.

From 9:02 p.m. until 9:13 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to review a written complaint. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The Selectmen voted to seek background information from an employee before meeting with the author of the complaint.

From 9:19 p.m. until 9:21 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The Selectmen voted to rescind an offer of employment.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's February 11, 2015 Minutes.
- Tentatively agreed to schedule the Tri-Town Landfill meeting for February 26th, as proposed by Frankestown Selectmen, upon receiving confirmation from Antrim Selectmen that the date is convenient for them.

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- Accepted Recreation Committee Chair Bethany Craig's offer to pursue cleanup of the upstairs space at Town Hall in an effort to provide more useable space for recreation sponsored events.
- Voted not to publish a 2015 Voter Guide.
- Signed a Tax Deferral for M10/L61.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator