

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – February 19, 2015

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

By invitation, Code Officer Dario Carrara met with the Selectmen and Planning Board Chair David McKenzie. Dario agreed to partner with Bennington's land use Boards to provide the missing link of information between the Town and the public. He recommended that the land use Boards review their Rules of Procedure and modify them on an as-needed basis.

The Code Officer agreed to follow-up on the need for a Building Permit for M16/L9 where a business was converted to residential use. Similarly, when a seasonal use is converted to full-time use a Building Permit is also required to adequately address septic, life safety codes, electrical, etc.

From 8:00 p.m. until 8:27 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Osienski and Rose, Administrator French and Police Chief Steve Campbell. Prior to the meeting Chief Campbell had submitted his resignation as of May 1, 2015. The meeting evolved around the logistics of moving the Police Department forward during the two month transition period. It was agreed to advertise the impending Officer vacancy with all applicant submissions being channeled to the Town Administrator. Chief Campbell was warmly thanked for his twenty years of community service as well as his eagerness to assist in a smooth transition of leadership.

From 8:45 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Osienski and Rose as well as Karen Bartlett. The group discussed the Selectmen's investigation into unfavorable reporting by the Ledger-Transcript that implied disrespect for former Town employees. The Selectmen assured Karen that this is not the Town's stance and it will be publically addressed in a Letter to the Editor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator