

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 1, 2015

Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Monadnock Ledger-Transcript reporter David Blumenthal.

Selectmen Rose and Osienski participated in the Police Chief Transition Ceremony where C. Stephen Campbell stepped down from his Chief position and Bret Sullivan was sworn in as Police Chief. Campbell will remain with the Bennington Police Department until May 1st when he retires after twenty years of service.

Fire Chief Michael Roina met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- NH Division of Forest and Lands now provides an Online Fire Permit System, in participating communities, as an option for obtaining a required NH Fire Permit. At present, Bennington does not participate in the Online Permit System. The Chief is considering online permitting for Category 3 permits; the associated fee assessed by the State is \$3.00.
- A new fire suppression system which acts like a “grenade extinguisher”, cost \$900 per unit and has a fifteen year shelf life. No decision was made.
- Class VI Codman Hill Road in Deering. The Selectmen expressed frustration that the Town of Bennington is the first Department dispatched due to its access from Switzer Road/Gillis Hill Road, although the Town of Bennington does not permit development on Class VI roads and the Town of Deering does. The Administrator will inquire of Town Counsel to determine if Bennington has any leverage for providing Deering emergency services.

From 7:37 p.m. until 7:42 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Rose and Osienski, Administrator French and Fire Chief Roina. The Selectmen voted to employ Keith Nason as a Firefighter.

From 7:56 p.m. until 8:37 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Rose and Osienski, Administrator French and Police Chief Bret Sullivan. Attending a portion of the meeting was Jason Lepine. The group discussed applications received for the vacant full-time Officer position. The Selectmen authorized a conditional offer of employment.

From 8:38 p.m. until 8:41 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The Selectmen voted to employ Jeffrey Stillman as a part-time, as needed, Highway Department laborer.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved Selectmen Minutes for March 18, March 20, March 25, and March 28, 2015.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for April 1, 2015.

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- Heard a report that the former St. Patrick's Church was back on the real estate market. The Selectmen authorized Town Counsel to communicate with the Diocese's legal counsel to review and discuss proposed Deed Covenants.
- Authorized Town Counsel to file a Notice of Compliance at the Registry of Deeds relative to closure of the Town's legal case involving M22/L12.
- Voted to change the allocation of Paid Holidays, as of April 1, 2015. Moving forward, holidays will be paid to any weekly employee who regularly works on the day that a holiday falls, for the amount of hours the employee typically works – not to exceed eight hours.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator