

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 15, 2015

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Monadnock Ledger-Transcript reporter David Blumenthal. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Sam Cohen and John Paradise met with the Selectmen to express their continued dismay about the South Bennington Road travel conditions; photos of the deteriorating Road were delivered to the Selectmen. Via phone call, Road Agent Gary Russell reported his conversation with District 4 Supervisor, John Leonard, that the Road likely will be cleaned up and pug mill put down. South Bennington Road is not included in the Department of Transportation's paving schedule. The Board encouraged the gentlemen to communicate their frustrations directly with the DOT District 4 Swanzey Office.

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

- Only one estimate has been received for re-shingling the Fire Station roof; additional quotes will be sought
- Caution should be exercised when allowing use of the VFW. Attendance at a recent Memorial Service vastly exceeded the authorized occupant load
- A recent Fire Department fundraiser raised \$800 +/- for a local family
- New employees are working out well
- Engaged the Board in a practice of establishing use for M13/L14; the Chief determined that a Third Party Review will be required for this renovation project

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's April 8, 2015 Minutes
- Reviewed and approved the April 15, 2015 Payroll Register
- Asked that Frankestown Selectmen be invited to a Wednesday Selectmen's meeting to conceptually discuss shared police services and/or other forms of municipal coordination
- Due to no 2015 cost increase, voted to continue contracting groundskeeping services with Pleasant Pond Landscaping
- Voted to support the Library Trustees' recommendation that David McKenzie be reappointed as Library Trustee Alternate
- As an abutter, received notice of an April 25th Excavation Hearing for M11/L16. The Selectmen noted the date was in error and asked the Administrator to follow-up the matter with the Planning Board
- Received notice from Property-Liability Trust, Inc. that, as of July 1, 2016, PLT will no longer provide property liability, workers' compensation and unemployment compensation coverage to the NH public sector
- Reviewed and approved an Elderly Exemption and Veteran's Tax Credit for M7/L105
- Reviewed and approved an amended Building Permit for M7/L109A

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From 7:00 p.m. until 7:20 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. No decisions were made.

From 7:22 p.m. until 7:37 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(j). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The group reviewed the 2014 Financial Statements and associated documents as prepared by Vachon, Clukay & Company, PC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator