

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 20, 2015

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

From 6:09 p.m. until 6:17 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski, Administrator French and Neil Buffum. The Selectmen authorized a Forbearance Agreement to adequately address the Impending Tax Deed for unpaid 2012 taxes.

From 7:11 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. The Selectmen discussed administrative decisions made by a Department Head that will be addressed at a future Board meeting.

Attorney John Cronin, III and property owner Richard Edmunds, Sr. met with the Selectmen to discuss a Building Permit Application filed by the Edmunds family for expansion of an existing building situated on Class VI Mountain Road. The Administrator will seek from the Planning Board Chair the date and time when the Planning Board will discuss the matter as it relates to RSA 674:41.

Police Chief Bret Sullivan met with the Board to discuss the benefits of hiring a part-time administrative employee who will provide training on the existing police software as well as creating new files for the Police Department. The Selectmen agreed to the hire on a temporary basis at \$15.00 an hour; ten hours per week for the remaining seven months. The success of the trial period will be evaluated in the fall ahead of the 2016 budget preparation.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's May 6, 2015 Minutes.
- Reviewed the Energy Committee's May 6, 2015 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the May 13, 2015 Payroll Register as well as the May 20, 2015 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Voted to terminate the Sansoucy assessing contract for the revaluation of utilities including the hydro plants for a one-time payment of \$7,000; this action will save \$22,000 for a net savings of \$15,000.
- Voted to terminate the Sansoucy assessing contract for the revaluation of the Mill for a one-time payment of \$20,000; this action will save \$48,000 for a net savings of \$28,000.
- Confirmed the Selectmen's intent to meet with the Deering Board of Selectmen to discuss future development concerns on Codman Hill Road.
- Heard a report that the \$9,168.71 repair of the Fire Engine's pump was covered by insurance; the payment is subject to a \$1,000 insurance deductible.
- Selectman Osienski will follow-up with the Mackesy family to determine a convenient date for the Selectmen to take their trash to the Transfer Station.

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- Received Planning Board Notice of (favorable) Decisions for M11/L12 – renewal of an Excavation Permit and for M15/Lot 5 and 6-3 for a Boundary Line Adjustment.
- Reviewed and approved Building Permits for M10/L47A, M10/L80A, and M16/L9.
- For the benefit of the Selectmen the Building Committee is seeking competitive bids for rehabilitating the VFW foundation.
- Voted a five day bereavement leave for the Administrator.
- Voted to meet every other week for the summer beginning with June 10<sup>th</sup> being the first non-meeting week.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator

