

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – November 10, 2015

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeff Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

In the absence of Chief Sullivan, Sergeant Jason LePine met with the Board to discuss the possibility of the Police Department purchasing the Crown Vic replacement cruiser now, rather than later. Chief Sullivan has learned of an opportunity to sell the 2011 Crown Vic, through private sale, for an estimated \$5,000. Traditionally, trade-in cost for our former Crown Vic sedans has been \$1,500 - \$2,000. Through research it has been determined that the replacement cruiser, a 2016 Ford SUV will cost \$27,000. The 2011 cruiser has 98,000 miles on it; the opportunity to sell for \$5,000 is dependent on the vehicle having less than 100,000 miles. Sergeant LePine will return to the next Selectmen's meeting with information requested by the Board.

Due to time constraints the Selectmen voted to table discussion on the impending vacancy in the office of Deputy Town Clerk; the Town Clerk was so notified.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's November 3, 2015 Minutes. The Board also reviewed the October 26, 2015 Budget Committee Minutes as well as the November 3, 2015 Trustees of Trust Funds Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for November 10, 2015. Also reviewed was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft 2016 Budget; the Budget Committee is scheduled to continue its review on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Upon receiving the Administrator's report that limited unspent funds are available in the 2015 Budget, the Board voted to acquire the financial software suite now with the \$6,000 deposit coming from the 2015 Budget; the balance of \$18,000 will be included in the 2016 Budget. This purchase, which will replace the obsolete DOS accounting program, was tabled a year ago in favor of replacing the tax/utility programs first.
- Confirmed that Antrim and Frankestown Selectmen are available to meet December 1 at 7:00 p.m. to continue discussion on Tri-Town Landfill matters.
- Discussed the property damage caused by the contracted paving company utilized by the State of NH to pave from the School Street bridge to Route 202. In preparation of paving a power broom moved all of the road sand/debris from the roadway onto the grassy lawn portion at the VFW which encompasses the flag pole and monument. The Selectmen requested that the citizen's complaint and accompanying pictures be forwarded to State Representative Jon Manley for remediation.
- Reviewed the November 9, 2015 Planning Board Decision relative to the Public Hearing for lot-line adjustment between Lots 18 and 19 on Tax Map 7. The application was approved with conditions.
- Appointed Dario Carrara as the Primary E9-1-1 Data Operations Liaison and Kristie LaPlante the Secondary E9-1-1 Liaison.
- Upon review of quotes received for replacement of the Fire Station roof, the Board voted to accept the \$10,500 quote received from R. Seneschal Builder.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. when the Selectmen transitioned to the 2016 Capital Reserve Funding Committee meeting along with Peter Eppig, Joseph MacGregor and David McKenzie.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator