

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – January 11, 2016

Selectmen Steven Osienski and Jeffrey Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Selectmen met to review and finalize their proposed 2016 Budget ahead of the January 13th Budget Hearing. The Board voted the following changes to the indicated line-items:

	INCREASE	DECREASE
4140-1-130 Town Clerk Wages – correct error	515	
4140-1-150 Asst Town Clerk Wages – 21% unspent 2015; hours cut		1,460
4140-1-220 FICA/MEDI – adjust re: Clerk wage correction	39	
4140-1-560 Clerk Dues/Subscription – dog software paid 2015		350
4155-1-210 Health Insurance – correct error	3,032	
4155-1-220 FICA/MEDI – Administrator decision		100
4191-1-900 Master Plan – funds encumbered from 2015		800
4194-1-411 <i>GGB Heat/Oil – internal budget review cut</i>		800
4210-1-110 Police Chief Wages – correct error		632
4210-1-635 <i>Police gasoline – internal budget review cut</i>		1,000
4220-1-130 Fire Administration - \$10,730 spent 2015		3,000
4220-1-390 Fire Dispatch Service – reflects actual cost		11
4220-8-411 <i>Fire Heating Oil – internal budget review cut</i>		500
4311-1-635 Highway Gas/Oil - \$14,637 spent 2015		3,000
4312-3-610 Road Drainage Supplies – funds encumbered from 2015		3,000
4312-5-691 Gravel Preparation - \$6230 spent 2015		1,000
4316-3-410 Street Lighting - \$7,671 spent 2015		2,000
4324-1-200 Landfill Post-closure costs – Alteration of Terrain permit	2,000	
4324-1-411 Transfer Station heat - \$215 spent 2015		100
4324-5-391 Recyclables Removal - \$7600 spent 2015	1,400	
4324-5-395 Electronic Recycling - \$2,430 spent 2015	1,725	
4324-5-561 Transfer Station; Highway Dept Asst – new employee		700
4414-1-350 Vet Services – change in vendor for stray animals		400
4444-1-800 Meals on Wheels – \$525 spent 2015 and prior		200
4550-1-210 Library Health Insurance – correct error	400	
4550-1-610 Book Collection – funds encumbered from 2015		<u>2,000</u>
	<u>\$9,111</u>	<u>\$21,053</u>

The Selectmen also voted to include a 2016 Warrant Article requesting \$6,000 funding for Whittemore Beach staffing.

The final version of the Selectmen’s 2016 Operating Budget is \$1,527 higher than last year; Capital Reserve Funding requests are \$15,100 higher and funding requested through Warrant Articles is \$9,019 higher than last year.

The Selectmen signed the Oath of Office to Debra Whitney for appointment as Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French, Administrator