

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – January 21, 2016

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

The Selectmen met to review, approve and sign the following 2016 annual documents:

- Town Warrant. The Selectmen voted to seek guidance from the Department of Revenue Administration with respect to proposed Warrant Article 5 which seeks voter approval to discontinue the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund with monies being deposited into the Water Capital Reserve Fund. The concern is Town Counsel's recommended language "to raise and appropriate". Even though the Article is intended to address existing funds, Town Counsel's proposed language seems to imply the matter should have been included in the January 13th Budget Hearing. The Selectmen authorized the Administrator to amend or remove proposed Article 5 based upon DRA's feedback. Under this condition the Warrant was executed.
- Budget
- Default Budget

The Selectmen instructed the Administrator to review all existing Capital Reserve Funds where the voters have authorized the Board of Selectmen to act as agents with respect to authorized expenditures of the particular Reserve Funds. Upon completion of the review the Board requested that reminder letters be sent to each Department Head/Committee Chair advising all that they must communicate with the Board of Selectmen prior to expending funds from their designated Capital Reserve Fund/s.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator