

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 16, 2016

Selectmen James Cleary and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- A request from M24/L26 property owner that they be granted permission to improve drainage on Class VI Switzer Road/Codman Hill Road. The Selectmen voted to endorse the project as long as the Bennington Road Agent provides oversight of the Bennington portion of the road rehabilitation project and no Town funds are expended for the Class VI roadway improvement.
- Agreed to sell the Highway Department's 1985 GMC truck by advertised sealed bid.
- Discussed quotes received for the purchase of a replacement pick-up truck with plow. Quotes average \$42,000 plus \$5,400 for a sander. The Road Agent will obtain trade-in allowances from all vendors and report his findings to the Board at their March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved March 8 and March 16, 2016 Payroll Registers as well as March 9 and March 16, 2016 Accounts Payable Registers.
- Reviewed the March 2016 Town Meeting results as well as the opinions expressed on the *Nonbinding Referendum Regarding the VFW Building*. The results of the Nonbinding Referendum (minimal repairs 23%; rehabilitate and reconfigure the building 34% and obtain grants for historic preservation 43%) will be reviewed with the Building Committee.
- Reviewed an updated TEP2 construction time-line that shows a March 14<sup>th</sup> start date with completion planned for June 15, 2016.
- Authorized the Deputy Town Administrator to attend a two-day financial conference in May.
- In view of John Tyler's 2016 commitment not to increase the Town's lawn maintenance cost, agreed to continue the Town's landscaping relationship with Pleasant Pond Landscaping.
- Signed an employee's Time-off Request as well as the Report of Appropriations Actually Voted.

The following individuals were reappointed to their respective positions:

- Road Agent – Gary Russell (fifth term), two years
- Fire Chief – Michael Roina, one year
- Capital Reserve Funding Committee – James Cleary, Peter Eppig, Joseph MacGregor, David McKenzie, Steven Osienski and Jeffrey Rose – each one year
- Conservation Commission – Michael Munhall and Stephen Willette, each three years
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee – Bret Sullivan, Kristie LaPlante, Joseph MacGregor, Richard Reed, Michael Roina and Gary Russell – each one year
- Highway Safety Committee – Bret Sullivan, James Cleary and Gary Russell – each one year
- Newhall Park Board Trustee – Gretchen Hutton, three years
- Solid Waste Committee – David Parker, Jeffrey Rose and Gary Russell, each one year

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From 7:13 p.m. until 7:25 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss a citizen complaint. Present were Selectmen Cleary and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The Selectmen will investigate the claim before any decision is rendered.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise French  
Administrator