

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 23, 2016

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

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

- Purchase of a replacement single-axle F350 pickup truck from Grappone Ford was approved for at a net purchase cost of \$24,719 after application of the \$8,500 trade-in value. Gary is researching extended warranties which will cost a minimum of \$2,405.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's March 16, 2016 Minutes. Also reviewed the March 16, 2016 Stantec Progress Meeting Minutes which relate to the TE2 construction project.
- Reviewed and approved the March 23, 2016 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Heard a report that the Town must wait until Amazing Grace Marina is operating without Town approval before it can enforce the previously filed Notice of Violation.
- Heard a report that the Town Clerk, and not the Treasurer, is responsible for setting up the new bank account for "One-Check" payments; the Town Clerk also can transfer funds into the new account. The Administrator is waiting to hear from the Clerk as to which other banks the DMV has accounts with; she also reminded the Town Clerk of the need to share associated costs with the Board of Selectmen to be sure funds are available within the current operating budget.
- Completed the Auditor's requested Internal Control Risk Assessment questionnaire. The Selectmen discussed conceptual ideas which included isolating users of each safe situated within the Selectmen's Office.
- Authorized staff to prepare a Forbearance Agreement for M24/L15-1 which addresses an unpaid 2013 tax lien.
- In response to a directive from the Supreme Court that an attorney must represent the Town in their Court, rather than an individual (George E. Sansoucy, PE), the Selectmen voted to engage the services of Attorney Christopher Boldt of Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella in the tax appeal of PSNH/Eversource v. the Town of Bennington for tax years 2011 and 2012.
- Reviewed and signed the following documents:
  - Fire Department Attendance Policy (3)
  - Veteran Tax Credit – M8/L18-3
  - Veteran Tax Credit – M7/L85
  - Intent to Cut – M5/L4
  - Intent to Cut – M14/L2 and M11/L13,14
  - Yield Tax Warrant – M11/L6, M6/L6, M5/L2
  - Joshi Hospitality Group – 16 building permits

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French, Administrator