

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 20, 2016

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

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved Selectmen Minutes for April 6 and April 13, 2016. Also reviewed TEP2 Progress Meeting notes for April 14, 2016.
- Reviewed and approved April 20, 2016 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Authorized the Administrator to sign a People's United Bank, N.A. Commitment Letter for a \$500,000 Tax Anticipation Note at a 2.10% interest rate.
- Discussed a report of nonresidents using the Bennington Transfer Station. The Board conceptually discussed re-instituting an admittance decal for the Transfer Station/Whittemore Beach. No decision was made.
- Discussed NHPLT's suggested settlement offer to Kent's Towing and voted to table a decision until individual Board members have an opportunity to gather further information.
- Heard a report that the upcoming logging operation on property located on Class VI Mountain Road will not entail use of Mountain Road. The M5/L4 timber harvest plan is for establishment of a landing where their property borders a portion of Class V Onset Road.
- Received confirmation that Elected Officials are not employees of the Town and are not subject to the conditions and benefits of the Town's Personnel Policy. Therefore, under RSA 31:9-b, the Town Clerk's request to be paid for unused 2015 vacation time is denied.
- Agreed to begin their inspections of Town buildings on Wednesday, May 4th at 5:30 p.m.
- Received an excerpt of Scully Architects, *Part 3 – Recommended Treatment & Re-use Strategies*, for review and consideration when developing a plan of action to rehabilitate the VFW building. The first steps will be obtaining bids for relocating the water and sewer utilities followed by rehabilitating the foundation.
- Tabled making Whittemore Beach staffing decision/s until the Board's April 27th meeting.
- Reviewed proposed TEP2 Change Order #1, which has been submitted to NHDOT, at an estimated cost of \$5,414.
- Determined that a setback variance is required for construction of an addition to an existing grandfathered building that does not meet the required 50' front setback.
- Suspended the Board's prior decision to allow a controlled burn on the parcel of land between the two Old Stagecoach Road cemeteries. The decision will be revisited with the Fire Chief.
- Asked that the Water/Sewer Superintendent be invited to the April 27th group meeting with the Bennington Water/Sewer Commissioners.
- Requested two additional bids for painting Town Hall.
- Reviewed and approved a Veteran's Tax Credit for M23/L1-2; a Current Use Application for M10/L47 and a Building Permit for M7/L106.

From 7:23 p.m. until 7:55 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. No decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator