

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – June 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 6:00 p.m.

People's United Bank representative James Albridge met with the Selectmen, Treasurer Joyce Miner and Deputy Treasurer Rhonda Davie to update authorized signatures for all Bennington financial accounts.

Bank of New Hampshire's representative Rose Novotny met with the Selectmen, Treasurer Joyce Miner and Deputy Treasurer Rhonda Davie to update authorized signatures for all Bennington financial accounts.

From 7:02 p.m. until 7:18 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Town Clerk Debra Belcher. No decisions were made.

From 7:20 p.m. until 7:40 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski, Administrator French, Elaine Flanagan and Scott Littlefield who met with the Board to express Elaine's displeasure of being assessed a disposal fee for items which she determined were recyclable. Based upon Ms. Flanagan's opinion she refused to pay the associated \$10 disposal fee and has been barred from using the Transfer Station facility until the \$10 obligation is paid. The Selectmen will investigate her allegations and render their decision at their June 28th Board meeting.

Energy Committee members Molly and Peter Eppig, Peter Martel and Michael Munhall presented a power point presentation of *The Case for LED Street Lighting*:

- The cost associated with changing all 46 Metal Halide fixtures to LED street light fixtures is \$12,000
- Life span of Halide fixtures is 15,000 to 20,000 hours
- Life span of LED fixtures is 50,000 hours
- Projected annual cost of street lighting would be \$4,470; the 2015 actual cost for Halide lighting was \$8,375
- Currently a \$4,600 rebate incentive is available; there is no guarantee the incentive will continue to be available
- Other funding opportunities will be sought
- The Board authorized the Committee to proceed with preparation of a RFP
- The Selectmen committed \$3,000 from the 2016 Budget; if needed

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Executed the Oath of Office to Rhonda Davie who is appointed Treasurer as of July 1, 2016.
- Executed the Oath of Office to Joyce Miner who is appointed Deputy Treasurer as of July 1, 2016.

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- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's June 11, 2016 Minutes. The Board also reviewed the Planning Board's June 13, 2016 Minutes and Conval SAC Minutes for April 28 and May 26, 2016.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for June 8, 14 and 21, 2016 as well as Accounts Payable Registers for June 3, 6, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21, 2016.
- Confirmed that the Town's bookkeeper will be responsible for transferring money from the Town Clerk's one check deposit into the State DMV account.
- On behalf of the Tri-Town Landfill Committee received an amended Alteration of Terrain Permit WPS-5744; the next Progress Plan is due June 2021.
- Confirmed the Board's decision to delineate two crosswalks and install associated signage for the benefit of M9/L21 with the understanding the costs will be reimbursed by the property owner.
- Recognized that an abutter is still aggrieved by the relocation of a Bible Hill Road drainage structure installed last summer under a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- Received information that water at the cemeteries has been turned off by the Water Department who is searching for a leak in the system.
- Due to water system maintenance water may be discolored during the planned period of June 25th to July 2, 2016. Notification of the water system maintenance period will be mailed to all customers ahead of the scheduled maintenance.
- Voted to hire Bethany Craig, pending receipt of a favorable background check, as a Beach Attendant. Two additional candidates have been identified and background check applications are in process.
- Discussed Highway Department operations and staffing until August 8th. The Selectmen voted to hire a contractor to finish mowing and brush cutting along all of the Town's roadways. The Selectmen plan to purchase a durable used wood chipper which will reduce labor costs and enhance employee safety.
- Received information from Stantec explaining the reason why driveway aprons were not installed on a few Main Street driveways.
- Heard a report that TDS will be paying NEEM for their cost to relocate underground communication lines that were mismarked by Dig Safe (a TDS contractor).
- The Final Walk Through of the downtown reconstruction project with officials from NHDOT, Stantec, NEEM and Town will be Thursday, June 23rd at 9:00 a.m.
- Chairman Cleary signed the previously approved Change Order #2.
- Signed the *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Deeds Signed by Cemetery Trustees*; the Cemetery Trustees approved the document at their June 14, 2016 meeting.
- Signed the Unlicensed Dog Warrant and Petition and Pole License as requested by the Town Clerk.
- Signed the Intent to use PA-28, Inventory of Taxable Property Form, as requested by DRA.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator