

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – June 28, 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.

By invitation, Transfer Station Manager William O'Connor met with the Selectmen to discuss operations:

- The unpaid \$10 disposal fee assessed to a Starrett Road resident was for contaminated wood left at the Transfer Station previous to their disposal of shingles.
- The need for improved signage regarding costs associated with demolition disposal.
- The need for signage to better move the flow of traffic through the Transfer Station.
- The need to access history from the security camera.
- Agreed that the electronic waste and tire recycle containers need to be better organized; a self-imposed deadline of one week was put forth by the Manager.
- The Check Sheet has not been used in a timely manner; Bill was given permission to modify the daily/weekly/monthly needs and reformat the Check Sheet.

From 6:57 p.m. until 7:06 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss a Police Department matter. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski, Administrator French, Elaine Flanagan and Scott Littlefield. It was conceptually agreed that a note could be left at a residence stating that a Town Official had attempted a visit but there was no answer at the door. No decisions were made.

Police Chief Bret Sullivan met with the Board to discuss routine business. The Chief reported meeting with a Switzer Road resident who had an interest in Police Department patrols.

From 7:08 p.m. until 7:14 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss a Police Department matter. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski, Administrator French and Police Chief Bret Sullivan. The group discussed concerns identified by Ms. Flanagan. No decisions were made.

From 7:20 p.m. until 8:20 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss Fire Department matters. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski, Fire Chief Michael Roina, Deputy Chief Matthew Hall and Lieutenant David Foster. No decisions were made.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Board's June 21, 2016 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the June 28, 2016 Payroll Register as well as Accounts Payable Registers for June 27 and June 28, 2016.
- Heard a report that the Highway Department has taken delivery of a 2016 F350 pickup; arrangements are in process for the transfer of radio equipment and the addition of lettering.

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The Selectmen agreed that the lighting package should take into consideration the need for increased visibility to protect the employees and their surroundings. Selectman Cleary reported he has not yet been able to research used wood chippers.

- Upon careful review of information gleaned from the Board's investigation of circumstances that lead to assessing a \$10 disposal fee to Elaine Flanagan, the Selectmen found no cause to abate the disposal fee. Ms. Flanagan remains barred from the Transfer Station until such time as the fee is paid in full.
- The Selectmen confirmed the Chairman's decision to replace the damaged raft which seems to have deteriorated over the winter months. Selectman Osienski volunteered to rototill the beach sand. The beach attendant roster has grown to four potential employees, subject to receipt of favorable background checks.
- Were surprised to hear that Water/Sewer Commissioner Chair was perturbed with the Selectmen's decision to send out courtesy notification letters to all municipal water customers notifying them in advance of planned water system maintenance which could result in low pressure or discolored water during the period of June 25 through July 2.
- The Administrator reported on the June 23 Final Walk Through of the downtown project with State Officials, Northeast Earth Mechanics Officials and Stantec Engineers. The only remaining item seems to be installation of two light fixtures on the two new poles which were recently installed to illuminate the raised crosswalk. The Selectmen were pleased to hear that District 4 DOT Engineer Kevin Belanger has committed that NHDOT will resurface Route 47, from its intersection with Main Street, east to Eaton Avenue. This will be done in conjunction with a 2016 project in Hancock and will include paving the non-TEP2 side of the road, blending with the recent paved surface and restriping the refurbished section.
- Signed a Yield Tax Levy for M19/L21B.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator

