

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – January 25, 2017

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting were Bethany Craig and Monadnock Ledger-Transcript reporter Abby Kessler. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Board's January 4 and January 11, 2017 Minutes. They also reviewed Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Budget Hearing.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for January 19 and January 26, 2017 as well as Accounts Payable Registers for January 12 and January 20, 2017.
- Heard a report that the Town's insurance has reimbursed the homeowners of M7/L78 their \$1,000 deductible for a flooded basement which occurred when a nearby water main sprung a leak.
- In response to the Congregational Church's snow load dumping onto the Frankestown Road sidewalk the Selectmen agreed that the Highway Department should clear the obstacle from the sidewalk.
- As requested by the Conval Selectmen's Advisory Committee, the Selectmen voted to support the proposed 2017 school budget of \$33,676,196, an increase of \$310,764 / 0.93%.
- Tabled a decision regarding the Town's continuing participation with the City of Keene's Household Hazardous Waste Collection program which provides twenty-four annual collection dates at a 2017 cost of \$2,158. The Administrator and Road Agent, who is responsible for Transfer Station activities, will review usage as well as alternative programs.
- Confirmed that, excepting Transfer Station employees, holiday pay for part-time workers is paid only if the holiday falls on their regularly scheduled work day.
- Heard a report that one of the Town's security camera systems needs to be upgraded; replacement costs will be sought.
- Heard a report that the ZBA approved a variance which will allow a commercial building in the Rural/Agricultural District; M16/L2.
- As of February 1st, the Selectmen voted a permanent change to their meeting day; from Wednesday to Tuesday.
- Completed the mandated Auditor's risk management questionnaire.

From 7:01 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss operations. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. No decisions were made; the Fire Chief will be invited to meet with the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator