

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – February 28, 2017

Selectmen James Cleary and Jeffrey Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Bethany Craig. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Allan Wilson met with the Selectmen to discuss his interest in rejoining the Fire Department. The Selectmen encouraged Allan to meet with the Fire Chief; the Selectmen discussed the matter with Fire Chief Michael Roina later in the evening.

Fire Chief Michael Roina met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- Code compliant concerns relative to M7/L39A and M7/L102.
- Bennington Fire Department will be hosting an EMT class in April for 12-16 participants; as host, free tuition will be provided to one Bennington employee.
- The Chief discussed Bennington Rescue's response to Crotched Mountain Ski Area with the EMS Bureau. Their suggestion for dealing with the Fire Chief's and Selectmen's opposing views was for the Board of Selectmen to submit a written directive to the Fire Chief that Bennington Rescue will not respond to all Crotched Mountain Ski Area emergency service calls unless there are extenuating circumstances. It was mutually agreed that this could be a solution if Crotched Mountain officials clearly state their stance that Ski Patrol and Antrim Ambulance can sufficiently take care of their injured patrons.
- A two day repair of the Engine's electrical pump failure.
- Higher than normal monthly Fire Department wages.

From 6:55 p.m. until 7:13 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss staffing. Present were Selectmen Cleary and Rose, Fire Chief Roina and Administrator French. No decisions were made; the employee subject to light duty will self-police with overview from the Fire Chief.

(An individual interested in purchasing two vacant lots appeared at the Selectmen's meeting seeking real estate information. The Board indulged the interested party.)

From 7:38 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) to discuss Fire Department staffing, responsibilities and interested applicants. Present were Selectmen Cleary and Rose, Fire Chief Roina and Administrator French. It was agreed to move forward with the Fire Department and administrative background checks of Allan Wilson. The Selectmen heard reports of two individuals who were interested in joining the Fire Department. Upon submission of their employment applications to the Fire Chief and favorable completion of his background checks and the administrative background checks the Selectmen look to their potential employment. The Fire Chief was encouraged to develop a list of administrative tasks that could be done by others – whether a member of the Department or by Selectmen's hire of outside resources to alleviate some of the Chief's burden.

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The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for February 23 and March 2, 2017 as well as the Accounts Payable Register for March 2, 2017.
- Reviewed and approved Selectmen’s Minutes for February 6 and February 21, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator