

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 29, 2017

Selectmen James Cleary and Mark Mackesy were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Frank Woodward met with the Selectmen to discuss his homeownership interests in the lengthy low water levels of Whittemore Lake last year. Prior to entering the meeting he became aware that the Lake's water level is controlled by the Fish & Game Department whose dam is located on M2/L9.

The Board voted to appoint Jeffrey Rose a Selectman until the March 2018 Town Meeting; he fills the vacancy of Steven Osienski who resigned February 21, 2017.

Upon review of the following General Assessing Proposals, the Selectmen voted to contract with Commerford Nieder and Perkins for the Town's April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 assessing needs:

Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. – proposed 16 day contract at a cost of \$8,400  
Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC – pick-ups \$32; hourly assessing \$62; and BTLA \$77 hour  
M & N Assessing Services, LLC – proposed on-site general assessing for the sum of \$12,000

For the 2016 calendar year the Town paid \$3,345 for its assessing needs.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's March 21, 2017 Minutes
- Reviewed and approved the March 29, 2017 Payroll Register as well as the March 23 and March 29, 2017 Accounts Payable Registers.
- Granted an extension on the original Intent to Cut for M3/L1, 2, 5. D.H. Hardwick & Sons, Inc. plan that the logging operations will be completed on or before June 30, 2017.
- Were pleased to learn that Bennington resident Jared Lewis has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. A congratulatory letter from the Selectmen will be presented on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in a 6:00 p.m. ceremony at Antrim Town Hall.
- Selectman Mackesy expressed interest in attending the 2017 Local Officials Workshop which is sponsored by the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

Signed the 2017 Financial Report as prepared by the Town's auditors. The report captures 2016 financial activity. The Selectmen were pleased that the Town's undesignated Fund Balance is now \$305,437; an increase of \$50,818. Also signed was the Report of Appropriations Actually Voted.

Reviewed, approved and signed were:

- Elderly Exemption – M21/L11
- Intent to Excavate – M11/L12
- Intent to Excavate – M11/L16

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- Yield Tax Levy – M2/L3-8
- Yield Tax Levy – M2/L3-9
- Yield Tax Levy – M9/L2
- Yield Tax Levy – M18/L2
- Intent to Cut – M5/L4
- Intent to Cut – M14/L2 and M11/Lots 13, 14
- Building Permit – M2/L3-8

From 7:45 p.m. until 8:04 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary and Mackesy as well as Administrator French. The Selectmen discussed a lingering employment matter. The subject was tabled until the next Selectmen's meeting when the Board is fully staffed. No decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French  
Administrator