

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 5, 2017

Selectmen James Cleary and Mark Mackesy were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

The first order of business was the appointment of Jeffrey Rose to fill the vacant Selectman seat. Upon the Board signing the appointment Selectman Cleary administered the Oath of Office to incoming Selectman Jeffrey Rose.

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- The lingering need for a Town credit card. The Highway Department needs to purchase a hydraulic power pack to operate the tag along sweeper. The purchase should be less than \$1,000.
- Requested the Administrator to notify GPS providers of the following traffic nuisances created by their existing information:
  - From Route 202 to Route 31 – remove Acre Street reference which is problematic for tractor trailer trucks to navigate the “L” corner without hitting nearby utility pole/s. The Road Agent will inquire of NHDOT if a direction sign can be added to the Route 31 sign.
  - As always, the Antrim Road railroad trestle is problematic for tall vehicles which creates a turn-around problem.
  - Separately, the Administrator reports complaints that Mount Crotched Drive is not documented by GPS providers.
- Agreement that the entry gate will be locked after hours now that spring has arrived and snow removal activities have ceased.
- The continued need to explore upgrading the security cameras.
- With regard to Transfer Station operations:
  - The Manager’s premature submission of amended operating hours.
  - The tire trailer is a mess; the electronic trailer is not well organized which results in wasted space.
  - A meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be scheduled for Saturday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m.
  - Gary was authorized to meet with an electrician to determine if a generator can be set up at the Transfer Station.

From 6:33 p.m. to 6:58 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(b). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose, Administrator French and Road Agent Russell. The group reviewed job applications received relative to the Highway Department vacancy. The group agreed to interview Mr. Beaudreau, Mr. St. John and Mr. Tarr at their April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

From 7:30 p.m. to 8:16 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose as well as Administrator French. At the request of Selectman Mackesy the Selectmen reviewed the personnel file of a suspended employee. No decisions were made.

Board of Selectmen Minutes – April 5, 2017

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen’s March 29, 2017 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the April 6, 2017 Payroll Registers.
- Received the summary of Town Meeting votes which shows the depth of voter interest and support of all funding requests.
- Voted to install electricity at Sawyer Park to enhance usage of the facility. The Selectmen asked that the electric ampage be sufficient to support various venues.
- Authorized the Administrator to sell or donate the old Xerox machine to a nonprofit entity.
- Voted not to meet April 26, 2017.
- Voted the following 2017 appointments:
  - Board of Selectman Chair – James Cleary
  - Planning Board ex-officio – Jeffrey Rose
  - Capital Reserve Funding Committee for one year – Budget Committee Representative, James Cleary, Peter Eppig, Mark Mackesy, David McKenzie, Steven Osienski and Jeffrey Rose
  - Conservation Commission for three years, each – Joseph MacGregor and Jonathan Manley
  - Highway Safety Committee for one year – James Cleary, Gary Russell and Bret Sullivan
  - Newhall Park Board Trustee for three years – David Parker
  - Solid Waste Committee for one year, each – David Parker, Jeffrey Rose and Gary Russell
  - Trustee of Trust Funds – vacant position; awaiting information from Town Clerk on whether this will be filled from write-in candidates or if the Selectmen are now responsible for making the appointment
- Reviewed and signed their approval to the following documents:
  - General Assessing Contract (one year) with Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC
  - Congratulatory Letter to Eagle Scout Jared Lewis
  - Intent to Excavate – M3/L1
  - Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral – M10/L61
  - Yield Tax Levy – M14/L2 and M11/Lots 13, 14
  - Gravel Tax Levy – M11/L16

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French  
Administrator