

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 12, 2017

Selectmen James Cleary, Mark Mackesy and Jeffrey Rose were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

- The bent guardrail at the Monadnock Paper Mill tailrace. Conceptual repair ideas put forth were shortening the guardrail, replacement of the damaged curved section with a straight section of rail, or installation of a jersey barrier.
- Frustration from Monadnock Paper Mill that the two crosswalks installed by the Town last year are worn and unidentifiable. Gary will speak with Mill officials and verify responsibility for the task.
- The Highway Department will begin their four day summer work schedule as of May 1, 2017.

From 6:15 p.m. until 6:21 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to review a job application submitted by Jeffrey St. John. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose, Road Agent Russell and Administrator French. No decisions were made.

From 6:24 p.m. until 6:52 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(b). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose, Road Agent Russell, Administrator French and applicant Jeffrey St. John. The group interviewed Mr. St. John and discussed his interest in filling the full-time vacant Highway Department position. No decisions were made.

From 6:53 p.m. until 6:57 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to review a job application submitted by Damon Beaudreau. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose, Road Agent Russell and Administrator French. No decisions were made.

From 6:58 p.m. until 7:14 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(b). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose, Road Agent Russell, Administrator French and applicant Damon Beaudreau. The group interviewed Mr. Beaudreau and discussed his interest in filling the full-time vacant Highway Department position. No decisions were made.

From 7:19 p.m. until 7:24 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to review a job application submitted by Jeffrey Tarr. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose, Road Agent Russell and Administrator French. No decisions were made.

From 7:27 p.m. until 7:39 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(b). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose, Road Agent Russell, Administrator French and applicant Jeffrey Tarr. The group interviewed Mr. Tarr and discussed his interest in filling the full-time vacant Highway Department position. No decisions were made.

From 7:40 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(b). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Rose, Road Agent Russell and Administrator French. The group discussed the three interviewed candidates and developed an employment plan that the Road Agent will discuss with the chosen candidates. Also reviewed and approved was a \$2 an hour wage increase for Jeff Tarr, effective April 10th.

Board of Selectmen Minutes – April 12, 2017

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's April 5, 2017 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the April 13, 2017 Payroll Register as well as the April 6 and April 13, 2017 Accounts Payable Register.
- Via a conference call with Energy Committee representative David McKenzie, the group continued discussion on the planned street lighting upgrade to LED fixtures. The Energy Committee plans to finalize a Request for Proposal at their April 13th meeting.
- Approved initiating action to correct the hazardous condition of buildings or raze or remove the same for the following properties: M3/L22; M7/L16; M7/L10 and M7/L11. The approved letters each carry a May 17, 2017 deadline for the Town to receive a realistic plan of action from each owner.
- Heard a report that Moderator John Cronin has reappointed John Baybutt, Jon Charlonne, Richard Reed, Barry White and Debra Whitney to the 2017 Budget Committee.
- Confirmed the Solid Waste Committee will meet Saturday, April 15th at 9:30 a.m. Among other concerns, the group will discuss a proposal to change the Transfer Station hours of operation.
- Approved a \$10 abatement of inventory penalty for M24/L10.
- Signed a Gravel Tax Levy for M11/L12.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator