

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 10, 2017

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

Bethany Craig met with the Selectmen to discuss the following relative to the June 2-4 weekend celebration of the Town's 175th birthday celebration and the annual Rhubarb Festival:

- 200 amp electrical service has been installed at Sawyer Park. The Selectmen agreed that the power should be turned off when not in use and the panel locked.
- There is no Place of Assembly Permit required for outside activities.
- Selectmen authorized vehicular parking at Sawyer Park on the grass at the far right of the field.
- Saturday will feature an all day festival at Sawyer Park.
- WWII Reenactment – the Selectmen authorized live blank shooting on Sunday morning, June 4th; a Certificate of Insurance will be required by the Town.
- Unknown if the water spigot is in working order for use by food vendors.
- The Administrator will check with Peter Martel to inquire if he can provide a PA system; if not the Town will investigate the cost to purchase a portable system which can be used at Pierce School for public meetings as well as other Town functions.
- Saturday evening the Congregational Church will host a supper which will benefit End 68 Hours of Hunger.
- Sunday will feature a nondenominational church service outside at The Common as well as a parade whose route will begin and end at Monadnock Paper Mills.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Board's May 3, 2017 Minutes; also reviewed were the Energy Committee's May 3, 2017 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the May 11, 2017 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Were pleased to accept Chief Sullivan's recommendation that Annmarie Wilson be hired as the Town's Crossing Guard.
- In his position of Solid Waste Committee member, Jeff Rose reported on the Committee's 4:30 p.m. meeting with the Transfer Station Manager. Again, there was no consensus of an improved operating schedule for the Transfer Station. The Selectmen agreed to insert information in the Spring Newsletter soliciting feedback from Transfer Station patrons for consideration in amending the Transfer Station's open hours.
- Heard a report that Phase II of the Natural Resource Inventory will be presented at the May 18th Conservation Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the VFW.
- Discussed the concept of a Board of Selectmen email address that could be equally accessed from each Selectman's personal email address. The matter will be discussed with the IT vendor.
- Signed a Yield Tax Levy for M23/L6; as well as a Release of Property Tax Liens which were recorded in Book 3603, Page 824 at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Mackesy called a second meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. Also present was Administrator Denise French. The Selectmen granted an alcohol waiver to the Sportsmen Club for their annual Game Dinner which is held at the Fire Station.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator