

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 17, 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.

Transfer Station Manager William O'Connor met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- Delivered two more alternate proposals for modifying the Transfer Station operating hours. The Selectmen tabled a decision until the Road Agent, who is charged with oversight of the Transfer Station, has an opportunity to review the proposals.
- The oil storage shed needs doors to keep the elements out.
- Plastic mesh fencing needs attention.
- Signs need upgrading.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's May 10, 2017 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the May 18, 2017 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Continued discussion of drainage complaints from M7, L121. All drainage structures in place are adequately working, however the property owner is dissatisfied. Selectman Rose will visit the site; the Selectmen and Road Agent will reconvene on this matter in an attempt to alleviate the reported ongoing drainage problems experienced by the homeowner.
- Agreed to invite the property owner of M3, L22 to meet with the Board in an effort to expedite repair/removal of their hazardous vacant building.
- Discussed continued problems of tractor trailer trucks attempting to travel Antrim Road where their travel is stymied at the trestle. This situation has an adverse affect on Starrett Road and M10, L55 where the pavement is compromised and needs frequent repair. The Road Agent will be consulted about new signage which could be installed on Town property. Additionally, the Town will report the mapping problem/s affecting GPS devices, apps, and maps to Google Maps, Tom Tom Map Share, Open Street Map, Apple Maps, Waze, HERE Map Creator and Garmin.
- Voted to appoint Bethany Craig a Trustee of Trust Funds to fill a vacancy that has been in place since Town Meeting. The Board signed the associated appointment form.
- Heard a report that 2016 Tax Liens, totaling \$91,327.11, were executed earlier in the day. This represented an increase of \$16,677 in executed Liens over the previous year. The increase is attributed to unpaid taxes on six vacant properties and four other varied situations.
- Were pleased to receive notice from the NH Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division that they have completed a Full Compliance Evaluation of Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc; NHDES found no deficiencies during their compliance evaluation.
- Signed a Current Use Application for M11, L1A as well as M15, L5; a Yield Tax Levy for M24, L25 and an Electrical Permit for M7, L103.
- Voted to cancel the Board's May 24th meeting.

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From 7:22 p.m. until 7:59 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session. Selectman Rose made a motion at 7:22 p.m. to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:311(c); Selectmen Rose, Cleary and Mackesy each voted to enter into the Nonpublic Session. Also present during the Nonpublic Session was Administrator Denise French. The Selectmen discussed a home occupation situation that, in the past, the same circumstances was dealt with very differently. No decisions were made. Selectman Cleary made a motion to reconvene the public session; seconded by Selectman Rose. Selectmen Rose, Cleary and Mackesy voted to reconvene the public meeting at 7:59 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator