

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 30, 2018

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

Police Chief Bret Sullivan met with the Board to discuss confidentiality concerns raised by a family his Department was working with. The concerns stem from shared spaces within Town Hall; no separation of Police Department clients away from the general public; none of the walls are sound proof. Options for providing physical and soundproof privacy were discussed, including moving the Police Department to the VFW. Also conceptually discussed was turning the Town Hall conference room over to the Police Department. The Administrator will discuss this conceptual idea with administrative staff to determine if the front half/first floor of Town Hall can absorb the multiple Conference Room storage cabinets into the existing shared office space. No decisions were made.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's May 16, 2018 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved May 24 and May 31, 2018 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Voted not to assess 2018 residential solar panels; the matter will be revisited during the 2019 town-wide Revaluation.
- Agreed to ask the Highway Department to cut a tree abutting Town Hall in the vicinity of the Ash residence.
- Heard a report from the Cemetery Trustees of their appreciation for Highway Department cooperation in removing a portion of Sunnyside Cemetery fencing.
- As of this date Conval reports there aren't any 2018 applicants for the Edward French Memorial Scholarship; the Awards Ceremony is scheduled for June 13th.
- Agreed the Board would meet June 6th and 20th; canceled meetings for June 13th and 27th.
- Reviewed and signed the following documents:
 - Dufresne Group Engineering Services Agreement (Asset Management Program)
 - Yield Tax Levy – M23/L7
 - Yield Tax Levy – M23/L10
 - Building Permit – M3/L6
 - Building Permit – M3/L8-1

From 7:06 p.m. until 7:20 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Cleary made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session; seconded by Selectman Mackesy. Selectmen Mackesy, Cleary and Hardwick each voted to enter into the Nonpublic Session. Also present during the Nonpublic Session was Administrator French. The group discussed administrative staffing. The Selectmen asked that Deputy Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante be invited to the Board's next meeting. Selectman Cleary made a motion to reconvene the public session; seconded by Selectman Mackesy. Selectmen Cleary, Mackesy and Hardwick voted to reconvene the public meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise French
Administrator