

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – June 6, 2018

Selectmen Mark Mackesy and David Hardwick Sr. were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Tax Collector Kristie LaPlante met with the Selectmen to discuss two properties that should be deeded to the Town for unpaid 2015 tax liens. The Selectmen recommended that Tax Deeds be processed for consideration by the full Board at their June 20, 2018 meeting. It was noted that neither property owner has made an effort to pay real estate taxes - nor communicated their inability to pay, for tax years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the May 30, 2018 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the June 7, 2018 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers.
- Heard a report that the Zoning Ordinance stipulates the need for a Building Permit prior to beginning work on any construction project covering more than 100 square feet. One of the criterions listed is “moving or demolition of any structure”. The Selectmen voted to reverse the Board’s December 13, 2017 decision to discontinue the use of Demolition Permits. The Board tabled establishment of an associated demolition fee pending receipt of further information and at a time when the full Board is in session.
- Discussed the external costs to the Town if the Police Department were temporarily relocated to the VFW, i.e. installation of a security system, 24/7 heat, phone, internet, photocopier, etc.
- Selectman Mackesy will present two Edward French Memorial Scholarship awards to Bennington seniors at the June 13th ceremony.
- Voted to gift a Bennington Historical Book to the top performing Bennington 8th grade student at their June 21st graduation.
- Reviewed and approved the 2018 first issue Property Tax Warrant; Yield Tax for M24/L22; Building Permits for M3/L27A, M7/L13 and M23/L16.
- The Selectmen voted to waive the \$50 Building Permit fee for the Congregational Church’s installation of a handicap ramp.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator