

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – July 11, 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.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Board's June 20, 2018 Minutes. Reviewed the Energy Committee Minutes for July 5, 2018.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for June 28, July 5 and July 12, 2018.
- Authorized \$2,849 payment to the Town of Hillsborough – Transfer Station for Bennington's participation in their May 12, 2018 collection of Household Hazardous Waste.
- Voted to purchase 3500 gallons of propane from Rymes for the September 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 heating season at a cost of \$1.989 per gallon. This \$0.45 per gallon increase over the 2017-2018 season will add \$1,575 to the 2019 Budget. As of July 9, 2018 the Department of Energy reports that the average cost of propane in NH is \$2.91 per gallon.
- Voted to purchase 5000 gallons of #2 fuel oil from Rymes for the September 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 heating season at a cost of \$2.769 per gallon. This \$0.96 per gallon increase over the 2017-2018 season will add \$4,800 to the 2019 Budget. As of July 9, 2018 the Department of Energy reports that the average cost of oil in NH is \$2.81 per gallon.
- Heard a report that the continued street light outage at the intersection of Bible Hill Road/Starrett Road is an Eversource problem and not a defective LED fixture as Eversource had previously stated. An Eversource repair order has been opened. The Selectmen agreed that the associated cost incurred by Efficient LED Lighting Systems for purchase and installation of a replacement LED fixture are not the Town of Bennington's responsibility, but rather Eversource.
- Voted to continue utilizing the annual Inventory of Taxable Property; Form PA-28.
- Heard a report that the Historical Society is interested in installing a driveway to access their building at 38 Main Street. It was agreed that the Historical Society needs to file a Driveway Permit to trigger the Town's review and determination if feasible based upon the existing Driveway Regulations.
- Heard a report that the Road Agent is taking a short term leave of absence; agreed to continue providing a two week vacation benefit to an experienced second year employee; accepted a compensation proposal for the upcoming part-time Deputy Administrator position.
- Authorized Chairman Cleary to represent the Board of Selectmen at an upcoming meeting with Highway Department personnel.
- Reviewed and approved a Building Permit for M7/L11.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise French
Administrator