

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – February 5, 2019

Selectmen James Cleary and David Hardwick Sr. were present as well as Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Highway Department Representative Chris Davies met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- The Highway Department's Loader caught fire on February 1st while employees were trying to jump start the batteries. Earlier today, an appraiser from the Town's insurance company viewed the Loader to provide an estimate of damages. The appraiser was unable to view the damage which is likely enclosed within the Loader. Without being able to view the damages, the appraiser likely won't be able to assign any costs. The Selectmen will wait for definitive feedback from Primex before proceeding with a repair or replacement plan.
- The Highway Department is working on Gillis Hill to repair weather related issues.
- The crew continues to cold patch the area of the trestle on Antrim Road but the rain keeps washing out the material.

In other items on their Agenda, the Selectmen took the following action:

- Voted to engage the services of Town Council to address an Unsafe Structure (Map 7, Lot 31). The owner has received notice from the Town to remedy the situation but has made no effort and no communications by the deadline.
- Heard a report that the owners of Map 22, Lot 11C are using the Town's abutting parcel (Lot 11D) as an exit for their business. The Selectmen asked that the owner be contacted to remedy the situation.
- Voted to close an abandoned bank account at People's United Bank that was initially set up for the fundraising activities and transfer the funds to the Town's general fund.
- Reviewed and approved the Minutes of the Board's January 30, 2019 meeting.
- Signed the Payroll Manifest for January 31, 2019.
- Signed a Cemetery Deed (Row 15, Lot 3).

The Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 6:40 to attend the Town's Deliberative Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante
Town Administrator