

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 6, 2019

Selectmen James Cleary, David Hardwick, Sr., and Mark Mackesy were present as well as Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Bennington resident Jeffrey Rose met with the Selectmen to share his recent discovery of an “accumulation of trash” on a vacant property on North Bennington Road. Jeff shared his observations to include at least seven vehicles, tractors, lawn mowers, other fuel burning pieces of equipment, refrigerators, tires, paint cans, gas cans, propane tanks, two mobile homes, and other piles of “junk”. In a review of photos and the Town tax maps, the property in question is believed to be Map 21, Lot 3-2). The Selectmen will open a dialogue with the property owner to discuss remedying the environmental hazard.

At 6:58 p.m. a motion was made by Selectman Mackesy to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A3-II(c) and seconded by Selectman Cleary; all voted in favor of entering Nonpublic Session. Also present during the Nonpublic Session was Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante. The Selectmen received sensitive, employee-specific information relative to staffing needs of multiple Departments. No decisions were made. Selectman Mackesy made a motion to reconvene the Public Session; seconded by Selectman Cleary; all voted to reconvene the Public Session at 7:22 p.m.

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

- Reversed a February 20, 2019 decision to sell Map 22, Lot 11D. At a future meeting the Selectmen will review all town-owned properties before any real estate is offered for sale.
- Reviewed and approved the Minutes of their February 20, 2019 meeting. The Selectmen confirmed their intent to hire John Kendall as Building Inspector upon receipt of a favorable background check.
- Reviewed the Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for February 28 and March 7, 2019.
- Heard a report that a hazardous structure on Map 7, Lot 10 will be remedied before March 31, 2019.
- Heard a report from the Town Administrator that she declined the offer of a personal gift from a local business.
- Agreed with the Conservation Commission’s nomination and voted to appoint Gary MacKinnon to the Conservation Commission for the term expiring in 2021.
- Declined to post the roads for weight limits as of this date; the Selectmen will revisit the topic weekly.
- Reviewed and approved the content of the 2019 Voter’s Guide.
- Reviewed and approved a Veteran’s Tax Credit for Map 8, Lot 18-01).

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante  
Town Administrator