

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 12, 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 6:00 p.m.

Police Chief Bret Sullivan was unable to meet with the Selectmen as scheduled. Selectman Cleary shared with the Board that the Town's 2013 Ford Explorer Cruiser experienced a catastrophic engine failure on March 8, 2019 and the repair cost will exceed the vehicle value. Chief Sullivan has been able to locate a new 2019 Ford Explorer Cruiser in Massachusetts for approximately \$29,000. In addition, Bennington resident Keith Nason, President/CEO of Global Public Safety, LLC has approached Chief Sullivan with an offer to significantly discount the equipment required to upfit the Cruiser with the understanding that Nason can use the vehicle as a demo at one trade show this spring. Mark Mackesy made a motion, seconded by Jim Cleary, to purchase the 2019 Ford Explorer at a cost not to exceed \$30,000; all voted in favor of the purchase. The Selectmen also support the use of the Town's cruiser as a demo at a trade show in exchange for discounted equipment.

At 6:20 p.m. a motion was made by Selectman Mackesy to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3-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 discussed an employee's performance and options and advised the Town Administrator to defer to Town Council for appropriation action. Selectman Mackesy made a motion to reconvene the Public Session; seconded by Selectman Cleary; all voted to reconvene the Public Session at 6:38 p.m.

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

- Voted to post the roads with a six-ton weight limit effective March 13, 2019.
- Denied a resident's request to postpone remedying a hazardous structure not owned by them (Map 7, Lot 31) because of financial constraints. In an abundance of concern for the safety and well being of residents and motorists, the Selectmen voted that repairs are needed now to mitigate the hazardous building which is attached to an occupied dwelling; the owner of record is ultimately responsible for maintaining the property.
- Reviewed a program brochure and application for the NH Government Accounting Certificate Program and approved the cost for the Town Administrator to enroll in the program. Because the program begins in April and the mileage is not budgeted, the Town Administrator offered to forego mileage reimbursement.
- Reviewed and approved the Minutes of the Board's March 12, 2019 Meeting as well as the Payroll Register for March 14, 2019.
- Approved an Elderly/Disabled Tax Deferral Application for Map 10, Lot 61.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante
Town Administrator