

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 20, 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 6:01 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk Debra Whitney met with the Selectmen to hand deliver her resignation effective April 18, 2019. The Selectmen accepted Debra's resignation with regret and conducted a brief Exit Interview in Public Session.

Starrett Road resident Alex Mason met with the Selectmen to discuss his interest in volunteering for a Board of Committee within the Town. Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante reported that the Town Clerk's Office is still finalizing positions that remain open after the March 12th elections. Once vacancies are confirmed she will contact Mr. Mason.

The Selectmen reviewed and appointed the following Town Officials:

- Planning Board Ex-Officio – Mark Mackesy for one year
- Fire Chief – David Foster for one year
- Road Agent – tabled
- Capital Reserve Funding Committee – James Cleary, Peter Eppig, David P. Hardwick, Sr., Mark Mackesy, and David McKenzie, each for one year
- Conservation Commission – Thomas James and Michael Munhall, each for three year terms
- Highway Safety Committee – Bret Sullivan, James Cleary, and Gary Russell, each for one year
- Newhall Park Board – Gretchen Hutton for a three year term
- Solid Waste Committee – David Parker, Jeffrey Rose, and Gary Russell, each for one year
- Board of Selectmen Chair – James Cleary for one year

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

- Reviewed and approved the Minutes of the Board's March 12, 2019 meeting.
- Reviewed the Payroll Register for March 21 and the Accounts Payable Registers for March 15 and March 21. The Board also reviewed Year to Date Expenditures for 2019.
- Reviewed correspondence from the owner of Map 21, Lot 3-2 and agreed to meet with him in early May to discuss the condition of his property.
- Heard a report that Richardson Heavy Equipment Repair has looked at the John Deere 444c Loader and located the origin of the fire. The initial repair estimate is \$6,138.50. The Town Administrator has filed the report with the insurance company is awaiting a response. Based on the current estimate, the Selectmen voiced their preference to repair the equipment. No decisions were made.
- Discussed age appropriate labor restrictions established by the NH Department of Labor as it pertains to employing youth for mowing. No decisions were made.
- Reviewed a Press Release from the Conval School Board outlining their lawsuit to address education funding. The State currently funds \$3,636.06 per child. Based on data submitted for the 2018 tax rate, Bennington pays an additional \$8,744.24 per child.

- Chairman Cleary signed an Application for the Town Administrator to enroll in the NH Government Finance Officer's Association Certification Program.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante