

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 10, 2019

Selectmen James Cleary, Mark Mackesy and David Hardwick Sr were present as well as Deputy Town Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Road Agent Gary Russell. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

From 6:05 p.m. until 6:14 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session. Selectman Cleary made the motion to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a); Selectmen Mackesy seconded the motion; the Board unanimously voted to enter the Nonpublic Session. Also present during the Nonpublic Session was Deputy Town Administrator Denise French. The Selectmen reviewed and approved a draft follow-up letter to an employee who will be resuming full leadership of their Department. Selectman Cleary made a motion to adjourn the Nonpublic Session; Selectmen Mackesy seconded the motion; the Board unanimously voted to reconvene the public session at 6:28 p.m.

The Road Agent and Selectmen discussed the following:

- Agreed to begin Highway Department's summer schedule of working four ten-hour days as of June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Onset Road rehabilitation
  - All State Materials' representative expressed concern that pug mill will not be durable on the hill nor withstand heavy truck traffic.
  - The cost for application of pug mill (2.5") is the same as overlay of payment (1.5").
  - Agreement that pug mill will be used for the Onset Road rehabilitation project.
- In the interest of full transparency, Selectman Mackesy reminded Gary that the Board of Selectmen must be advised of all barter situations to which he has committed the Town.

The Selectmen and Road Agent Gary Russell met with Antrim and Francestown Officials to discuss postclosure landfill obligations and operations at the shared excavation pit. Present were Antrim representatives Administrator Donna Hanson, Road Agent Jim Plourde and Selectmen Bob Edwards, John Robertson and Mike Genest; present from Francestown were Administrator Jamie Pike and Selectmen Abigail Arnold and Henry Kunhardt. Mutual items of interest included:

- Distribution of the Annual Post-Closure Report for Inactive Solid Waste Landfills
  - One of the Permit's requirement is to monitor gasses at the former landfill's boundaries. Existing gas wells reveal elevated readings away from the boundaries – not at the boundary. DES officials recommend the installation of four new gas wells. The Bennington Selectmen previously signed a \$10,000 contract for the installation of the wells.
- Distribution of the Groundwater Management Permit
  - The Permit was renewed November 29, 2018 and will expire November 28, 2023.
  - This Permit is issued to any site for exceedance of ambient groundwater.
  - With regard to the Desaulniers well, DES cautioned that future post-treatment results for 1,4-dioxane (and VOCs in general) be closely reviewed. Should 1,4-dioxane be detected at a level exceeding AGOS, then additional treatment of the well may be required. The Town's consultant has warned it may be necessary to install an expanded treatment system of the Desaulnier well if the dioxane results exceed the new lower dioxane standard. The associated cost to add a carbon filtration system would likely be in the neighborhood of \$5,000 or less.



