

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 28, 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.

The Selectmen discussed a subsequent inquiry from a Mountain Road resident requesting confirmation of when work will be started to fix a drainage issue he discussed with the Selectmen on May 7th. The Selectmen reviewed weekly work agendas prepared by the Highway Department and were troubled to see that the project has not been scheduled. Within the meeting, the Selectmen called Road Agent Gary Russell to discuss the matter and encouraged him to prioritize the project before construction starts on Onset Road.

The Town Administrator shared with the Selectmen a building permit that has been submitted for a property located on a Class VI road. Regardless of the fact that a house had been on the property (which has reportedly been removed without a Demolition Permit), Town Counsel advises that RSA 674:41 still applies; the property and the roadway are not grandfathered because the property previously had a residential structure. The Selectmen confirmed their policy that Building Permits will not be issued to properties on a Class VI road without the road being upgraded to Class V standards up to the property and without benefit of an Agreement and Release to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

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

- Approved the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's May 21, 2019 meeting.
- Reviewed and approved the Accounts Payable Register for May 23 and the Payroll Register for May 31, 2019.
- Reviewed the existing Building Permit Fee structure. In lieu of establishing a \$25 general Permit Application Fee applicable to all projects, the Selectmen agreed that there should be a \$25 minimum fee for projects with minimal square footage.
- Starting June 4, 2019, the Board agreed to meet every other week (or more if needed) for the months of June and July.
- Held an informal review with the Town Administrator to discuss her first six months in the position. No concerns were noted.
- Reviewed and approved Building Permits for Map 2, Lot 3-9 and Map 23, Lot 9.
- Requested the Town Administrator to enforce the requirement that safety shoes be worn by employees at the Transfer Station.
- Reviewed and discussed the Town's Smoking Policy and agreed that it should be enforced to the extent permitted within the Personnel Policy.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante