

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – July 30, 2019

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

Highway Department employee Chris Davies met with the Board. At 6:03 p.m. a motion was made by Selectman Jim Cleary to enter in to Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3-II(c) and seconded by Selectman David Hardwick; all voted in favor of entering Nonpublic Session. Also present during the Nonpublic Session were Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante and Chris Davies. The group discussed Chris' continued frustrations with Highway Department operations. No decisions were made. Selectman Cleary made a motion to reconvene the Public Session; seconded by Selectman Hardwick; all voted to reconvene the Public Session 6:35 p.m.

North Bennington Road property owner Theodore Veale met with the Selectmen to discuss an "accumulation of trash" on his property (Map 21, Lot 13-02). Mr. Veale reported that he has been working on removing some of the materials but is unable to remove large items because he doesn't have safe access over a bridge that provides access the property. Mr. Veale has recently met with an engineer and the Planning Board to discuss bridge size requirements and the feasibility of repair or replacement. Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante shared EPA Brownfields program information with Mr. Veale in an effort to partner in remedying the materials on site. Mr. Veale declined the Town's request to enter upon his property to inventory the materials on site in an effort to document progress; he further stated that he will not give the Town permission to enter upon his property. Mr. Veale said he will work on the bridge and will then work on cleaning up the property.

In other news on their Agenda, the Board:

- Reviewed and approved the July 25 Payroll Register.
- Reviewed the Minutes of the Board's July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and requested they be corrected to reflect their decision to provide a written warning to an employee.
- Discussed a volunteer request to get quotes to update the Town's website. The Selectmen were upfront that they are happy with the current website and services provided by volunteer Ethan Aho and they don't intent to pay for website development.
- Heard a report that a private resident may have taken disposables from the Transfer Station and returned it because it may have been toxic. The Road Agent is working with the employees of the Transfer Station to identify the disposable.
- Reviewed and approved a Building Permit for Map 21, Lot 12.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante