

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting - September 10, 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.

Highway Department employee Chris Davies met with the Selectmen to continue discussion of maintenance plans for Onset Road. Chris reported that he met with a vendor to discuss resurface options and learned that the best return on investment would be to reclaim the road bed to establish a better road base. The vendor provided three estimates for overlay options. In reviewing funds remaining in the Deferred Roadway Maintenance Line, Tar/Patch/Seal, and Paving lien items, the Selectmen unanimously voted to have Onset Road reclaimed and paved with 2" binder at a cost not to exceed \$125,750 with the funding coming from the 2019 budget.

Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante reported that the Department of Labor has scheduled an Inspection of Town Buildings with an eye for Health and Safety on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Coincidentally, Chris reported that a representative from the Town's Liability Insurance is scheduled to meet him at the Highway Garage on September 11th. Kristie will notify all Departments of the upcoming inspection and the need to quickly identify and remedy any concerns noted in LAB 1400.

At 6:30 p.m. the Selectmen opened a Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 31:95-b-III(a) to accept unanticipated monies greater than \$10,000. The Town has received notice from the David A. Glynn Trust that the Town is a beneficiary of the Trust and will receive distributions from two segments of the Trust with monies to be managed by the Bennington Trustees of Trust Funds. The Public Hearing was kept open until 6:50 p.m., however, there were no attendees. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to accept the gift of \$75,000 from the David A. Glynn Trust to be used for the preservation and beautification of the Civil War Monument. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to accept the gift of \$250,000 from the David A. Glynn Trust to be used for improvements and maintenance of the Town H all and other historical buildings in Bennington. The Grantor specifically directs same be used for installation of an elevator and sprinkler system in the Town Hall as a first priority. The Selectmen are gracious for Mr. Glynn's contributions to preserving our history. The funds will be forwarded to the Trustees of Trust Funds for proper investment.

The Selectmen took action on the following items:

- Reviewed and approved the September 4, 2019 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the September 12, 2019 Payroll Registers.
- Heard a report that the Transfer Station has changed vendors for refrigerator and Freon removal.
- Heard a report that the owners of Map 1, Lot 2 have met with the Town Administrator and are developing a plan to meet with the Planning Board to discuss their Air Bnb rentals.
- Received two complaints from Onset Road residents about the work done and condition of their roadway. The Town Administrator will update the residents about paving.

- Heard a report that the Town's pest control vendor has recommended the old telephone poles delineating the parking area at the VFW are currently infested with ants. The Highway Department will be asked to remove the poles and come up with a suitable marker for parking.
- Received notice of the Conval Selectmen's Advisory Committee's community meeting to discuss access to Broadband Internet.
- In light of the upcoming Department of Labor Inspection, Selectman Cleary will contact former Road Agent Gary Russell to develop a time frame to remove his personal property from the Highway Garage.
- Agreed to reverse the 2020 Budget Process by having the Budget Advisory Committee review the budget the Selectmen draft (rather than have the Selectmen review the Budget Committee's draft).
- Heard a report that several building permits have been submitted for site at Curtis Campground that request permission to remove a camper from the site and enclose a lean to, ultimately creating a camp. The Selectmen will ask the Building Inspector for more information once the permits come to them for approval.
- Tabled discussion of a letter sent to the Selectmen by the Town Clerk until the Board has a chance to review and discuss as a whole.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie LaPlante
Town Administrator