

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – November 28, 2018

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.

The Selectmen discussed two recent snowstorms and the positive feedback they have received from residents relative to the condition of the roads. Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante shared two complaints that had been received; Kristie and Highway Department employee Chris Davies made site visits to the two properties and have made outreach to the property owners to remedy the situations.

Since the sale of 11 Francestown Road, the Town's snow removal contractor (Pine View Excavation) does not have a good place to store sidewalk snow until the snow piles can be removed. Chris and Kristie walked the area earlier in the week and are proposing the Town talk with the Congregational Church about temporarily storing snow in their driveway closest to Francestown Road until a long-term solution can be developed. The Selectmen viewed a Plan of the property and supported the proposal; Kristie will make outreach to the Church to receive their feedback.

Bill and Mary Dodge met with the Selectmen. At 6:46 p.m. a motion as made by Selectman Cleary to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3-II(c) and seconded by Selectman Mackesy; all voted in favor of entering Nonpublic Session. Present during the Nonpublic Session were the three Selectmen, Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante, Bill Dodge, and Mary Dodge. The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the Dodge's concern regarding statements made by a Town Employee. No decisions were made. Selectmen Cleary made a motion to reconvene the Public Session; seconded by Selectman Mackesy; all voted to reconvene the Public Session at 7:06 p.m.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Minutes of the Board's November 6th meeting as presented; reviewed and approved an amendment (correct an individual's name) to the Minutes of the Board's November 13th meeting.
- Heard a report that the Town Administrator and SelectChair James Cleary spoke after the November 13th meeting and postponed contacting tree companies because of snowstorms that would hinder access to the Cemeteries. The Selectmen requested the Town move forward with quotes for tree work even if the work cannot be completed this year.
- Voted to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program in Hillsborough in 2019.
- Reviewed a proposed contract renewal from Monadnock Disposal Service for waste removal services at the Transfer Station for 2019 and 2020. The Selectmen requested additional feedback on the price increases.
- Reviewed a Summary Report on Airpacks from the Fire Department that outlined expiration dates for all of the cylinders and a recommended purchase plan to replace the units. The Selectmen agreed with the Department's recommendation to immediately replace four airpacks on Engine 1 in 2018 and two airpacks on the Tanker in 2019 after additional Capital Reserve Funding is in place.

- Reviewed a communication from FEMA relative to upcoming information meetings to help communities identify, assess, and reduce their flood risk (Risk MAP program). The Selectmen requested the Town Administrator attend one of the meetings on December 12, 2018.
- Reviewed an email from Clean Generation to initiate conversation about purchasing or leasing unused land from the Town for solar power plans. The Selectmen requested the information be forwarded to the Energy Committee.
- Tabled discussion about storage on the stage upstairs at Town Hall.
- Heard a report that the Capital Reserve Funding meeting has been postponed from December 5th to December 12th.
- Signed two Property Tax Warrants.
- Approved abating the Inventory Penalties assessed to Map 12, Lot 9 and Map 13, Lot 03-A6.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante
Town Administrator