

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – December 5, 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 6:00 p.m.

At 6:05 p.m. Town Attorney Bart Mayer called in for a planned conference call at the request of the Selectmen. At 6:05 p.m. a motion was made by Selectman Mackesy to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3-II(c) and seconded by Selectman Cleary; all voted in favor of entering Nonpublic Session. Present during the Nonpublic Session were the three Selectmen, Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante, and Town Attorney Bart Mayer (via telephone). The Selectmen and Attorney Mayer reviewed and discussed a complaint received and an associated document the complainant provided the Board that contains statements made by a Town Employee. Upon recommendation of Attorney Mayer, the Selectmen will proceed with disciplinary action against the Town Employee. Selectman Mackesy made a motion to end the Nonpublic Session and reconvene the Public Session; seconded by Selectman Cleary; all voted to reconvene the Public Session at 6:20 p.m.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed a revision to the proposed two-year MDS Contract Renewal for Solid Waste Removal (modified the per haul fee from \$175/haul to \$162.50/haul) and voted to approve the Contract as presented. The Selectmen will sign the Contract document once it is returned.
- Voted four-hours of paid time off on December 24, 2018 for non-essential Town Staff regularly scheduled to work on Mondays. The Selectmen approved those employees to take the remainder of the day off as long as they use their paid time off for the balance of their scheduled work day.
- Reviewed and approved Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's November 28, 2018 meeting.
- Reviewed and approved the Accounts Payable Register for November 29, 2018 and two Payroll Registers for December 5, 2018.
- Scheduled the Town Budget Hearing for Thursday, January 10, 2019 (with a snow date of Monday, January 14, 2019) and the Town Deliberative Session for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 (with a snow date of Friday, February 8, 2019).
- Heard a report that the Road Agent will be returning from his Leave of Absence on a part-time basis starting Monday, December 10, 2018.
- Approved a one-time \$1,500 bonus for Chris Davies who has competently filled the vacancy of the Road Agent who has been on leave since July.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante
Town Administrator