

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – February 18, 2020

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 6:02 p.m.

Road Agent Hazen Fisk met with the Board and discussed the following:

- The 2007 International is still at Liberty International Trucks in Manchester, NH while their mechanics determine the extent of warranted damage to the new motor.
- A second instance of fuel contamination was discovered at the Highway Garage today's date. A claim has been filed with Primex to cover any damages associated with this recent contamination.
- The Selectmen and Road Agent reviewed a second proposal to replace the 30-foot tube heater at the Highway Garage. The second proposal called for replacing all three tube heaters with a larger 150,000 BTU heater at a total cost of \$5,360. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to move forward with McKerley's Plumbing & Heating, LLC to replace the tube heaters at the Highway Garage. The Town is responsible for providing a lift for the installation.
- While the lift is at the Highway Garage, Hazen will have an electrician upgrade the ceiling fans to commercial grade fixtures.
- The Road Agent intends to post Town Roads with a 6-ton weight limit restriction effective March 2, 2020.

Police Chief Bret Sullivan met with the Selectmen to review Department operations. No concerns were noted.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for January 23, January 30, February 6, and February 13, 2020.
- Reviewed and approved Accounts Payable Registers for January 23, January 30, and February 14, 2020.
- Heard a report that the Town of Bennington is eligible for a 50% grant from a private donor for energy efficient lighting upgrades as discussed with the Energy Committee on December 10, 2019. Based on the donor, the Selectmen voted to proceed with replacing existing light fixtures with LED Light Fixtures at a total project cost of \$2,815.
- Heard a report that Crotched Mountain Ski Area lost water for a second time on February 16, 2020. The Code Enforcement Officer and Town Administrator have initiated conversations with the Department of Environmental Services to pursue compliance and enforcement options.
- Instructed the Town Administrator to find a different fuel vendor for diesel deliveries.
- Heard a report that the Town Clerk has not proceeded with the Selectmen's appointment of Debra Davidson to Assistant Town Clerk. The Town Administrator will follow-up with the Town Clerk after March elections are over.
- Signed and Intent to Cut that includes Map 11, Lots 13 and 14 as well as Map 14, Lot 2.
- Signed a Driveway Permit for Map 23, Lot 22.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante, Town Administrator