

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – March 26, 2008

Selectmen Philip Germain, James Trow and Joseph Cuddemi were present, as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting were Peter Martel and Theresa Allen.

At 6:20 p.m. motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) with Brenda Slongwhite. The Nonpublic Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Germain announced that Brenda Slongwhite has accepted the Town's offer of employment as the Welfare Director, conditional on receipt of a favorable background check, at an annual stipend of \$3,000 to be paid in monthly increments of \$250.00.

Peter Cordatos reported a damaged culvert (later determined to be a storm drain grate) near his property on Acre Street. The information was forwarded to the Highway Department.

At 6:35 p.m. motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(d) with Donald and Joan Schnare. The Nonpublic Session adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

At 7:11 p.m. motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) with David Blanchard. The Nonpublic Session adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Chairman Germain announced that the Selectmen have appointed David Blanchard as Acting Road Agent until the hiring process of a Road Agent has been finalized.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the March 19, 2008 Board of Selectmen Minutes as presented.

As mandated by the 2007 Town Meeting the Selectmen appointed the following individuals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, subject to acceptance by the individual:

- Jane Pelletier, three-year term to 2011
- John Tyler, three-year term to 2011
- Judy Heddy, two-year term to 2010
- Joan Schnare, two-year term to 2010
- Steve Osienski, one-year term to 2009
- Barbara Moorehead, Alternate, one-year term to 2009
- Peter Martel, Alternate, one-year term to 2009

At 8:20 p.m. motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) with Kristie French. The Nonpublic Session adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

The following Transportation Enhancement Project (TEP) items of interest were discussed:

- March 19, 2008 Minutes of the Cultural Resources Meeting were reviewed. The Board noted that the project's impact within 250' of the Contoocook River might require a Shoreland Permit. Should the requirement for a Shoreland Permit become reality, this could delay the construction schedule for 2008.

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- The Administrator reported encountering difficulty when trying to secure a loan in anticipation of receiving grant funds. Based upon pre-town meeting advice received from the Town's auditor, pertinent financial information was not included in the 2008 Budget. The remedy is to go forward with a special town meeting, if the project is to be constructed in 2008. Otherwise, the situation can be addressed at the 2009 town meeting.
- The Selectmen accepted the revised Engineering Study, which includes the revised Table of Contents and the addition of Appendix I.
- Reviewed an email from FST to NHDOT inquiring about resolution of determining R.O.W when the records do not exist. A formal proposed Right of Way Plan is required for a property line change with a resident abutter.
- The Administrator was instructed to seek a Plan of Action with regard to the TEP moving forward without further interruption and a separate Timeline, which would take into consideration the need for a Shoreland Permit.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Agreed to assume responsibility for propane deliveries at the VFW.
- Joseph Cuddemi and Dee French will attend the April 24th Labor Law Training.
- The Administrator will contact neighboring communities regarding their requirements for road restoration bonds.
- Reviewed an email from Antrim Administrator Bill Prokop stating that Antrim has not had a meeting with any New Ipswich official regarding the Regional Prosecutor program. Mr. Prokop advised that March 25th was the first meeting date and involved the Prosecutor and the New Ipswich Police Chief.
- Chairman Germain volunteered to attend the next Fire Department meeting in an effort to meet with the five individuals who have not submitted their payroll documents and are three months delinquent in fulfilling their obligation.
- Instructed the Administrator to secure a scope of services and cost from Pleasant Pond Landscaping for 2008 lawn maintenance.
- Authorized the Bennington Congregational Church to schedule repair for the Town Clock located at their facility.
- Requested that reminder notices be sent to the Tri-Town Landfill District's Road Agents reminding them of the need to file their Excavation Reports.
- Tabled appointment of the Fire Chief and the Highway Safety Committee.
- Agreed to meet April 8th at 6:00 p.m. to address items on the Selectmen's Action List.
- The following documents were reviewed, approved and signed:
 - Accounts Payable Register – March 26, 2008
 - Payroll Register – March 26, 2008
 - Gravel Tax Levy – Map 11, Lot 16
 - Intent to Cut – Map 11, Lot 16
 - Intent to Excavate (2) – Map 11, Lot 16 and Map 11, Lot 12
 - Veterans' Tax Credit (2) – Map 13, Lot 5, Unit E2 and Map 12, Lot 1C, Unit 10

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator