

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – December 30, 2009

Selectmen Joseph Cuddemi, Steven Osienski and Philip Germain were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Monadnock Ledger-Transcript reporter Josh Bond. The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m.

Wanda Grant met with the Selectmen and received permission for a family member to park a trailer at the VFW with the clear understanding that the trailer would be removed by January 2, 2010 day's end and with the understanding that the trailer would have to be moved during snow removal operations at the parking lot.

Selectmen Cuddemi and Germain acted as indicated on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Board of Selectmen Minutes from November 10, 2009 and November 18, 2009 and December 22, 2009.
- Reviewed and approved Accounts Payable Registers for November 19, 2009, December 2, 2009, December 9, 2009 (2), December 15, 2009 and December 18, 2009.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for November 24, 2009, December 2, 2009, December 9, 2009 (2), December 15, 2009 and December 22, 2009.
- Executed the Assessment Agreement between Monadnock Paper Mills and the Town.
- Executed four tax warrants.
- On behalf of the Tri-Town Landfill District, Selectman Chair Germain executed the 2010 Tri-Town Landfill Engineering Services proposal with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
- On behalf of the Board, Selectmen Chair Philip Germain executed the 2010 Contract for General Assessing Services with Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, LLC.

Selectmen Cuddemi, Osienski and Germain acted as indicated on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the December 30, 2009 Accounts Payable and Payroll Registers.
- Reviewed and approved the Draft 2010 Selectmen's Budget and the Draft 2010 Default Budget as well as reviewed the 2010 Preliminary Warrant Articles. These documents will be the nucleus for a January 6<sup>th</sup> joint meeting of the Selectmen with the Budget Committee and the Department Heads.
- Voted not to pay a \$128 Fire Department payroll invoice for time spent to relocate fire equipment during certain phases of the downtown construction project.
- Voted to encumber \$1,000 for scholarship funds. From these encumbered funds the Selectmen voted to pay in 2010 a \$500 Pell Grant obligation of a 2009 scholarship recipient and, after successful completion of a semester, \$500 towards their college tuition.
- Voted to grant the Road Agent authority to hire Wyatt Fox for temporary/as-needed backup support based solely on an immediate need to fill a temporary vacancy due to illness or injury. Last winter while an employee was absent due to injury the Town was forced to hire a contractor to plow.
- Tabled a Report of Timber Cut pending receipt of an estimate for timber tax based on the Timber Tax Assessment Worksheet.
- Tabled executing the Information Technology contract pending receipt of further information.

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From 7:20 p.m. until 7:40 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-a:3II(a) to discuss personnel matters. Present were Selectmen Cuddemi, Osienski and Germain as well as Administrator Denise French. No decisions were made.

Selectmen Osienski and Germain acted as indicated on the following matters:

- Voted to Abate the \$10 Inventory Penalty assessed to M7/L116.
- Effective January 1, 2010, voted to pay holiday and overtime compensation in the week that these conditions actually apply and not cumulative each month/year.
- Tabled consideration of change to the vacation and sick time sections of the Personnel Policy pending further review of the policies.
- Reviewed and approved a 2009 Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral Application for M7/L57.
- Reviewed and approved an Intent to Cut Wood, after the logging operation was undertaken, for M11/L3B.
- Reviewed and approved Building Permits for M19/L2-8 and M1/L8.

With regard to the Transportation Enhancement Program the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved payment of FST Invoice #4 for \$7,331.38.
- Reviewed and approved payment of FST Invoice #5 for \$20,832.63.
- Reviewed and approved payment of FST Invoice #6 for \$20,780.67.
- Reviewed and agreed with the Draft Change Order #5, as presented by FST.
- Reviewed and approved a letter to PSNH requesting relocation of pole #3140/280; Chairman Germain signed the letter on behalf of the Board.
- Reviewed and approved a letter to NHDOT requesting review of the existing flashing beacon that hangs over the intersection of Greenfield Road/South Bennington Road/Acre Street and Main Street; Chairman Germain signed the letter on behalf of the Board.
- Requested follow-up to a planned conference call between FST/Town/NHDOT to resolve a funding issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Town Administrator