

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – April 27, 2011

Selectmen Steven Osienski and Joseph Cuddemi were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Police Chief Steve Campbell met with the Selectmen to discuss the following:

- One of the three part-time officers will be going out on a medical leave of absence.
- Hiring a fourth part-time officer was approved.
- The Chief was authorized to establish a Review Board for the purpose of reviewing applications received and identifying and interviewing potential candidates for the vacant full-time officer position.
- Chief Campbell reported his voluntary decision to cancel this year's attendance at the Police Chiefs' Conference in Chicago in an effort to recoup costs associated with staffing.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the April 20, 2011 Selectmen's Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the April 27, 2011 Accounts Payable (2) and Payroll Registers.
- Reviewed expenditures for the period January through April 2011.
- Received notice from NHDOT that they have approved the requested waiver of the Consultant Selection Process and authorized the Towns of Antrim and Bennington to utilize the services of Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC for design services regarding the Antrim/Bennington Bridge rehabilitation project.
- Rescheduled the planned April 30<sup>th</sup> town-wide tour to May 7<sup>th</sup> when the full Board will be present.
- Heard a report that Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride Area has withdrawn their support of the proposed "Escape From 2011" event which was tentatively scheduled to take place at their facility.
- Received notice from Fire Chief Allan Wilson that Caleb Healey, Marc Mosher, Jr. and Donald Clough are no longer members of the Fire Department.
- Instructed the Administrator to seek revised bids for the replacement propane heater at the Water Pump House. Initial bids were for installation of a 100,000 BTU unit; the revision seeks bids for a 75,000 BTU furnace.
- Received notice from NHDOT that an error was made in their December 17, 2010 communication regarding the upward adjustment to the State Highway Block Grant Aid payment. NHDOT overstated the revenue estimate by \$1,914.73.
- Heard a report that volunteer gardener Robyn Manley will expand her services to include Town Hall and the Fire Station.
- Received notice from the Hillsborough County Commissioners that the FY 2012 proposed Budget represents a decrease of \$1,932,992 or 2.21% from the current FY 2011 Budget. Citing the loss of Federal Stimulus monies used to reduce taxes and continuing downshifts from the State, the Commissioners anticipate the county tax to increase \$2,738,129 or 6.2%.

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- Schedule permitting, Selectman Osienski will attend the April 28<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting.
- Reviewed, approved and signed the following documents:
  - Gravel Tax Warrant
  - Building Permits:
    - M7/L4 – Electrical Permit
    - M7/L109 – Demolition Permit
    - M10/L26 – Addition
    - M18/L1A – Pole Shed

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Town Administrator