

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 11, 2011

Selectmen Philip Germain, 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 full-time police officer vacancy. The Board unanimously voted authority to Chief Campbell to offer a specific part-time certified police officer the full-time officer position with the understanding that the Town will be responsible for paying the individual while he attends the fourteen-week full-time Police Academy.

VFW representatives Mike Frosch and Diane Weeks met with the Selectmen to discuss the VFW's kitchen facilities. The Selectmen explained the need for the recent removal of the grill and the donation of the grill (which had previously been donated to the VFW by the Newhall family) to the Newhall Park Trustees with the clear understanding that the grill is owned by the Town and available for public use. In response to the VFW membership's interest in replacing the propane stove the Selectmen will seek code information from Code Officer Peter Hopkins to be sure that a residential propane kitchen stove meets Life Safety Code in the Town's public building.

G.E.P. Dodge Library Trustees Chair Lisa Shingler met with the Selectmen to inform the Board that the Library Building Committee has been restarted. The Selectmen asked to be notified of the June meeting date.

Kristie LaPlante and the Selectmen discussed website options for the Town, via conference call. After learning about the two dominant providers of municipal websites and the associated costs the Selectmen voted to meet with the current website provider to gain a clearer understanding of the required maintenance and the short-comings that are now evident when compared to the initial proposal.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's May 4, 2011 Minutes.
- Reviewed the Fire Department's May 3, 2011 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the Library's May 11, 2011 Accounts Payable Register.
- Reviewed and approved the May 11, 2011 Payroll Register.
- Confirmed the Board's existing policy that Abatement requests received after the March 1<sup>st</sup> stated deadline will not be accepted. This confirmation affects applications received for M12/L34 and M21/L6.
- Tabled approval of the 2010 Audit documents until the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow the Board an opportunity for review.
- Reviewed applications received for the vacant Welfare Director position and chose four candidates for interview at the Board's May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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- Reviewed notes from the Board's May 7<sup>th</sup> Town-wide Tour. The Administrator will attempt to determine how many vehicles are unregistered at each of the identified sites. Attention to other indicated matters will be undertaken as well.
- Selectman Osienski volunteered to be the Selectmen's representative for the Conval Selectmen's Advisory Committee.
- Reviewed and approved a Building Permit for M7/L98 for the replacement of a heating system.
- Executed documents for a \$345,000 Tax Anticipation Note.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Town Administrator