

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – June 15, 2011

Selectmen Philip Germain, Steven Osienski and Joseph Cuddemi were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Road Agent Gary Russell introduced Ben Billings as a candidate for temporary employment. The Selectmen voted to hire Mr. Billings for temporary employment with the Highway Department and at the Transfer Station until permanent employees are in place.

From 5:48 p.m. until 5:59 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) to discuss a personnel matter. Present were Selectmen Germain, Osienski and Cuddemi, Road Agent Russell and Administrator French. No new decisions were made; the Selectmen validated a prior vote.

In other matters the Road Agent and Selectmen discussed the following:

- Applications for the Transfer Station are due by noon on June 27th. The Road Agent and the Administrator will determine which applicants the Selectmen will interview at the June 29th Board meeting.
- The Eaton Avenue drainage project is well underway.
- The entry gate at the Highway/Recycling complex will routinely be locked.
- Due to budget cuts the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections Community Service Program has been eliminated. This action will financially impact annual projects undertaken by the Cemetery Trustees and the Highway Department. Currently the Town pays approximately \$60 per day for the group's meals; the cost for labor if paying hourly would equate to \$80 an hour.
- The Town Hall generator and the portable generator were both started for the first time.

After separate interviews with Margot Horn and Ethan Aho the Selectmen voted to retain each of these volunteers to maintain the Town and Police Department websites.

The following bids were received for the replacement of the water pump house propane heater:

➤ Harding Plumbing & Heating	\$3,374.75
➤ Paul Wilson & Sons Plumbing & Heating	\$2,986.00
➤ Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	\$3,145.00

Based on price, the Selectmen unanimously voted to award the bid to Paul Wilson & Sons Plumbing & Heating.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the June 8, 2011 Selectmen's Minutes.
- Reviewed the June 6, 2011 ZBA Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved Accounts Payable Registers for June 9, 2011 and June 15, 2011, as well as the June 15, 2011 Payroll Register.

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- Approved the draft Extension Agreement as put forth by Richard Edmunds', Jr. attorney. The ZBA will review the draft Agreement at their June 20, 2011 meeting.
- As requested by the Planning Board, the Selectmen ratified the newly adopted Driveway Regulations.
- Requested a meeting with the Water/Sewer Commissioners to discuss the Commission's wage structure, heater replacement and the pump house building's settlement issue.
- For those employees who have overlapping or double health insurance coverage the Selectmen voted a 20% monthly insurance reimbursement. This equates to the following annual reimbursements as of July 1, 2011 for eligible employees – Single \$1,600, Two-Person \$3,200 and Family \$4,300.
- Reviewed Property-Liability Schedules for real estate, vehicles and equipment to be sure that the Town's assets are adequately protected.
- Approved a draft letter to the Town Clerk requesting amended use of the manual ledger system to exclude motor vehicle transactions which are captured in the State's MAAP program.
- Heard a report that the Human Services Director is updating the Bennington Welfare Guidelines to include reasonable rental caps, food allotment amounts, etc. based on facts from the State that are specific to Bennington.
- The following documents were reviewed, approved and signed: Taxpayer Inventory Order Form, the Unlicensed Dog Warrant, a Building Permit for M2/L18 and the Litter-Free NH Pledge as requested by the Conservation Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The Boston Bruins won the Stanley Cup!

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Town Administrator