

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – September 21, 2011

Selectmen Steven Osienski and Joseph Cuddemi were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Selectman Philip Germain participated in portions of the meeting via telephone conference call. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

From 6:30 p.m. until 7:16 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cuddemi and Germain (via conference call), Administrator French and Fire Chief Allan Wilson. No decisions were made.

Police Chief Steve Campbell met with the Selectmen to discuss the September 19th motor vehicle accident involving the 2010 Crown Victoria police cruiser:

- The preliminary report from the insurance adjuster is that the vehicle is likely a total loss.
- The Bennington Garage has visually inspected the Ford Expedition; owner Joseph MacGregor estimates that the Expedition should last another year.
- Although the Expedition was scheduled for replacement in 2012, its replacement will be pushed back to 2013.
- The vehicle maintenance budget for 2012 will have to be increased to compensate for additional repairs to the aged Expedition cruiser.

From 7:34 p.m. until 7:50 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) for the purpose of the Police Chief's annual performance review. Present were Selectmen Osienski, Cuddemi and Germain (via conference call) and Police Chief Campbell. No decisions were made.

The Selectmen took action on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Board of Selectmen's September 14, 2011 Minutes.
- Reviewed the Planning Board's September 12, 2011 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the Accounts Payable and Payroll Registers for September 21, 2011.
- Heard a report that the road obstacle in the Class VI portion of Larkin Hill Road has been removed. The Administrator will send a note to Dana Grano putting him on notice that any future blockage of this road will become a matter for the Police Department.
- Revisited the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee's request for contributions to offset the cost for a second set of meters and voted a \$100 donation from the Selectmen's contingency fund. Separately the Conservation Commission has authorized a donation from their budget.
- Received a co-mingled list of active voters and resident property owners for consideration of appointment to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Facilities Review Committee and the Police Regionalization Study Committee. The subject of needed Appointments will be revisited at the Board's September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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- Signed a Multi-Year Rate Guarantee Program agreement with the Local Government Center for property and liability insurance which will ensure a cap of no more than 9% for years 2013 and 2014; 2012 rates will be capped at 6%.
- Received notice from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management that emergency protective measures for pre-landfall for Hurricane Irene and other emergency protective measures that may have been incurred due to this weather event are subject to reimbursement through FEMA's Public Assistance program. The Town plans to apply for reimbursement of approximately \$1,000.
- A Timber Tax Levy for M24/L29 was signed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Town Administrator