

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – August 29, 2012

Selectmen Steven Osienski and James Cleary were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- Arrangements have been made to hire a vendor to pave Dodge Hill Road and portions of Durgin Road at a cost of \$9,000.
- The old compactor will be advertised through the NRRA network.
- Agreed on a suitable candidate for appointment to the Solid Waste Committee to fill the vacancy. Gary will meet with the candidate to explore his interest.
- Voted to retain Pine View Excavation for 2012/2013 snow removal season at the exact hourly rates as the previous winter and without any fuel surcharge assessment as put forth by owner David Desaulniers.
- Annual haying at the Tri-Town Landfill is underway with mowing scheduled for next week.
- With regard to Mr. Cordatos' continued request that the Town block an old storm drain pipe, Gary will follow-up with an abutting neighbor who previously stated their intent to remove trees along the common boundary which would be associated with the request at hand.

Glenn Gerrish and Scott Liljeberg met with the Selectmen to deliver a requested plan-of-action that addresses activities at M17/L22. The Board was satisfied that the reported adverse activities, and all associated matters, have been adequately addressed. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Gerrish for his cooperation.

From 6:52 p.m. until 6:56 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss a Newhall Park Board concern. Present were Selectmen Osienski and Cleary, Administrator French and Newhall Park Board Trustee Scott Liljeberg. No decisions were made.

Fire Chief Michael Roina introduced Damon Boudreau, a new employee for the Fire Department. The Selectmen welcomed Mr. Beaudreau to the Town's employment and wished him well.

The Fire Chief and Administrator discussed with the Board recent findings when the Town Hall was reviewed by the Town's insurance provider and the Joint Loss Management Committee as part of their annual inspection of all Town buildings. As a result of bat guano in the attic storage area combined with the public's use of the building, the Town's insurance provider has recommended an air quality survey to ensure there is not a hazardous environment to staff and occupants of the building. Two proposals were reviewed; the Selectmen voted to hire The Scott Lawson Group, Ltd. (lowest bidder) to undertake the survey. The Fire Chief delivered a report of deficiencies identified in the gymnasium area which he plans to re-inspect on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. A formal report of the buildings' inspections is forthcoming.

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From 7:03 p.m. until 7:17 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) to discuss a personnel matter. Present were Selectmen Osienski and Cleary, Administrator French, Fire Chief Roina and Mentor Steve Campbell. The Board requested the Fire Chief establish a convenient meeting date and time for the employee to meet with the Selectmen.

Jeff Rose met with the Selectmen to discuss municipal matters; he identified an immediate need for Alternate Planning Board members. Mr. Rose also provided a brief status report regarding update of the Master Plan and his request for Southwest Region Planning Commission to submit a proposal to assist with the Master Plan update.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's August 15, 2012 Minutes.
- Reviewed Minutes from the Cemetery Trustees' August 14, 2012 meeting, Minutes from the Planning Board's August 13, 2012 meeting and Minutes from the Conservation Commission's June 21, 2012 meeting.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll Registers for August 21 and 28, 2012, Accounts Payable Registers for August 22 and 28, 2012 and an Expenditure report for the first eight months of 2012.
- Heard a report that the Welfare Director is investigating the legality of establishing time limits for individual assistance.
- Selectman Cleary, in his dual capacity as a member of the Building Facility Committee, reported he would be assessing the structure of the former VFW facility to confirm its integrity prior to the Town's consideration of rehabilitation. The concept of winter shutdown of the VFW is tabled until the building assessment has been completed.
- Agreed to allow the Boy Scouts to use the VFW at least through October, through the winter months the Board agreed to use of the Town Hall in the event the VFW is closed.
- Agreed to resume weekly meetings as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French  
Administrator