

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – July 24, 2013

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Conval School District Superintendent Dr. Brendan Minnihhan met with the Selectmen to discuss mutual school related topics of interest. Among information shared was the fact that the District recently received a waiver from the No Child Left Behind program which opens up other opportunities for extra resources and funding.

Trustees of the Trust Funds Valerie Germain and David Parker met with the Selectmen to request funding to cover fees associated with hiring a Financial Advisor to invest the Town's capital reserve funds. Although uneasy with the Trustees' decision which affects investing public finances, the Selectmen approved payment for the September invoice which is estimated to be \$857. It was agreed that the Trustees will meet again with the Selectmen towards the end of September to review the first three months of investment activity.

Fire Chief Michael Roina introduced Joe Mullahy as the newest member of the Fire Department. He was warmly welcomed by the Board of Selectmen.

In another matter it was agreed that the Fire Department would retain an older used AED which was replaced by a 2013 purchase since the Selectmen can't justify the \$557 refurbishment cost at the present time.

Code Officer Dario Carrara, Fire Chief Mike Roina and the Board of Selectmen discussed the defunct rehabilitation project at the Highland Inn. Dario was encouraged to work with the owner who has recently shown renewed interest in finishing rehabilitation of Building A and Building B. The existing file indicates a lot of loose ends as well as unfinished legalities associated with the condominium project.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Selectmen's July 10, 2013 Minutes. Reviewed Minutes of the Planning Board's July 8th meeting, the Water/Sewer Commissioners July 13th meeting and the Building Committee's July 16th meeting.
- Reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers for July 17 and July 23, 2013.
- Along with the Code Officer, reviewed photos of an Acre Street wood furnace and Article VII.a. and Article X.4.A.2 of the Zoning Ordinance as presented by an abutter to the property. The Code Officer determined that the Zoning Ordinance is not applicable to an outside furnace and the furnace at issue is regulated by the State.
- Received notification from NH State Police that every municipality is required to pass an ordinance which requires background checks on individuals applying for licensure as hawkers, peddlers or certain vendors. Town Counsel has been asked to review the sample ordinance put forth by the NH Department of Safety.

- Pursuant to RSA 674:53, the Board reviewed a Deering Application for Special Exception that would allow construction of a small detached accessory building on a Deering lot that is bordered by the Bennington town line. The Bennington Selectmen took no action.

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- Tabled a Zoning Ordinance violation which should correct itself when the owner completes the purchase of real estate elsewhere in Town.
- Agreed that Selectman Osienski should represent the Selectmen at the Fire Department's August 6th meeting to show continued support for the organization and share positive feedback the Board receives from the community.
- Voted to require 2014 filing of Inventory of Taxable Property.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator

