

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – January 3, 2018

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Mark Mackesy were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

From 6:08 p.m. until 6:28 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session. Selectman Cleary made the motion to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a); Selectmen Mackesy seconded the motion; the Board unanimously voted to enter the Nonpublic Session. Also present during the Nonpublic Session were Road Agent Gary Russell and Administrator Denise French. The Road Agent discussed staffing matters of mutual interest. No decisions were made. Selectman Cleary made a motion to adjourn the Nonpublic Session; Selectmen Mackesy seconded the motion; the Board unanimously voted to reconvene the public session at 6:28 p.m.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the Board's December 19, 2017 Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the January 4, 2018 Payroll Register as well as Accounts Payable Registers for December 21, 28 and 31, 2017.
- Heard a report that the NH Department of Environmental Services Dam Bureau will repair the washed-out section of Whittemore Lake West Road; the Dam Bureau also plans to replace the 30-inch-diameter culverts with 48-inch-diameter culverts. Town Officials have asked, through James W. Gallagher, Jr. P.E., Chief Engineer of the NHDES, that a meeting be set up with the private stakeholders affected to discuss the work and future responsibilities for maintenance of this private deeded right-of-way.
- Confirmed their 2017 decision to upgrade the security system at 198-200 North Bennington Road at a cost of \$6,962.11.
- Confirmed their 2017 decision to repair the Town Clock at a cost of \$650. The alternate proposal would be to install an electric clock with battery back-up at a cost of \$7,460.
- With input from Road Agent Gary Russell, voted to join the Town of Hillsborough in their once a year collection of household hazardous waste. The cost is expected to be \$500 plus quantity disposal cost for Bennington residents. The alternate proposed collection would have been twenty-four household hazardous waste collections with the City of Keene at a Town cost of \$1,976.57.
- Discussed the lingering need to implement debit cards to various Department Heads.
- Accepted Code Officer Dario Carrara's recommendation to include a Building Permit addendum that addresses the basic life safety code for requiring smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Agreed to issue a final written warning to a Bennington resident advising them that the unpaid disposal fee of \$35 must be paid immediately or face barment from the Transfer Station facility.
- Tabled pursuing employment of a potential candidate who has an interest in joining the Fire Department.
- Briefly discussed perceived public opposition to the Planning Board's proposed amendment to replace the Home Occupation section of the Zoning Ordinance with a Home Business. The proposed amendment will be the subject of a January 8th Public Hearing.
- Voted to include a \$250 funding request from The Samaritans in the 2018 Town Warrant.
- Reviewed and approved a Building Permit for M23/L7.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise French
Administrator