

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 12, 2010

Selectmen Joseph Cuddemi, Philip Germain and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m.

By invitation, Police Chief/Emergency Management Director Steve Campbell displayed and discussed the Pierce School Emergency Management Guide he recently created for the benefit of Conval School District. Within the Guide he has included detailed diagrams of the facility and photos of the interior layout. The Selectmen commended Chief Campbell for his innovative project for the betterment of Pierce School students and staff.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the May 5, 2010 Selectmen's Minutes subject to one change. Page 3, third bullet – replace the sentence to read as follows "Voted not to accept a late filing of the Inventory of Taxable Property for the purpose of abatement of assessment and/or tax."
- Reviewed a courtesy copy of the April and May Fire Department Minutes.
- Reviewed and approved the May 10, 2010 and May 12, 2010 Accounts Payable Registers. The Selectmen requested that check #53865 be tabled pending a meeting with the Fire Chief.
- Reviewed and approved the May 12, 2010 Payroll Register.
- Agreed that the Town should not remove downed trees along the Class VI portion of Larkin Hill Road.
- Took Doris Maloon's May 11, 2010 request for an extension of time to clean her yard under advisement until such time as the Board of Selectmen has an opportunity to visit the property and document the present external conditions of the property. The planned inspection is Saturday, June 5th at 10:00 a.m.
- Received a reminder message of the importance of attending the next SAC meeting, tentatively scheduled for May 27th.
- Heard a report that the owner of M15/L1 cancelled his request for 2009 Tax Deferral and has paid all of the real estate taxes owed.
- Voted to cancel the May 19th Selectmen's meeting.
- Tabled consideration of acquiring a replacement utility trailer until the Road Agent is present.
- Received notice from DES of their March 22, 2010 approval of an emergency permit for NH Fish & Game Department to repair a failed stone retaining wall supporting an existing culvert at the Whittemore Lake Dam.
- Reviewed and approved a draft *Application for Volunteer Position*.
- Received the May 31st schedule of Memorial Day events.
- Heard a report that the lighting and irrigations system at the Common will likely be replaced using ARRA funds.
- Reviewed and approved FST's invoice #11.
- Reviewed and approved a Building Permit for M2/L3-11.
- Tabled approval of a Building Permit for M3/L11 pending review of a side boundary.
- Denied approving a Tax Deferral for M21/L8A due to the late filing after the March 1st deadline.

From 7:08 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to review, approve/deny applications for 2010 Elderly Exemption. Present were Selectmen Cuddemi, Germain and Osienski as well as Administrator French. No other decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Denise French, Town Administrator