

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – June 23, 2010

Selectmen Joseph Cuddemi, Philip Germain and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. Also attending the meeting was Peter Martel. The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

By invitation, Cemetery Trustee Shelagh Clough met with the Selectmen. Absent from the previously scheduled meeting, without notice, were Trustees Jill Young and Thomas Belcher. Discussed with Mrs. Clough was the apparent need to repair and reinforce a retaining wall at Sunnyside Cemetery. It was agreed, barring opposition from Trustees Young and Belcher, that arrangements would be made by the Road Agent to have the retaining wall worked on next week. With regard to cemetery operations Selectman Osienski offered his assistance to develop a checklist. The Administrator was instructed to convey the Selectmen's frustration to Cemetery Trustees Chair Jill Young about her second absence from a scheduled meeting with the Board; also to notify the Chair of the Selectmen's intent to attend the Cemetery Trustees' July 13th meeting at 6:30 p.m.

From 7:02 p.m. until 7:24 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-a:3II(c) with Sarah Marek to discuss her interest in the vacant Human Services Director position. Present were Selectmen Cuddemi, Germain and Osienski, Administrator French and Sarah Marek. No decisions were made.

From 7:27 p.m. until 7:55 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-a:3II(c) with Pamela Koski to discuss her interest in the vacant Human Services Director position. Present were Selectmen Cuddemi, Germain and Osienski, Administrator French and Pamela Koski. No decisions were made.

From 7:59 p.m. until 8:20 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-a:3II(c) with Jennifer Boyd to discuss her interest in the vacant Human Services Director position. Present were Selectmen Cuddemi, Germain and Osienski, Administrator French and Jennifer Boyd. No decisions were made.

From 8:21 p.m. until 8:47 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-a:3II(b) to discuss the three personnel interviews regarding the vacant Human Services Director position. Present were Selectmen Cuddemi, Germain and Osienski and Administrator French. The group identified the top two applicants and authorized the Administrator to negotiate with Sarah if Jennifer did not accept the offer of employment. The Selectmen agreed that the salary would be a guaranteed minimum of two hours each week plus additional hours as needed to fulfill the job's requirements.

In other matters the Selectmen took the following action:

- Reviewed and approved the June 16, 2010 Selectmen's Minutes subject to the addition of the following sentence at the end of the sixth paragraph on the first page. "The original land use Board recipient of the legal document shall retain possession of the original document."

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- Reviewed the May 27, 2010 Selectmen’s Advisory Committee Minutes. Selectman Osienski volunteered to attend the June 24th Conval SAC meeting.
- Reviewed and approved the June 23, 2010 Accounts Payable and Payroll Registers.
- Agreed to invite the Water/Sewer Commissioners to their June 30th meeting to discuss the impending utility rate increases.
- Reviewed the June 21, 2010 Superior Court Order in the matter Town v. Champagne and was pleased to note that the Court now grants the Town’s request for a \$5,000 lien on the subject property, in order to secure the cost of any cleaning of the property and the payment of any fines and attorneys’ fees. A Court Trial has been scheduled for September 24, 2010.
- On behalf of the Board, Chairman Germain accepted Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC’s proposal to provide professional engineering services to the Town of Bennington, to assist the Town in preparing a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Application for the replacement of the Bible Hill Road culvert and associated roadway work at a not-to-exceed budget of \$1,200.
- Heard a report that the Planning Board considers the Joshi Hospitality Group, LLC’s project to be of regional impact and has notified the Southwest Region Planning Commission and the Town of Frankestown of their position.
- Received notification of a \$1,877.82 FEMA reimbursement of costs associated with the February 23 to March 3, 2010 storm events.
- Asked that Lise Lemieux be invited to meet with the Selectmen to discuss her interest in the position of Health Officer.
- Accepted changes identified in the Draft revision of the Transfer Station Ordinance. The Board plans to sign the final version of the amended Ordinance at their June 30th meeting.
- Amendments to the Draft revision of the Personnel Policy are being processed.
- Voted to grant Doris Maloon an extension until September 13, 2010 to bring her property at 71 North Bennington Road into compliance with the Junk Yard Statutes.
- In conjunction with the Emergency Management Director, Chairman Germain will finalize a Press Release regarding employee participation in the Emergency Preparedness Conference.
- Agreed to reschedule the Selectmen’s July 14th meeting to July 13th at 5:30 p.m., prior to their attending the Cemetery Trustees’ meeting.
- The Selectmen signed the following documents:
 - A letter to Robert Wadleigh notifying him of the revocation of Transfer Station privileges due to an unpaid invoice for demolition disposal fees
 - Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs
 - Notice of Welfare Lien regarding M10/L13
 - PA-28 Order Form
 - Building Permits for M10/L25 and M1/L8.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Town Administrator