

**BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING
BENNINGTON TOWN OFFICES – CONFERENCE ROOM
205 SOUTH STREET
BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2014

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Van Houten- Chair; Sharyn Brush-Vice Chair; Tom Jacobs (*late*); Jim Carroll; Michael Keane;

Absent: John McFadden; Justin Corcoran

ALSO PRESENT: Stuart Hurd, Town Manager; Dan Monks, Zoning Administrator & Assistant Town Manager; Don Campbell, VT Land Trust; Linda E. Bermudez – Secretary; (0) Citizens.

At 5:15 P.M., **Greg Van Houten** called the meeting to order.

1. MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Michael Keane noted the misspelling of “exemption”.

There were no further corrections for the minutes of September 22, 2014

Motion: Sharyn Brush motioned and Michael Keane seconded to approve the Minutes of September 22, 2014 with correction. Motion passed unanimously (*John McFadden; Justin Corcoran; Tom Jacobs absent*)

2. WARRANTS

The next warrants of FY’15 were reviewed. There were no questions. Warrants were circulated for signatures.

3. MANAGER’S REPORT

The Manager noted Don Campbell of Vermont Land Trust requested to have the Manager sign the Morgan Street Wetlands Grant Award on behalf of the Select Board when presented.

Motion: Sharyn Brush motioned and Michael Keane seconded to authorize the Manager to sign on behalf of the Select Board for the Morgan Street Wetland Grant Award. Motion passed unanimously (*John McFadden; Justin Corcoran; Tom Jacobs absent*)

Dan Monks noted that an additional 25 acres is currently being negotiated.

At this time Greg Van Houten allowed Loyal Wescott to speak. He read a portion of the U.S. Constitution that he believes authorizes the Select Board to instate the 1,000-foot law. Discussion continued regarding different levels of offenses, the issues that all sex offenders are not pedophiles and the issues that have come about with “blanket laws”. Mr. Wescott thanked Mr. Van Houten for listening and Mr. Van Houten thanked Mr. Wescott for his concerns.

4. 2014 GRAND LIST – ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

The Manager noted there were two property corrections. One is an increase and one value was a decrease. The Listers have approved both submissions.

MOTION: Jim Carroll motioned and Michael Keane seconded to approve altering of the Grand List for the properties presented. Motion passed unanimously (*John McFadden; Justin Corcoran*)

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business this evening.

Mr. Van Houten then noted there was need for Executive Session.

Motion: Michael Keane motioned to close the meeting and move into Executive Session. Jim Carroll seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Contract

Respectfully submitted,

Linda E. Bermudez
Secretary