

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2015

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Jacobs – Chair; Michael Keane (via phone); Jim Carroll; Donald Campbell

Absent: John McFadden, Sharyn Brush, Justin Corcoran

ALSO PRESENT: Stuart Hurd, Town Manager; Michele Johnson, Human Resources & Contracts Administrator; Jeff Vickers, Chief – Bennington Fire Department, Linda E. Bermudez – Secretary; (0) Citizens

At 5:02 P.M., **Tom Jacobs** called the meeting to order.

1. ALCOHOL USE WAIVER / BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CLAMBAKE

Jeff Vickers, Chief Fire Department apologized for the late application. He did not fully understand the process. This special event (clambake) was organized to bring together past and present members. Volunteer Departments struggle with recruiting and retaining members. A social aspect can increase interest in both.

Chief Vickers continued by reading his request letter (*see attached*).

Motion: Michael Keane motioned and Donald Campbell seconded to accept and grant approval of the alcohol waiver for the Bennington Fire Department Clambake as submitted. Motion passed (Sharyn Brush, John McFadden & Justin Corcoran absent)

Chief Vickers thanked the Board for their time and the approval.

The Town Manager asked if other members would be on standby. Chief Vickers stated in accordance with Fire Department By-laws there would be personnel on stand-by and anyone drinking will not be allowed to respond to a call.

Tom Jacobs asked if all insurances were covered. The Manager stated the supplier's liquor license holds the proper insurances needed. Jim Carroll asked if this event was open to the public. Chief Vickers stated this is not open to the public. It is for past and present members only.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business this evening.

Motion: Michael Keane motioned and Jim Carroll seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed (*Sharyn Brush, John McFadden & Justin Corcoran absent*)

Respectfully submitted,

Linda E. Bermudez
Secretary

Bennington Fire Department

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To the members of the Select Board,

The Bennington Fire Department respectfully requests a waiver to allow alcohol at an event at the Bennington Firehouse catered by Belly's Deli, using their liquor license, on September 12, 2015. The event is a Clam Bake attended by current and previous members of the Bennington Fire Department. It will be located in a fenced in area, outside of the firehouse.

Sincerely,



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