

1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

2 **BENNINGTON FIRE FACILITY**

3 **130 RIVER STREET**

4 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

5 **JANUARY 30, 2017**

6 **MINUTES**

7 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Keane-Vice Chair; Justin Corcoran; Jeanne Conner; Jeannie Jenkins and
8 Donald Campbell.

9 **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Thomas Jacobs; Jim Carroll.

10 **ALSO PRESENT:** Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Tim Scoggins-Shaftsbury Select Board Chair; 2 citizens; Jim
11 Therrien-Bennington Banner; and Nancy Lively-Secretary.

12 At 5:30 PM, Vice Chair Michael Keane called the meeting to order.
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14 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

15 Recited by all present.
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17 **1. BENNINGTON RESCUE SQUAD DISCUSSION**

18 The Bennington Rescue Squad had decided prior to the meeting that they would remain on the ballot
19 at the amount of \$207,459 that they had petitioned for.

20 Tim Scoggins, Chair of the Shaftsbury Select Board, stated that the Shaftsbury Select Board had opted
21 to remove the Bennington Rescue Squad (BRS) from the ballot and put them on as a line item of their
22 budget. Last year they received \$2,000 as an appropriation, this year they are a line item for \$7,500.
23 This is less than the \$40,000 they were requesting but more than triple the amount from last year. By
24 making it a line item, the Shaftsbury Board felt that it became the Town's responsibility to provide
25 rescue services for the area. The Board felt that the community should become involved in the
26 operation of the BRS so Tony Krulikowski, a Board Member, will be applying to become a board
27 member of the BRS. The application deadline is February 3, 2017, and Mr. Scoggins encouraged the
28 Bennington Select Board to do the same.

29 Since the Board plans on having further financial discussions with the BRS concerning next year's
30 budget, the following comments were made as to having a representative from the Bennington Select
31 Board apply for a position on the BRS Board:

32 Ms. Conner – seems like a good idea but was wondering if there were any down sides.

33 Ms. Jenkins – suggested that a member of the police or fire department may be a better
34 representative, or perhaps representation in an ex-officio capacity.

35 Mr. Hurd – can forward the e-mail with the application to the Board, as well as, the police and fire
36 department but didn't feel that a Town employee would want to apply with such short notice.

37 Mr. Corcoran – felt that when an agency is asking for over \$200,000, perhaps the Town should consider
38 providing the service itself.

39 Mr. Campbell – came to this meeting prepared to make a case for putting the BRS in as a line item of
40 the budget, but, since that will not be happening this year, we do need to expand the lines of
41 communication with the BRS and develop a relationship with them. They do provide “in essence, a
42 municipal service”.

43 Having a representative on the BRS Board will be discussed further at a later date.

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45 **2. SIGN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING**

46 *Justin Corcoran moved and Don Campbell seconded to approve the Annual Town Meeting*
47 *Warning as presented. The motion carried unanimously with Tom Jacobs and Jim Carroll absent.*

48 The Warning was circulated for signatures.

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50 *At 5:50 PM, Justin Corcoran moved and Don Campbell seconded the adjournment of the*
51 *meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Tom Jacobs and Jim Carroll absent.*

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55 Respectfully submitted,

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57 Nancy H. Lively
58 Secretary