

1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD**

2 **BENNINGTON TOWN OFFICE**

3 **CONFERENCE ROOM 2 (REAR OF BUILDING)**

4 **205 SOUTH STREET**

5 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

6 **JANUARY 2, 2019**

7 **MINUTES**

8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas Jacobs-Chair; Jim Carroll; Jeanne Conner; Chad Gordon
9 and Jeannie Jenkins.

10 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donald Campbell and Carson Thurber.

11 **ALSO PRESENT:** Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Daniel Monks-Planning Director; Paul Doucette-Police
12 Chief; Larry McLeod; 1 Police Officer; Bennington Banner and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.

13 At 5:00pm, Chair Thomas Jacobs called the meeting to order.

14 **1. CONSENT AGENDA**

15 **A. MINUTES - DECEMBER 17, 2018**

16 **B. WARRANTS**

17 *Jim Carroll moved and Jeanne Conner seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.*
18 *The motion carried with Donald Campbell and Carson Thurber absent.*

19 **2. POLICE FACILITY - HVAC**

20 Mr. Hurd explained that the total Hayden bid for both phases is \$440,645. If we move forward
21 with both phases the cost would be reduced by \$15,000 to \$425,645. We propose using \$300,645
22 from the reserve and \$125,000 from the solar settlement. We also anticipate an annual savings of
23 \$19,800 in fuel costs with additional unknown savings available through Efficiency Vermont. If we
24 don't move forward, our engineer is anticipating a 10%-20% increase in materials costs. The only
25 grants potentially available are federal grants which would extend the project time out 2 years and we
26 may not qualify for those because we do have the funds to pay for it ourselves.

27 Mr. McLeod added that there were 4 vendors that came for the walk through with 2 submitting
28 bids. The two bidders were Bennington Heating and Cooling, who was very high, and Hayden Plumbing
29 and Heating. The other two that did not bid were Vermont Mechanical and New England Mechanical.

30 *Jeannie Jenkins moved and Chad Gordon seconded to authorize the Town Manager to accept*
31 *the bid of \$440,645 from Hayden Plumbing and Heating for the Police Facility HVAC Project.*

32 Ms. Conner: Is insulation included in the project, and Mr. McLeod answered that the building is
33 currently insulated.

34 Mr. Carroll: Are there Historic Preservation concerns, and Mr. McLeod stated that the building
35 is owned by the National Park Service and they have approved the project with some internal
36 restrictions. The outside of the building cannot be changed at all.

37 Ms. Jenkins: Why will the air conditioning portion provide more savings than the heating, and
38 Mr. McLeod responded because of the inefficiencies of the current air conditioning system.

39 Mr. Gordon: What is the timeline for the project, and Mr. McLeod answered through the
40 summer.

41 Mr. Carroll: What is the life expectancy of the new system, and Mr. McLeod stated 25-30 years.

42 ***The motion carried with Donald Campbell and Carson Thurber absent.***

43 Chief Doucette thanked the Board and everyone involved for going forward with the project.

44 **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

45 **A. PERSONNEL**

46 **B. CONTRACT**

47 ***At 5:10pm, Jim Carroll moved and Chad Gordon seconded that the meeting was adjourned***
48 ***finding that an Executive Session be held on Personnel and a Contract as premature public***
49 ***knowledge would place a person involved in the subject matter at a substantial disadvantage. The***
50 ***motion carried with Donald Campbell and Carson Thurber absent.***

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54 Respectfully submitted,

55 Nancy H. Lively

56 Secretary

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