

1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD**

2 **BENNINGTON FIRE FACILITY**

3 **130 RIVER STREET**

4 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

5 **DECEMBER 16, 2019**

6 **MINUTES**

7 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donald Campbell-Chair; Jeanne Conner; Jim Carroll; Bruce
8 Lee-Clark and Chad Gordon.

9 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeannie Jenkins and Bill Scully.

10 **ALSO PRESENT:** Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Daniel Monks-Assistant Town Manager and
11 Planning Director; Kevin Hoyt; Cindy Krautheim; Sue Andrews; Sheriff's Department Officer; 20
12 citizens; CAT-TV; and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.

13 At 6:00pm, Chair Donald Campbell called the meeting to order.

14 **1. CONSENT AGENDA**

15 **A. MINUTES - DECEMBER 2, 2019 AND DECEMBER 9, 2019**

16 **B. WARRANTS**

17 *Jim Carroll moved and Bruce Lee Clark seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as*
18 *submitted. The motion carried with Chad Gordon abstaining from the December 9, 2019*
19 *Minutes and Jeannie Jenkins and Bill Scully absent.*

20 **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

21 Kevin Hoyt stated that we had hired Vermont Protective Coatings to paint the Brooklyn
22 Bridge for \$181,000. Last month a payment of \$35,000 was made and they were pulled off the
23 job by RJ Jolly with 18% of the bridge complete and say that they had no contract. His
24 questions are - How did they know to bid on the job?; Why do we have an \$181,000 job
25 without a contract?; And what was the \$35,000 that we paid them for? Mr. Hurd answered
26 that they were removed from the job - mutually agreed - and he will follow up on this in his
27 next Manager's Report.

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29 Cindy Krautheim and Sue Andrews spoke to the emergency situation of the homeless in
30 Bennington and appealed to the Board to create a warming shelter for them. "People are going
31 to die." Six counties in the State have warming shelters with Rutland and Bennington the ones
32 that do not. The State has an Adverse Housing Policy that states if the temperature drops

33 below 20° or 32° with precipitation, they will put the homeless up in motels. The hope is to be
34 able to get these people off the streets this winter.

35 Mr. Campbell thanked them for their concerns and suggested that they consult the
36 Planning Commission and staff for the process that would need to take place to address the
37 issue.

38 **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

39 There was no Other Business.

40 **4. ADJOURNMENT**

41 *At 6:12pm, Bruce Lee-Clark moved and Jim Carroll seconded the adjournment of the*
42 *meeting. The motion carried with Jeannie Jenkins and Bill Scully absent.*

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45 Respectfully submitted,

46 Nancy H. Lively

47 Secretary