

Bennington Board of Selectmen
April 20, 2021 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present: James W. Cleary, David Hardwick, David Foster

Chairman Cleary called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Appointments – 6:30 – Sargent Jason LePine came before the Board to discuss the Police Department and going forward what are their plans. He stated, with the retirement of Chief Sullivan he would be interested in the Chief position. He continued, that he would love to be the chief, he loves this town. He has a plan for moving forward would also like the support of the Board. He would like to have 2 part time, and 1 more full time. He has been working on schedules. Selectmen indicated they were looking at regionalizing the department and they would keep LePine up to date as to their intentions for the department. They are meeting with Hancock Board on May 4, at 6:30 they will know more after that meeting. They thanked LePine for coming in to discuss this with them and for his service to the community. They will be forthright with LePine going forward.

Minutes: April 13, 2021 were approved as written

Financial:

Old Business: Hancock Selectmen scheduled for May 4, 2021 @ 6:30

New Business: There was one application for Transfer Station attendant, Dwayne Searles has applied for the position, Tom James would like to hire him and has started the paperwork.

There has been an incident at the Transfer Station with an employee, Tom James has been notified of this and the employee will be spoken to. Chairman Cleary will follow up with this.

Mask Mandate Update – Selectmen discussed the Mask Mandate, at this time, masks are not mandatory, though if staff requests them Selectmen will support the staff's position.

Water/Sewer Update – The hydrants will be flushed on April 29, 2021 starting at 8:00 am.

Gama.K Services – Selectmen reviewed this proposal for Financial Policy, procedures going forward. This is tabled for the time being.

Selectmen reviewed an email from Judi Miller regarding possibility of building on a back lot off Switzer Road. No decisions, she would need to go before the Planning Board.

Highway – Chairman Cleary said Matt Blanchard did a good job during the recent spring storm. Also, Matt Blanchard had some repairs done to the grader, Mike Richardson did the repairs, the grader is up and running again.

Tri-Town – Discussion about the Tri-Town landfill was discussed. Chairman Cleary indicated that Gary Russell may be a good resource to get information. Dee French will be asked to help gather the information. Francetown has nearly exhausted their excavation rights and used all the materials they are allotted. We should locate, the maps for the bounds, the agreement, and how each community is accounted for as far as who has taken what. Use the most recent maps.

Review/Approve/Signatures: The Selectmen approved the following documents:

Veterans Exemption

Letter to DOT – S. Bennington Bridge Closure Extension

General Assessing Contract – CNP

NHRS DRS User Access Form

STD & Dental Rate Agreement

Veterans Tax Credit – Salmeron

Intent to Cut – Monadnock Paper Mills –

With nothing further the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next scheduled meeting is to be held Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson