

Bennington Board of Selectmen
April 27, 2021 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman James Cleary, David Hardwick, David Foster

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

Appointments: No appointments were scheduled.

Minutes: Selectmen accepted the minutes of April 20, 2021 as written

Old Business: As a reminder Hancock Selectmen will attend the meeting on May 4, 2021 @ 6:30PM, Selectmen asked if Chief Sullivan could also attend at this time. Deb will ask Bret if he can also be in attendance.

New Business:

Correspondence: Selectmen reviewed the State of NH, DRA official notification of equalized values, total equalized valuation for the Town of Bennington is 151,906,410.

Final Wastewater Asset Management Program Report from UE was provided for review.

ARP funds were discussed as a possible use for wastewater new meters, the State has not finalized what projects are acceptable and not.

Deb reported that water bills were mailed out today

Selectmen discussed Dee helping to get the Records for the Tri-Town together, minutes, contracts, maps etc. and where it is tracked each towns consumption to date.

Selectmen discussed and all agreed, John Plourde could start working for the Highway Department contingent upon a good background check. Dwayne Searles will start working for the Transfer Station as well, contingent upon a clean background check.

Selectman Foster discussed posting the Chief of Police position. Selectmen discussed this, an advertisement will be provided to the Monadnock Ledger, the Website, and NHLGC.

Review/Approve/Signatures:

Hardwick Trust – CU Application

Contract for Mowing Services – Pleasant Pond Landscaping

Payroll Register – April 22, 2021 & April 29

Accounts Payable Register – April 22

Abby Hamilton, Monadnock Ledger/Transcript – Ms. Hamilton was present and inquired about the recent turnover of employees.

Chairman Cleary reported the Town is moving in a different direction at this time. Matt Blanchard was promoted within, and is the Road Agent; Debra Davidson has been appointed as the interim Town Administrator, June 1 Cathy McGillicuddy will start as the Administrative Assistant/Tax Collector/PD Secretary. Brett Sullivan, has resigned and will be assuming a position in Hancock. Next week the Board will be meeting with the Selectmen of Hancock and explore regionalization. This is being looked at only because of receiving Chief Sullivan's resignation. Cleary stated, Conval needs to review their budgets and realize they need to reduce spending. Hamilton thanked the Selectboard and left the meeting at this time.

Selectman Hardwick reminded Deb, that Frankestown and Antrim pay 40% of many of the Tri-Town expenses. Hardwick also reminded Deb to get together the Tri-Town minutes, contracts, maps and each town's consumption to date.

Cleary mentioned Matt Blanchard is going to have to prioritize the culverts, making sure they are all cleaned and ready for fall.

Selectman Foster discussed he felt strongly the Chief of Police position needs to be advertised. Discussion followed. The position will be advertised in the Ledger, on the website and on the LGC portal.

With nothing further the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson