

Bennington Board of Selectmen
May 26, 2021 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

In accordance with RSA91A:3 II (a) Cleary motioned to enter into a non public session. Seconded by Hardwick and Foster. All in favor.

At 7:20 pm, Chairman Cleary reconvened the public portion of this meeting. Seconded by Hardwick and Foster. All in favor.

Upon re-entering the public meeting, Chairman Cleary announced that Sullivan and LePine will be remaining on the Bennington Police Force.

Chief Sullivan spoke to the facts he and LePine both love the Town of Bennington, they do a lot that is behind the scenes and that money is not a driving force here. It was explained that Bret will be a part time Chief, LePine will be full time, LePine may have a change in his hours, further stating the resident's best interest will always be first.

Sullivan said that the employees in the town all work well together, it is a family type environment and going forward we want to keep it that way. Understanding this time has been hard on everyone, not being able to speak about anything due to personnel matters, but this will go forward in a very positive way.

Questions followed, everyone appeared to be supportive of this decision and glad to understand there is a plan.

Mark Makesy asked how did we get here and continued with discussion about ConVal School District. Questioning if leaving ConVal and joining a different district could be an option.

Chairman Cleary stated that is a different animal and needs to be addressed, that the State needs to be held accountable also.

Resident, Steve Osienski stated he could speak to this exact option was reviewed approximately 5 years ago. It is nearly cost- prohibitive to leave the ConVal contract.

Chairman Cleary reiterated, the Selectmen always have the town's best interest in the forefront and appreciate everyone coming to the meeting and stepping up.

Brief discussion about the Selectmen's Advisory Board followed.

Nothing further the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson