

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

Present: James Cleary, David Hardwick, David Foster

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 Pm.

Appointments: There were no appointments

Minutes: Chairman Cleary motioned to accept the June 22, 2021 Selectboard Meeting Minutes, with a minor change on J Pearle's name. Seconded by Dave Hardwick and Dave Foster. All in favor.

Financial: Payroll Register – 7/1 – Fire Dept., & other departments
A/P Registers – 7/1 – Library & Departments

Library – Deb asked about the money for the library from the David Glynn Trust. Chairman Cleary explained how he understands it to be allocated.

Old Business:

Cupola – Guyer Roofing looked at the Cupola on Tuesday, July 6 and will get back to the office with their proposal; Primex was also here and took photos, they had many questions.

VFW – Chairman Cleary reported he met with Mike Young, who is going to do the repairs. The handicapped ramp needs to be completely redone to meet codes. Young is going to provide Cleary a price, in turn, Cleary will present it to the Board.

New Business:

Sawyer Park - Tyler McLure asked to reserve Sawyer Field on Saturday, July 10, 2021 between 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. The purpose is for a fundraiser for a local person who has passed away and the family has no funds for the funeral.

Selectmen all support this event.

Selectmen discussed Tyler has done a great job with improvements to the field, and appreciate the considerations.

Gazebo – There was some vandalism at the gazebo. It was reported to the police. Steps to address vandalism and deterring this in the future are being taken.

Dogs at large – Discussion regarding dogs at large followed. Police will be notified, as they are the animal control agents.

Bridge Street Recovery – Facility is officially open.

ARPA – More information on this grant is needed, the fine details haven't been totally released. We will see if new meters for the Water & Sewer Department may qualify. August 15th is the deadline. Deb will ask Keith Nason for any assistance he may have.

Meeting dates - Selectmen discussed changing meetings to bi-weekly for the summer months. Motion by Chairman Cleary to meet on a bi-weekly schedule until further notice. Seconded by Hardwick and Foster. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dept. Head Updates: Weekly work sheet from Road Agent, Matt Blanchard was reviewed by all Selectmen. Chairman Cleary reported to the other board members, the loader needed hoses replaced, and also the diversion box on the backhoe let go. The price for a new one is \$1,900.00. Cleary let the other board members know, Matt did call him, he gave Matt permission to go forward with the repairs. Mike Richardson will be doing the repairs.

Correspondence: Nothing

Review/Approve/Signatures:

Driveway Permit - Carey Holter – M 12 – Lot 1-B1, Onset Road, \$1500.00 bond was provided, Selectmen approved the driveway permit.

Building Permit – Sara Adams, M 15-L 2, 174 Bible Hill Road. Demolition and Building Permit. Selectmen approved the permit.

Cleaning bids – One bid was received, Selectmen reviewed the bid, they have made no decision at this time.

Vacation Request – Deb requested the week of July 12, 2021 - Selectmen approved the request.

Appointment – Conservation Commission-Patricia Long, Selectmen signed the appointment.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator