

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

Present: James Cleary, David Hardwick, David Foster

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

Appointments: There were no appointments

Minutes: July 6, 2021 Selectboard Meeting Minutes were accepted as written.

Financial: Payroll Register – 7/08, 7/15, 7/22 –Departments
A/P Register – 6/23, 7/08, 7/15, 7/22 – Library & Departments

Old Business:

Cupola – No update at this time. Deb Davidson will follow-up with Guyer Roofing

VFW – Mike Young is working on a price, it will be a little more involved than originally thought.

New Business:

VFW – Conservation Commission is scheduled to paint the interior on July 24, if necessary they will finish on the 25th any volunteers are welcomed.

Street Light – A resident asked about the streetlight that was removed near 48 Greenfield Road, Selectmen discussed this. There was a Street Light Committee formed years ago, there was a public meeting and this light was voted to be removed.

Purple Heart Signage – Selectmen discussed the Purple Heart signs, the signage will be removed from the Town Signs and placed nearby, on galvanized posts.

Resignation - Selectmen reviewed the resignation from John Plourde. Chairman Cleary motioned to accept John Plourde's resignation. Seconded by Dave Hardwick. Selectmen unanimously accepted the resignation, John's last day will be July 30, 2021.

Monadnock Papermill Inspection Notice - Selectmen reviewed an inspection notice from the DES, having inspected Monadnock Paper Mill Lagoon Dam. The notice shall be placed on file in the assessment file.

Audit Report – Selectmen reviewed the DRAFT audit report for tax liens & warrants for January 1, 2021 – April 8, 2021, as well as the Independent Auditor's DRAFT Report.

Sawyer Field – Avenue A will be using Sawyer Field on August 6, they are performing a play, free to the community. The play will start at 6:00 pm. They are using the area near the flagpole. On August 7, the men’s softball league will be holding a tournament at Sawyer Field between the hours of 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Selectman Foster provided signage to be put on the tree side of Sawyer field. The signs are indicating “No Parking, Fire Zone – will be towed”. Matt Blanchard will be asked to install the signs.

Dept. Head Updates: Weekly work sheet from Matt; Reminder to be provided to Matt, Culvert on Durgin Road, Berm across from Newhall Field, Purple Heart signs, and the driveway on Bible Hill Road.

Right to Know request - Right to Know request from Abbe Hamilton has been prepared – a charge \$104.50 for copies or she can sit in the office and review the prepared documents. Abbe has chosen to review the documents in the office, she will be here on Thursday.

ARPA – Deb Davidson is continuing to work on the grant

Review/Approve/Signatures:

Cemetery Deed – C. Woods, Transferring to just C. Woods

Cemetery Deed – Belcher

Tree work estimate - Cemetery Trustees submitted an estimate for Tree Work to be done. The estimate is \$4500.00, Selectmen discussed this and asked if Karen Belcher could call them to discuss possible others who may provide a bid.

Non-Public - 6:17 PM – in accordance with RSA 91A:3, II(b) – Hiring of any person as a public employee, motion by Chairman Cleary to enter into a non-public session, seconded by Selectman Hardwick. All in favor.

6:40 pm Chairman Cleary motioned to enter out of the non-public session, seconded by Selectman Hardwick & Foster. All in favor.

Decision: To offer part time work, one or two days per week, to Fran McMahon and to offer the full-time position to DJ Wing.

Adjournment - With nothing further motion by Chairman Cleary to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hardwick & Foster. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm – The next scheduled Selectmen’s Meeting will be held on August 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm.