

**Bennington Board of Selectmen**  
**August 3, 2021 6:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**Present:** James Cleary, David Hardwick, David Foster

**Appointments:** No appointments

**Minutes:** Friday, July 23, 2021 minutes accepted as written

**Financial:** Payroll Register  
A/P Register –

**Old Business: Cupola** – Guyer roofing was here today, they will provide us with two different quotes. We should receive them next week. There is a bat infestation in the attic of the building that needs to be addressed. Someone will be here Thursday to inspect and provide a quote. Deb will see if it can somehow be covered under the insurance claim.

**VFW** – Conservation Commission has one more weekend of painting, it looks great. Leak in two spots in the ceiling. Norm Mercier has provided a bid to paint the VFW, Chairman Cleary will ask if he can also look at the roof.

**New Business: Cleaning Services** – Two bids were received - McGurty & Patricia Long/Becky Lambert. No decision made at this time. Deb Davidson will contact McGurty to see what a bi-weekly price would be.

**Employment** - D. J. Wing has been hired to work for the highway department, he is going to start on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Gary Russell is going to work part-time until the end of august. Fran McMahon is also going to be available to help one day/week. The Selectmen discussed several projects that Matt will be addressing over the next few weeks.

**Projects** – Fire Department Retaining wall

Training on the truck

Berm & Tree removal on Bible Hill Rd.

Durgin Rd. Culvert

Mow brush

Recommended Road Scholar classes & NHMA classes for Matt Blanchard

**Dept. Head Updates:** Fire Chief, Dave Foster reported TDS has completed the sight survey of the Fire Station, Zack Anderson met with them. They are going to install fiber optics. Foster also asked if Norm Mercier could look at the rotted wood and paint the trim at the Fire Station when he is working on the VFW.

**Capital Reserve Funds:** discussion of how to distribute Capital Reserve Funds was discussed. Deb Davidson will contact the Auditor for verification of the process.

**Sawyer Field** – Selectmen reviewed the survey for Sawyer Field that is have on file. There is an area that trees can be removed and provide more room for parking.

**4 S. Bennington Road** – John Kendall will work on the Zoning Application with Dennis Vergato. This needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

**Correspondence:**

- Memo from Cemetery Trustees regarding the quote for tree removal explaining there was only two bids received, it is to remove 6-8 trees, the project was awarded to Andrew Grant the price is \$4,500.00
- Letter from David McKenzie re: speed on Gillis Hill Road – Selectmen will have Matt Blanchard post a “Blind Driveway” sign near McKenzie property.
- Letter from NH DES looking for Tri-Town post closure reports for 2020, the report was due March 31, it has been forwarded to Dave Alwin from Santac who is going to complete it and return the report to the NH DES, no fines at this time.
- Letter from Hillsborough Senior Services regarding 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Town of Hillsborough in 2022. Inquiring if Bennington would like to participate in the celebration by honoring Bennington’s eldest resident.
- ARPA initial grant application has been filed.

**Review/Approve/Signatures:**

- Cemetery Plot approval – Roger Brooks
- Abatements – Tomm Connor, M 3 Lot 33 \$1,219.20;
- Building Permits – Bramley – Demo permit and a new Garage
- Sawyer field Draft Facility Use Contract, Sawyer Field Policy and Alcohol Permit to be reviewed by BOS – This was tabled
- DOT notice of Highway Block Grant funds for 21-22

**Other:** Selectmen would like to meet with Mat & DJ on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Deb will reach out to Matt and schedule a time that they can both be at the meeting.

Selectman Foster let us know that he has another commitment and will not be available to meet on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

With nothing further the meeting adjourned at 6:57pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator