

Bennington Board of Selectmen
September 14, 2021 6:00 PM
Meeting Agenda

Present: James Cleary, David Hardwick, David Foster

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Hearing - 6:00 PM – in accordance with RSA 31:95-b the Public Hearing was opened. Motion by Cleary to accept unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$158,710.00, these funds are associated with the 2021 federal grant monies under the American Rescue Plan Act. The funds are to be used to the intended purposes only. The intended purpose is for the upgrade and improvements of infrastructure upgrade. Seconded by Selectman Hardwick. Brief discussion regarding the use of these funds followed.

Motion was accepted.

Appointments: Road Agent Matt Blanchard was here to update selectmen. Matt reported that DJ has passed his written portion of the CDL test. He is now driving to gain some experience before taking the driving test.

They have been ditching, working on the backhoe. Fran McMahon is still coming in and helping out. They are going to start on the culvert on Durgin Road tomorrow. Paving in two weeks will start on Durgin Road. The cost is \$54,800 +/-, there is \$61,000 +/- remaining in the line item. Desauliners will have 30' paved, whatever the addition cost is they have agreed to pay.

The jersey barriers have ordered, they will be here on Thursday and he is working with Mike Young to get the handicap ramp removed and the jersey barriers installed.

Matt would like to go look at the Fire Station retaining wall with the Board of Selectmen at some point. It will be single block high and a cap.

Trucks are running great, DJ is a great worker and they are doing well together.

Selectmen suggested York raking the roads before winter. Matt said this is on the list, there has been a lot of rain and the roads need raking.

Minutes: Selectmen read and accepted the minutes of 9/7/21

Financial: 9/9/21 Payroll Register was signed

Old Business: Cupola – Serve Pro was here, they will come back to give a price for bat guano after the roof is done and bats have left or been removed. The ladder they brought was not tall enough to get into the space so they did not go in and take any photos.

Guyer Roofing will be here in the next two weeks with a lift to take a good look at the cupola. Selectmen mentioned to be sure they look at and repair the membrane inside the cupola and if they can ask if they will remove the old alarm and replace it with a new one.

Vergato ZBA Hearing is scheduled for 9/20/2021

VFW – Chairman Cleary hasn't had a chance to speak with Steve Roy regarding the piano, he will get back to us on this.

Steve Frosch will do the repair to the roof, labor at no charge, the town is getting the materials.

Bible Hill Culvert near Cemetery update – Chairman Cleary said it is all new and seems fine. Matt will double check, it might need to be back trucked.

Driveway 54 Onset Rd. – Update per Code Officer, John Kendall – John said that Mr. Holter can't get his driveway bond back yet. Though Road Agent, Matt Blanchard had signed off on it, at the very least, a landscape paving apron needs to be installed. Kendall reported he is ok with that, that will prevent erosion issues, the driveway is too steep, crushed gravel and not to driveway specs. Kendall will sign off on the driveway if the landscape paving is done, no building permits will be issued and the driveway won't be signed off on by Code Officer.

New Business: Selectman Foster reported that the NHFA Inspections are scheduled for tomorrow, he asked Town Administrator, Deb Davidson to contact Amer Electric to get the fire alarms done as well.

Review/Approve/Signatures: Contract for Jane Sanders – she will be doing the town's title search for the upcoming liens.

Building Permits – Gagan & Bridge Street Bennington

Town Administrator asked for vacation the week of September 27, 2021. Selectmen approved this request.

With nothing further, at 6:29 PM, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be September 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator

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