

Bennington Board of Selectmen
October 26, 2021 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present: James Cleary, David Hardwick, David Foster

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

Appointments: 6:00 pm Sargent LePine was in attendance with his family and friends. Chief Sullivan was also present. Chief Sullivan thanked LePine for his years of service to the Town of Bennington, further stating how proud of LePine he was. Chief Sullivan further stated that LePine has worked hard, it hasn't been easy and it will get harder. Chief Sullivan indicated he knows there is a lot of positive excitement within the public. LePine has a good feel for the community and with that, Chief Sullivan congratulated LePine on the new position as Chief of Police for the Town of Bennington.

Chairman Cleary read the Oath of Office to LePine, after the signing of the Oath of Office LePine said a few words of gratitude. At this time Mrs. LePine pinned her husband with his new Chief of Police Badge.

Minutes: Motion by Chairman Cleary to accept the minutes of October 12, 2021 as written. 2nd by Selectman Hardwick. All in favor, motion passed. Minutes accepted

Financial: Selectmen reviewed and signed the Payroll Register and Accounts Payable Registers. Budgets – Selectmen discussed how the budgets have been presented in the past, and they will begin working on them in two weeks.

Departments: DPW has replaced and repaved Durgin Road. DJ Wing has passed all necessary requirements and has obtained his CDL.

Old Business: Cupola – Guyer & Sons waiting for a part for the hydraulics on the boom, Deb was instructed to call them tomorrow and see where they stand

New Business: Time Line for budgets was discussed.

Miscellaneous: Boston Post Cane – John Ferrante, 93, Deb will contact Maryanne Hammond.

Cemetery- The Conservation Commission asked that the Selectmen accept this resolution and designate the property on Old Stagecoach Road between the two cemeteries as a "Town

Forest” after a clear title is obtained. The Commission would like to make the property on Old Stagecoach Road accessible to the residents, but it is unclear to the Commission if the town owns the parcel. To correct this, the Commission passed this resolution. *MOTION by Jon Manley, seconded by Joe MacGregor “The Conservation Commission requests the Board of Selectmen designate the property on Old Stagecoach Road between the two cemeteries as a “Town Forest” after the Board has obtained clear title to the parcel.”*

Selectmen discussed this request, the property can be walked anytime, it is a Town Parcel. Discussion followed that the land is for cemetery expansion and will remain as such, it is not to be considered “Town Forest”, the Town Forest is in the Bruce Edes Forest.

VFW – 4-H leader, Aimee Mullahy reached out to use the VFW on Thursdays from 10 – noon

Painting is moving along, Norm Mercier is doing a great job, taking it down to bare wood, putting the primer on and the final coat will be done in the spring. Both doors are going to be replaced.

The VFW needs a new hot water heater, Deb was instructed to contact Jarvis Adams.

The Bridal Wreath Spirea bush has been cut, this was donated in honor of Bruce Edes. The bush will be replaced in the spring.

T/H Rental - A resident requested to use the Town Hall Gym on December 11, 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Selectmen approved this request.

Review/Approve/Signatures: Pole License – Eversource

Other: Selectmen requested a list of town properties for their next meeting.

With nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 7:08pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on November 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator