

Bennington Board of Selectmen
December 28, 2021 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present: James Cleary, David Foster

Absent: Dave Hardwick

Appointments: 6:00 – Budget Committee – Judy Heddy & John Baybutt were present, though the entire Budget Committee was present however a brief budget discussion followed. The Budget Committee was happy with the proposed budget at this time. They had a couple questions, one was about our modification factor for Workers Comp., the other was an insurance question. Selectmen and Budget Committee that was present discussed meeting at a time more convenient for everyone, this is an effort to allow input from the entire Committee. It was mentioned that Rick Reed had called the office and due to personal reasons he isn't able to participate like he would like to. Brief discussion followed, he has a lot to offer so at this time, his position will not be filled.

At this time everyone agreed to find a time that is more convenient for all members of the Budget Committee and meet again within the next week or two. Deb Davidson will notify everyone when the meeting time will be.

Minutes: Chairman Cleary motioned to accept the minutes of December 21, 2021 as written, Seconded by David Foster.

Financial: Selectmen signed the Payroll Register
 Selectmen signed the A/P Register

Old Business: Town Office - Bat Guano quotes – JP Pest does not do insulation at this time. Motion by Chairman Cleary to award the job to Matt Harwood as per his quote with the revisions as requested by the Board. Seconded by Selectman Foster. Brief discussion, Selectmen would like to have Matt Harwood spray a neutralizer prior to installing the insulation. Motion accepted.

1st Deliberative Session – Wed., February 9, 2022 @ 7:00 pm – Pierce School

ConVal is Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Review/Approve/Signatures: NHGFOA - Selectmen discussed the NHGFOA Certificate Program Deb Davidson has requested to attend. Selectmen agreed to let her take this program in 2022. The application was signed by Chairman Cleary.

Invoices: Fire Chief, Dave Foster submitted two invoices for radios, this is the 5% match from the Town, the remainder of the invoice was paid with a grant.

Correspondence: Selectmen reviewed a letter from the State of NH Dept. of Safety discussing the price for detail duty increased to \$84.00/hour with a minimum of 4 hours, effective January 14, 2022.

Encumber Funds: Motion by Chairman Cleary to encumber the \$45,000 for the purpose of addressing deferred maintenance. A contract with Advanced Paving has been entered into and is fully executed. Seconded by Selectman Foster. Voted affirmatively.

With nothing further at this time the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noticed.

Respectfully,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator