

Bennington Board of Selectmen

June 1, 2021 6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: James Cleary, David Hardwick, David Foster

Deb Davidson, taking minutes

Residents: David Bergeron & Heather Vanderpool

Keene Sentinel: Molly Bolan

At 6:03 Selectman Cleary made a motion to open the meeting. Seconded by Hardwick and Foster.

Appointments: 6:15 – Sargent LePine was present and discussed Officer Milton who has been offered a position in a neighboring town. LePine advocated for an increase in pay for Milton to retain his employment with the Town of Bennington. Milton cannot work more than 1300 hours/year, LePine requested an increase from \$23.00/hour to \$26.00/hour. A brief discussion followed.

Motion: Chairman Cleary motioned to increase Lester Milton's hourly wage to \$26.00/hour effective the next pay period. Seconded by Hardwick. All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding Chief Sullivan followed, the State of Emergency will continue for two more weeks. However, Sullivan does need to take 28 days in an effort not to upset his retirement. He will be back on July 1. LePine said he has reached out to some officers in the area who are interested in working for Bennington on a part-time basis. Dave Bell has also made the decision to stay on part-time and will be picking up two-three shifts per month.

Minutes: May 25, 2021 Selectboard Meeting Minutes were accepted as written

May 26, 2021 Selectboard Meeting Minutes were accepted as written

Deb mentioned that it was brought to her attention the Minutes for March 2, 2021 are the same as the Minutes for March 30, 2021, there are no minutes to be found for March 23, 2021. This will be looked into.

Financial: Payroll Register – June 3, 2021
A/P Registers we approved

Old Business: Cupola – No update

New Business:

Dept. Head Updates:

Correspondence:

Review/Approve/Signatures:

Resident, David Bergeron asked about the Bridge Street Recovery Program, specifically asking what type of a program this is.

Chairman Cleary explained it is a transitional housing program, it is for those who have already completed a 28-day program and are working towards living independently.

Bergeron stated he was glad to hear this, and glad to hear who the operators of the program were.

Selectmen discussed Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride and would like a meeting on June 8, 2021 with Keith Nason, EMD; John Kendall, Code Officer and Jason Perle of Crotched Mountain to discuss going forward and what is expected next winter and what needs improvements this summer.

Keene Sentinel Reporter, Molly Bolan inquired as to the goal of the Selectmen with the Police Department going forward? Chairman Cleary explained the goal is to move forward with the current staff, hoping to hire some part-time officers.

Nothing further, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:33PM. Hardwick seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator