

Bennington Board of Selectmen
January 17, 2023 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman, James Cleary, Tom James, David Foster

Chairman Cleary called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Appointments: There were no scheduled appointments

Minutes: Chairman Cleary motioned to accept the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of 1/3/23, as well as the Budget Hearing Minutes of 1/10/23. Seconded by Selectmen Foster and James. Minutes accepted as written.

Financial: Selectmen reviewed and signed Payroll Registers for the weeks of 1/19/23; 1/5/23 and 1/12/23

Selectmen reviewed and signed the A/P Registers for the weeks of 1/12/23 and 1/5/23

New Business: Budget –

- **CRF** – Discussion regarding the warrant article for putting “excess funds” into a newly established CRF. Per the DRA, Jamie Dow, we cannot put donations/fundraising monies into a CRF, does the board want to proceed with Sawyer Field. Brief discussion followed, Selectmen will table this Warrant Article and the Warrant Article for the 2042 Town Celebration CRF. At this time both will be withdrawn from the warrant.
- **Fire Truck** – Fire Truck details must be to the office by Monday, January 23, 2023 or the article needs to be withdrawn. The article, and the warrant needs to be finalized.

Building Permit -

- **Martel** – Selectmen reviewed and signed a building permit for Peter Martel, Map 7 Lot 47

Other Business:

- **Snow Removal** – Selectmen discussed Mathewson indicated they will clean up Sawyer Field in the spring. They will no longer push snow across the Town road from Harris’
- **Radios** – Jeff Danforth asked Selectman Foster if he could come into the Police Station after the meeting to discuss a radio question.

- **Tax Collector** – There are two properties that had Deed Waivers. However, discussion followed regarding one of the property owners has followed up with the state and has been making consistent payments, though this property is very far behind. But they are trying. The other property owner has had no contact with the Tax Collector, and has not followed through with the Covid Relief funds from the State. Letters will be mailed (certified) to both property owners notifying them that the deeding process will begin if nothing is done to rectify the situation. One hasn't made any payment since 2017, this has gone far too long without any action.
- **Default Budget** – Selectmen signed the Default Budget.
- **Intent to cut** – Selectmen signed an intent to cut for Forever Forests LLC.
- **SUV** – there was a discussion regarding the Fire Departments acquisition of a 2023 Chevy Tahoe, the price is \$40,889. It is being outfitted and getting ready for purchase. It will be paid for out of the Fire Departments CRF.
- **Fishing Derby** – Selectmen discussed the fishing derby, held the 4th Saturday of April – it is held for kids under 16 years old, it is at the fishing hole on Bible Hill Road. Jim Griswald is the contact for this event, Town Administrator will contact Mr. Griswald and see that it is better advertised for the new residents in town who are unfamiliar with the event.

Selectmen had nothing further to discuss. Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm, Seconded by Selectman James, the next Selectman's meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator