

Bennington Board of Selectmen
February 21, 2023 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

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

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Appointments:

- **6:00 – Matthew Harwood** – discussion of elevator project – Mr. Harwood called and cancelled his appointment, he will reschedule. He was provided Chairman Cleary's phone number.

6:15 pm Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn this portion of the Selectmen's Meeting to hold the Public Hearing on Keno. Seconded by James and Foster.

7:01 pm – Chairman Cleary motioned to re-open the Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Foster and James.

Though Mr. Harwood was not present, Selectman Foster has moved forward with the Sprinkler System of the Town Hall building. Using Hampshire Fire Protection out of Dublin. It was agreed, using local business is good practice. The engineer will be on site next Thursday, March 2, 2023 to review the project more closely. JCL will also be present on Thursday with Zach Anderson – the drawings show a 6" line which goes towards 202. A discussion of cutting out the curb stop and making a retaining wall, providing additional public parking makes sense at this time, Selectmen all agreed this would be a good idea to follow through with. Foster indicated Sprinkler System is planned to have a start date towards the end of March, or the beginning of April.

- **7:00 – Jim & Robin Mose** – Mr. & Mrs. Mose were before the Board to discuss the purchase of land they have recently made in Greenfield. They would like to know how to go about accessing this property through Bennington. Selectmen briefly discussed this, they assured Mr. & Mrs. Mose the Bennington Board of Selectmen have no problem letting them access their property in Greenfield via Dodge Road in Bennington. The Board is familiar with the property and had made this same agreement with John & Brenda Paradise. The Board wished the Mose's the best.

Minutes: Selectmen reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of January 31, 2023, February 8, 2023, February 10, 2023. Chairman Cleary moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Selectman James. Motion approved.

Financial: Payroll Registers – 2/9/23; 2/16/23
A/P Register – 2/2/23; 2/2/23; 2/9/23; 2/16/23

New Business:

- Eastern Analytical, Inc. Quote(s) were reviewed and approved
- Bennington Sustainability Committee Appointments were signed for James Cleary, Molly Eppig, Mike Munhall, Dave McKenzie, Debra Davidson
- Bruce Edes letters – Joe McGregor asked Deb Davidson for copies of the award letters for the Bruce Edes scholarships. Deb said she would get them to Joe ASAP.
- Sawyer Field – Selectmen signed a facility use application for the Rhubarb Festival, Scheduled for June 1 – June 5. They discussed grants and signage for Sawyer field. Further discussion on the policy for Sawyer Field will be on the agenda until it is finalized.
- DRAFT Town Report – Selectmen were provided a DRAFT Town Report to review.

Selectman/Fire Chief, David Foster –

- **Fire Dept. Applicants** - changing hats, Selectman Foster presented three applications for the Fire Department. Selectmen reviewed the three applications and approved them all pending background checks.
- **Fire Station Modifications** – Foster presented a quote for modifications to the Fire Station; the modifications would provide more office space and more adequate storage for the Fire Department. Selectmen discussed this quote, which is much more in line with what they had thought. Selectmen would like to have a drawing so they can have a visual before any work begins or any final approvals.

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary adjourned the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:27 pm. Seconded by Foster and James. The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator