

Bennington Board of Selectmen

July 10, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman, James Cleary, Tom James, Tony Parisi

Others Present: Road Agent, Matthew Blanchard; Town Administrator, Deb Davidson

Chairman Cleary called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Appointments:

6:15 – Ernest Giovelli – Concerns re: Gillis Hill Rd. & his driveway. It was discussed that before anything can be properly addressed things need to dry out.

Matt asked who was doing the traffic study? No one had contacted the Town, usually the DOT would contact someone to let them know, but this is not a state road. Matt will look for a tag and/or ask Keith Nason.

Mr. Giovelli would like to see Gillis Hill Rd. paved. Matt explained that even if the road is paved, it would still need proper drainage, larger drainage would allow the water to flow freely. Similar to Bible Hill Road. However, it is a very big job and it would have to be hired out, using the proper equipment etc. Drainage and underdrain will be the largest expense of this road. Matt reiterated, again it is a big job and would need to be outsourced.

Lengthy discussion of options followed.

Mr. Giovelli's final comment was that he was glad to hear the board of selectmen are looking to the future and will be thinking of how to repair Gillis Hill Road, preferably he would like to see it paved.

Chairman Cleary thanked Mr. Giovelli for coming in.

Matt Blanchard discussed damage to Mountain Road with the Board. There is a significant amount of damage. Matt is unable to make a diagnosis at this time, there is too much water flowing on the lower end and he can't see into the culvert on the higher end yet.

6:30 - Scott Liljeberg –

In accordance with RSA 91A, II (c) – motion by Chairman Cleary to enter into a non-public session. Seconded by Selectmen James & Parisi.

6:57 - Motion by Chairman Cleary to enter out of the non-public session.

Decision: Selectmen were in agreement with the offer presented and will move forward with the lot to Mr. Durgin for \$3,000.00.

Trees - they are on their way. Any extra funds will be to purchase flowers and an additional tree or two.

Recreation shed – there is a little leak near the doors. With plywood flooring in the shed, the leak needs to be rectified. Selectman James will ask Ron McLure to look at it, who said it can easily be repaired. Shed may be moved in the near future.

Town Signs – 5 signs need to be replaced, Selectmen will put this in the 2024 budget. Pricing will be provided to the Selectmen in the near future.

Fence – Town Administrator will ask Primex where the funds are for this claim, then the fences will be repaired.

Gazebo – Selectboard and/or Historical society should install a bronze plaque recognizing Ron McLure who built the Gazebo.

Bricks – all have been installed and set that were originally ordered.

Minutes: June 26, 2023 minutes were accepted with the change of Selectmen are not supportive of birthday parties at Whittemore Lake.

Financial: Payroll Registers 6/29/23, 7/6/23 and Accounts Payable Registers 6/29/2023, 6/30/23 being approved.

Other:

Sprinkler System – The system is completed, waiting for Amer Electric to do the work to connect to the security system. Amer Electric is scheduled to be here on July 31. After that is connected, the test run will be done by Life Safety.

Elevator – Scheduled to be delivered by the end of the month.

Town Hall Updates – Matt Harwood has purchased a sump pump for the basement and will be installing it. He recommended purchasing a good dehumidifier as well. Selectmen approved this.

Selectmen asked about the handicapped ramp and bathroom. Town Administrator, Deb Davidson will contact Matt Harwood and follow up on these two items.

David Glynn Estate – The estate is nearly completed, the Estate will be withholding funds until the final IRS Tax payment is made, the final check to the Town will be forthcoming at that time.

JP Pest Agreement – Selectmen reviewed and discussed the proposal from JP Pest. Motion by Chairman Cleary to accept the agreement for bat removal and remediation of \$1,463.00, which is a one-time payment, sealing the building as best as they can, installing a one way door and the quote includes a 5 year warranty. Seconded by Parisi & James.

SRE, LLC DRAFT Lease – the draft has been edited by insurance and attorney, the lease has also been sent to SRE.

Intent to Excavate – Craig – M10 L 47 & 47A

Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) – L. Blanchard

Map 12 Lot 10 – Campbell

PA-28 – will not be using in 2024

Culvert Replacement – DES information – culvert on the bridge is scheduled to be replaced in August.

Tri-Town Landfill, Second Wind proposal - Selectmen reviewed the proposals, discussion followed. The agreement was signed by Chairman Cleary.

Newsletter – Discussion regarding allowing the volunteer who has come forward to do the next newsletter. She would like to do them quarterly. A gmail account will be set up for her use. Motion by Chairman Cleary to have the newsletter in a PDF and uploaded to the website and/or facebook pages. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & James.

With nothing further Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm. The next Selectmen’s Meeting will be Monday July 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Paddleboard – Selectman James inquired about a paddleboard for the lifeguard. Town Administrator will contact Bethany Craig and ask where it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator