

Bennington Board of Selectmen

August 21, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman, James Cleary, Tony Parisi

Absent: Tom James

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Appointments: 6:15 – Matt Blanchard –

6:15 pm - In accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Chairman Cleary motioned to enter into a non-public meeting. Seconded by Selectman Parisi.

6:45 pm - Motion by Chairman Cleary to come out of the non-public session. Seconded by Selectman Parisi.

Decision: To offer a full-time position to Curtis Dude 20 hours per week at the Highway Department, 20 hours per week at the Transfer Station. Curtis will be hired at \$21.00/hour, full benefits and will further oversee the Transfer Station as the Supervisor. Mr. Dude will begin full-time employment on October 1, 2023.

Hours of the transfer station were discussed. October 1, 2023

Further decision is to provide Douglas Wing, Jr. with an increase of pay to \$23.50 or .62 cents per hour. DJ has proven himself to be a valuable employee and should be recognized as such.

Another item Matt discussed was the Clean Fleets Grant, Matt provided quotes on two vehicles. The grant will be submitted as soon as possible. The grant, if awarded, will pay for 80% of the cost of the new vehicle. The cost to the town for the vehicle will be 20%.

Minutes: Chairman Cleary motioned to accept the minutes of August 7, 2023 as written, seconded by Selectman Parisi

Financial:

- Selectmen approved Payroll Registers and Accounts payable registers for the weeks of 7/27/23, 8/3/23

- Year to date budget was available for Selectboard to review

Other:

- **Intent to cut** – Map 5 Lot 3 - Approved
- **Driveway permits** – Map R1 Lot 33; Map 17 Lot 5 - Approved
- **Building permits** – Map 23 Lot 1-8 - Approved
- **Eversource** – Tree Removal Request – Chairman Cleary signed the request
- **Sawyer Field Facility Use Contract** – August 25 & August 26 – Approved. If a snow fence is installed, it is to be removed after the event.
- **Conservation Commission** – Investments – Selectmen discussed the request from the Conservation Commission to invest their funds. Motion by Chairman Cleary to have the Conservation Commission invest their funds as they and the Trustees of Trust Funds deem the most fiscally responsible manner. Seconded by Selectman Parisi.
- **2022 MS-535** – Prepared by the Auditors, Plodzick & Sanderson, approved by Selectmen Parisi and Chairman Cleary.
- **Contoocook & North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee Letter** – Joe McGregor is looking for Selectboard input on the river management plan. Selectmen reviewed the letter and asked it be reported to Mr. McGregor. They support this action.
- **NHDES violation** – 77 S. Bennington Road has had a wetlands violation incurred by the NHDES. The information will be reported to the Conservation Commission.
- **Tri-Town** – Discussed a meeting with Antrim and Frankestown. No definitive date was set at this time.
- **Conval** – request for dates for a public meeting to discuss budget with each town. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.
- **Handi-cap ramp update** – The contractor, Code Officer and concrete people will be here next week to discuss the best option for placement of the ramp. They will then present the quote to the Board of Selectmen.
- **Cupola update** – Matt Harwood has begun working on the painting and repairs to the cupola.

- **Vacation day request** – Town Administrator requested two days of vacation. Selectmen approved this request.

With nothing further Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Davidson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator