

Bennington Board of Selectmen

October 2, 2023

Meeting Minutes – 6:00 pm

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

Chairman Cleary motioned to open the meeting at 6:01 pm, seconded by Selectmen James & Parisi

Appointments:

6:15 Chief of Police, Jason LePine – Selectmen rescheduled the Chief of Police. Chief LePine will be rescheduled for October 16, 2023.

Minutes: Chairman Cleary motioned to accept the minutes of September 25, 2023 as written. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & James.

Financial: Selectmen signed the Payroll Register and A/P Register for the week of September 28, 2023.

Other:

- **Fencing update** – Chairman Cleary was unable to contact Crowe Fencing he will try again this week, Town Administrator will try again to get Cheshire Fence to give a price as well.
- **Trunk or Treat** – Selectman Parisi reported that Shelley Griswold, Kristin Parisi and Carrie Stokes have offered to oversee Trunk or Treat. They will be holding it at Newhall Field on Friday, October 27, 2023 between the hours 5:30 – 7:00 pm. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- **GASB Vote to increase line item** – T/H Building and Maintenance 01-4194-1-435. Motion by Chairman Cleary in accordance with GASB rules and with approval from the Auditor to move the previously voted increase, a \$2,500.00 donation to the town, from line item 01-4520-2-439 (REC Groundskeeping) to line item (T/H Building and Maintenance) 01-4194-1-435. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & James. The funds will increase the T/H Building and Maintenance line and has been used for the purchase of trees.

- **Fuel bid** – Selectmen received three bids for the 2023/2024 fuel season. The bids were opened and with a motion by Chairman Cleary to accept the bid from Ciardelli, the Town will stay with the current vendor. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Parisi & James. The three bids were:

Ciardelli - propane is at a fixed price of \$1.99/gallon, heating oil was a fixed price of \$3.649/gallon.

Dead River - propane was \$3.93/gallon inclusive of cost to swap tanks, heating oil was bid at \$3.773/gallon, inclusive of swapping tanks.

Superior Plus – Propane was a fixed price of \$3.199/gallon, heating oil was a fixed price of \$3.83/gallon.

- **Friday night music** – The Town Administrator reported, there has been one donation for \$100.00 to support the program. Selectman James was happy to hear this. Selectman James reported the Music Committee will be meeting Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Town Hall.
- **Covid** – The Town Administrator asked what, if any, were the Selectmen considering for Covid regulations. Brief discussion. It was unanimously decided to follow the CDC regulations at this time.

Selectmen would like to attend the Conval Consolidation Meeting, therefore with nothing further Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & James. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator