

## Bennington Board of Selectmen

April 24, 2023 6:00 PM

### Meeting Minutes

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

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.

**Appointments:** No appointments were scheduled for this meeting

**Minutes:** Chairman Cleary motioned to accept the meeting minutes of April 17, 2023 as written. Seconded by Selectman James.

**Financial:** Selectmen signed the Payroll Register for April 20, 2023 and the Accounts Payable Register for April 20, 2023.

#### New Business:

- ARPA funds are paying for the meters was discussed and explained to Selectman Parisi.
- Selectman James discussed the Conservation Commission recommended the town consider selling the Rockwell property, further identified as Map 17, Lot 29, which consists of 1.4 acres. Discussion followed. This property will be put out to bid. Bid opening date will be May 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm. As with other properties sold, a market analysis will be obtained.
- Selectman James discussed a Pollenating Garden that the Conservation Commission would like to establish. It is at the triangle on Bible Hill Road the town owns. There is some work needed, trees cut, stumps removed. A curb stop will be installed. Abutters will be notified. The town is the landowner of the small triangle. Selectmen support this project.
- It was brought to the Conservation Commission's attention a property identified as "Samuels property" has had damage done to it as a result of 4-wheelers. Pictures were provided. It is a concern the 4-wheeling is destroying the property. This will be tabled for the moment.

- Discussion followed regarding providing the Conservation Commission 100% of the Gravel Tax, Timber Tax and LUCT. Selectmen are in agreement of this, however it must be presented to the voters as a warrant article. The Conservation Commission currently gets 75% of the funds, a warrant article will be presented to voters in 2024 to change the amount of income for the Conservation Commission to be 100%.
- Brush on Antrim Rd. was discussed. Several complaints. Town Administrator was instructed to contact Road Agent and have him remove the tree.
- Sidewalk repair – discussion regarding the sidewalk near the library that needs repair followed. Decision to have the Road Agent repair it as soon as possible. If he needs to contract someone to do it, that is fine, it must be addressed.
- Chipper – discussion followed regarding the logistics of purchasing a chipper as opposed to renting one. No decisions were made.

### **Policies:**

Selectmen signed the following policies:

- Selectmen Duties & Guidelines
- Investment Policies
- Fund Balance Policy
- Chief of Police Expectations

### **Signatures:**

**Sawyer Field Usage Requests** – Croquette Club; 4-H Fun Nights

**Appointments:** Tom James as Conservation Commission Alt.; James Cleary as Planning Board; Tony Parisi as Selectman’s Advisory Committee Member; Several Forest Fire Warden appointments to be sent to the State.

**JCL Estimate for Water line** – Selectmen reviewed the estimate for the waterline from the main to the building, this will provide water for the sprinkler system. Discussion followed. Selectmen will get two additional bids. Chairman

Cleary will reach out to Steve Jones and David Desaulniers for quotes. A decision will be finalized in the next two weeks.

**Other:**

**On-Site evaluation report from NHDES re: Monadnock Papermill**

**Hazardous Waste Day** – May 7, 2023 8:30 – 12:30 in Hillsborough at the Transfer Station. Signage will be made available.

**Signage** – Town Administrator is working with Keith Nason on signage for the beach and Sawyer Field.

**Letter** – Selectmen read a letter from Sam Cohen who sent a letter to the Attorney General regarding the Selectmen's decision to change their meeting night. No discussion, no decision was made.

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi and James. The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Davidson".

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator