

# Bennington Board of Selectmen

Monday, April 22, 2024

Meeting Minutes – 6:00 pm

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

**Staff:** Deb Davidson, Town Administrator, Road Agent, Matt Blanchard

**Public:** Resident, Melissa Clark; Monadnock Ledger/Transcript, Jessica Timmons

Selectman Parisi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Seconded by Selectman James.

## Appointments:

### **6:00 – Signatures:**

- Selectmen reviewed and signed A/P & P/R manifests for the week of April 22, 2024
- Selectmen signed miscellaneous correspondence
- Two abatements were signed for water
- 1 Building permit
- Two veteran exemptions

Selectmen briefly discussed the future of recreation activities; no decisions were made at this time.

Selectmen briefly discussed appointments, Town Clerk, Deb Belcher will have them available for the next meeting.

### **6:15 – Tri-Town Meeting –**

Representing Antrim - Antrim Town Administrator, Donna Hanson, Selectmen, Bob Edwards & John Robinson, Michel Ott & Road Agent, Tyler Tomlin

Representing Frankestown – Frankestown Town Administrator, Jamie Pike, Selectmen, Scott Heath, Charlie Pyle, Karen Fitzgerald, Road Agent, Gary Paige

Chairman Cleary opened with thanking everyone who was in attendance. A map of the four phases of the Tri-Town pit was reviewed. Chairman Cleary and Bennington

Road Agent, Blanchard had been to the pit earlier in the day and estimate there is at least 5-8 years of gravel left in the first phase of the pit. There is no water on the site, with the exception of surface water. Francestown does crush on a yearly basis.

Discussion followed regarding having the property surveyed again and readdress where we stand with the removal. The agreement was reviewed, though there is time, the agreement may need to be updated. There have been no updates to the agreement since 1999, the current agreement is 40% Antrim, 40% Bennington and 20% Francestown.

There is a 6-year gap in the numbers that were reported from 1993-1999.

There is no reclamation plan in place at this time. It was agreed, the importance of having an updated survey and clarification of materials remaining. Road Agent, Paige stated that a lot of material is on site that could be used for the reclamation stage of phase 1.

How long testing is needed will be looked into and reported to each Town Administrator to report to their respective Boards.

Discussion of meeting at the site followed. It was agreed Selectmen will meet at the pit on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 8:00 am. Selectmen will form a committee from each town, committee members will be John Robertson, Antrim; Scott Heath, Francestown; Jim Cleary and Tony Parisi from Bennington.

**Action:** Committee to meet at the site Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 8:00 am.

Committee of Antrim, Bennington & Francestown will form and follow up on the next stage. (i.e. new survey, tracking removal, what is remaining, reclamation plan and review the agreement)

Selectmen thanked everyone for attending this meeting and look forward to meeting on Saturday, as well as forming the committee to consider an updated survey and reviewing the agreement.

**6:50 – Resident, Scott Liljeberg** – Scott had two items to discuss. The first item was he asked if the Selectmen were aware of the change from the Building Inspector on the Harley Miller property, further identified as Map 18 Lot 3-3. It was discussed a letter previously sent had 3 items to be addressed, Mr. Liljeberg asked if the

Selectboard was aware that Code Officer, John Kendall changed the requirements and is no longer requesting an engineered plan for Mr. Miller at 237 North Bennington Road. Selectmen replied they were not aware of this change. Selectmen would like the Building Inspector to attend the next Selectboard meeting.

Discussion that an engineer plan was required for others, and Mr. Liljeberg feels a precedence has been set.

**Action:** Selectmen would like the Building Inspector to attend the next Selectboard meeting.

Second matter Mr. Liljeberg wanted to discuss was the gate at the water building. He had someone who was working for him locked into the back area last week. Mr. Liljeberg stated this is unacceptable, he has a right of way over the land, and owns the land behind the building and needs access to his land.

Selectmen discussed this matter, they will look into it further.

Selectman Parisi made the motion to lock the front gate at this time, if necessary lock the red gate, in the meantime if the gate is open it should be an indication that Mr. Liljeberg is on his property working and the gate should not be locked. Seconded by Selectmen James & Chairman Cleary. Motion passed (3-0).

With nothing further, Selectmen thanked Mr. Liljeberg for bringing this to their attention.

**Other Matters:**

- Files for Tri-Town to be organized
- Lifeguard – Selectmen would like to advertise for this position
- Mini splits – This will be tabled until the next budget cycle.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator

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