

Bennington Board of Selectmen

Monday, August 19, 2024

Meeting Agenda – 6:00 pm

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

Staff: Deb Davidson, Town Administrator, Catherine McGillicuddy, Administrative Assistant

Public: Melissa Clark

Appointments:

6:15 – Ann Marie Wilson – As originally scheduled, Allan Wilson was unable to attend, Ann Marie attended in his place. Ann Marie was before the Selectboard to discuss future driveway/parking previously discussed by Selectmen at Sawyer Field. Ann Marie stated she has concerns about flooding, her septic, who is qualified to do the work and more. Ann Marie also stated that she and Allan love to see the park being used, they love the sounds of everyone having a good time.

Selectman Cleary explained if we get to the area to clear to make additional parking the Selectmen would contact abutters before starting any project. Chairman Cleary stated he is insured and able to take down any trees, the road crew and other two Selectmen will also help with this project. Again, no work will begin without notifying all abutters. The previous discussion was just that, a discussion no decisions were made.

Selectman Parisi mentioned, this is an effort to help with mostly the Rhubarb Festival. More space was needed and the parking attendants were a bit overwhelmed with lack of parking. Though, the Wilson additional parking space was very much appreciated, the Rhubarb Festival was the biggest ever and it was evident additional parking at Sawyer Field is needed.

Chairman Cleary discussed that the Selectmen will meet and go to the field and notify the abutters so they may join in with the walk. They will try to meet on a Saturday at 5:00, more information will be provided as it becomes available. Again, all abutters will be notified.

Selectmen thanked Ann Marie for attending and welcomed her comments and thoughts.

6:45 – Melissa Clark – Though Melissa was not officially on the agenda, she did take a moment to let Selectmen know of a beach party, Sunday, August 25, 2024 between 2-4 pm. This is hosted by the Recreation Committee. Selectmen thanked Melissa for her feedback.

6:50 pm – in accordance with **RSA 91A:3 II (a)** motion by Chairman Cleary to enter into a non-public session. Seconded by Selectman James. Motion approved 3-0

8:07 PM – motion by Chairman Cleary to enter out of the non-public session and to further seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman James. Motion approved 3-0.

Decision: To appoint Zack Andersen to be the Fire Chief until March 2025. At which point it will be revisited. Minutes for the non-public will be sealed.

Minutes: Motion by Chairman Cleary to accept the minutes of August 5, 2024 and August 8, 2024 with minor changes.

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were approved and signed.

Other:

Abatements- Selectmen approved a water billing abatement with an adjusted read – Map 10 Lot 79

2024 Stantec quote - \$10,500 was reviewed and approved.

Building Permits – Hazel & Charles Gershfield & Guitard Homes LLC

Newsletter – Selectmen approved the newsletter

Appointment – Selectmen signed an appointment for Zack Andersen to be the Fire Chief until March 2025. At which point it will be revisited.

Adjournment - With no further business, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. The next Selectmen’s meeting will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator

