

Bennington Board of Selectmen

Monday, August 26, 2024

Meeting Minutes– 6:00 pm

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

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

Public: Melissa Clark

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Selectmen James & Parisi. 3-0 affirmative.

Appointments:

6:15 – Melissa Clark – Though Ms. Clark was not on the agenda, she asked the Selectmen if she could discuss a couple of recreation matters.

- The Beach Party at Whittemore Lake was a success. Next year will be even better, there will be more time to prepare.
- Haunted Hayride and relocation of the event was discussed. The event will be on Saturday, October 26.
- The Library will be hosting a Halloween trick or treat event on Friday, October 25.
- Trunk or Treat will again be held at Newhall Field on Wednesday, October 30.
- A meeting on Wednesday, September 4 in the gymnasium to discuss the Halloween skit & hayride.
- The Christmas parade will also be held this year, complete with Santa, elves, hot cocoa & candy canes.
- Historical Society is hosting an ice cream social at the Gazebo - Sunday, September 1, 2024 from 5-7 pm. White Mountain Rounders will be playing music. White Birch Store will remain open as well. Melissa asked that this be put on the website and the Facebook page.

Minutes: Motion by Chairman Cleary to accept the minutes of August 19, 2024 as written. 2nd by Selectman James. Motion passed 3-0

Financial: Selectmen signed A/P Manifests

Other:

Abatements- Water billings with adjusted reads & meter changes – Map 10 Lot 57; Map 7 Lot 50

Memorial Stone – Selectman Parisi discussed it was brought to his attention that the memorial stone at Sawyer Field needs some attention. The shrubs need trimming and it was further discussed installing solar lights to shine on the stone & the flag. Discussion followed. Motion by Selectman Parisi to address this matter. Seconded by Selectman James & Chairman Cleary. Motion approved 3-0.

Decision: Selectmen will trim the shrubs and install solar lighting at the memorial stone.

Flags – Selectmen discussed the Town Administrator speaking with the Road Agent to assess the flags around town and replace those that need replacing. Steve Roy takes care of disposal of tattered flags.

Fire Truck – Selectmen would like a report as to the status of the new fire truck for the next meeting.

Vacations – Selectmen instructed the Town Administrator to remind department heads to notify the office when vacations, personal time and sick time are being used.

Elections – Chairman Cleary reminded Selectmen Parisi & James that on Tuesday, September 10, and Tuesday, November 5 at least one Selectman must be present at the polls and all three Selectmen need to be present on those dates for counting ballots.

Adjournment: With nothing further, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & James. Motion passed 3-0

The next Selectmen's meeting will be on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator