

Bennington Board of Selectmen
Monday, December 23, 2024
Meeting Minutes – 6:00 pm

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

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

6:03 pm motion by Chairman Cleary to call the meeting to order. Seconded by Selectmen James & Parisi. Motion passed 3-0.

Public: There was no public present at this meeting

Appointments: There were no appointments scheduled for this meeting

Minutes: Motion by Selectman Parisi to accept the December 16, 2024 minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Cleary & James. Motion passed 3-0.

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were signed

Other:

- **Mt. Road plowing & Signage** – Steve Stockwell has asked DJ Wing and also stopped into the office, asking that the signage at Mt. Road be moved and the highway crew plow the snow past the sign. Mr. Stockwell further asked if the Town would plow in such a way that he doesn't have as much clean up from the Town. Discussion followed. Selectmen unanimously agreed, plowing will remain as it has been for years on Mt. Road, no signage will be moved.
- **Encumber Funds** – There was nothing to encumber for 2024
- **Contract for new fire truck financing** – Selectmen reviewed the contract as proposed, they have a few questions, the contract will not be executed at this time.
- **Clean Fleets Grant agreement amendment** – Governor Sununu signed the amendment last Thursday.

- **Frank Woodward** – Mr. Woodward was granted an abatement in 2022. He has reached out to the office, he seemed to think he would get an abatement every year. A letter will go out to Mr. Woodward explaining the process, we will provide him an abatement he can submit if he thinks he is inequitably assessed.
- **Transfer Station/Highway position** – Selectmen will interview one of the applicants next week. December 30, 2024 at 6:15 pm.
- **NRRA** – Hazardous waste for 2025-2026 prices were reviewed. Discussion followed. Further consideration of Bennington hosting a hazardous day in 2026 was discussed. No decision was made at this time.
- **Sawyer Park Improvements Warrant Article** – discussion of establishing a CRF, utilizing fees and/or donations for improvements to Sawyer Park followed. Motion by Selectman Parisi to place a warrant article on the warrant to establish an account, funds from rental fees &/or donations to be used for Sawyer Park maintenance or improvement will be used for this account. Seconded by Selectmen Cleary and James. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Fire Department Warrant Article** – Warrant Article for proceeds of old fire truck to be placed into the Fire Truck CRF. This article will have no tax impact on voters.
- **Cameras** – Discussion followed regarding the current cameras at the transfer station.
Motion by Chairman Cleary to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Road Agent and Police Chief access to the current cameras at the transfer station. This is to be set up as soon as possible. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & James. Motion passed 3-0.

Work Session: Budget

- **Increase CRF for Revaluation** – additional funding will be required to assure funding for future revaluations.
- **Police Department** – Chairman Cleary will talk to Bret Sullivan about the future of the police chief position. Cleary will call Antrim Selectmen to discuss the future of that contract for coverage as well. Having a year to decide what direction is a benefit for the town.

Adjournment:

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm. The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator