



Town of Bernardston Board of Selectmen

MEETING MINUTES: February 6, 2013

Select Board Members Present:
Virginia M. Budness, Chairman
Louis J. Bordeaux
Robert R. Raymond

Others Present:
See attached.

Chairman Virginia Budness called the meeting to order at 6.01pm.

Virginia announced the meeting was being broadcast by BNCTV this evening.

Warrants (week ending February 1, 2013)

Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$30,289.36. Motion by Bob to approve. Second by Lou. Unanimous approval

Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$34,104.67. Motion by Bob to approve. Second by Lou. Unanimous approval.

Minutes

Regular Meeting of January 23, 2013 – Motion by Bob to approve. Second by Lou. Unanimous approval.

Special Meeting of January 30, 2013 - Motion by Bob to approve. Second by Lou. Unanimous approval.

Special Meeting of February 5, 2013 - Motion by Bob to approve. Second by Lou. Unanimous approval.

Calendar & Announcements

Virginia read aloud the following:

- Finance Committee, 6.30pm Thursday February 7th at Town Hall
- Planning Board, 6.30pm Tuesday February 12 at Town Hall
- Board of Assessors, 3.30pm Thursday February 14th at Town Hall
- Recreation Commission, 6pm Sunday February 24th at Town Hall

Permits

None reported.

Appointments

Paul Luther – 55 Huckle Hill Road. Paul made a brief statement regarding his running for the Town Clerk's office.

Hector Boxo, 312 Bald Mountain Rd – not on time. Mr. Boxo arrives at 6:12PM

Mr. Boxo with interpreter, wife and child come to the table.

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Mrs. Boxo reads a letter in Spanish. Translator translates. The long letter suggests that the plow driver was driving at an excessive rate of speed on several occasions. Ginger invites Gary to the table. Gary spoke to Kevin about the circumstances. Gary indicated that he spoke to Kevin suggesting he pay attention to the residence in question. Gary comments about Mr. Boxo waving to keep the plow away from the driveway in question. Ginger mentions that a consistent speed is needed while plowing. Gary repeats that he has told Kevin to slow down. Gary says that Mr. Boxo has both backed a vehicle into the road as well as physically stood in the way as an obstruction. More conversation on the same subject. Lou comments about the safety about the citizens as well as the safety of town employees. Bob suggests Mr. Boxo change his snow clearance by five minutes to maximize safety for all.

Mr. Boxo then says he has a Part Two. He is concerned about the water that is abundant on his property. Ginger says that the Board has explored this before. Mr. Boxo says that he has horses and the water permeates his basement. He has called 911 and the horses had to be removed. His present concern is that the spring is coming and there will be more rain that will flood his property again. Boxo asks for an extension onto the culvert/piping to attempt to keep the water away from his horses. Boxo asks why the Board ever would have given permission to construct on his property. Ginger mentions that it was not the Board, but the Building Inspector who would have approved the construction. Mr. Boxo wants to know how much it would cost to solve the problem. He volunteers to buy the materials is the Town would provide the labor. He is quickly rejected, as the Town can't engage in such a project. Bob suggests that Mr. Boxo contact the Commonwealth to seek assistance and permitting for such a project. Bob then mentions the Conservation Commission might be able to take a look at the situation. Phone numbers are exchanged. Mr. Boxo is 508-496-6426. He is given Bob McCollum's contact info by Ginger. Gary opines that the house should never have been built there. In closing (6:46PM), Mrs. Boxo asks for the name of the Building Inspector so that she can research the matter.

New Business

US Senate/Town Election combined for April 30. Chairman Budness commented that this would be a cost savings to the town. Bob reiterated that this is beneficial to the town.

Change in Caucus date from March 12 to March 4

Ginger spoke of the upcoming newsletter article. Lou mentioned that the deadline is upcoming and Ginger suggested that if anybody had an article they get it in soon.

Vermont Yankee emergency plan exercise – Ginger read a letter from Peter Shedd regarding the upcoming drill at VT Yankee. Gary mentions that if he sends a person from his department, he is concerned about how the person will be compensated. Bob suggests Hugh look into this matter. Jane Dutcher and Gary point out employees should be paid both their town salary for the day and also the pay given by VT Yankee. Board decides that Pete can go ahead and pay “double” for the day. Lou makes a motion to the effect that employees can receive their town pay and will also be eligible for VT Yankee pay for the day per Peter's email. Bob seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

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Old Business

Annual Town Meeting will be on the first Thursday in June. Town Counsel said that at the next Special Town Meeting an Article needs to be introduced to rescind Article 7 from January 31, 2012. Specific language is used from Counsel referencing MGL Chapter 39, section 9. Jane mentions that the Board previously selected the date. She further mentions that another option is to hold Town Meeting at BES.

Bob shifts to commenting on Hugh's evaluation. Specific plaudits for a job well done. Bob is wondering if he has missed anything in compiling specifics for the review process.

Bob has spoken to John Lapore regarding the Charity Lot. Lapore said that he would like to explore working on the project.

Adjourn With no further business to be discussed, Lou made a motion to declare the meeting adjourned at 6.56pm. Bob seconded. Motion carried.

_____, Chairman _____, Member _____, Member
Virginia M. Budness Robert R. Raymond Louis J. Bordeaux