



Town of Bernardston
Board of Selectmen

MEETING MINUTES: for the meeting of May 13, 2015

Select Board Members Present:
Robert R. Raymond, Chairman
Andrew Girard
Stanley Garland - absent

Others Present:
See attached list.

Chairman Bob Raymond called the meeting to order at 6.03pm.

Bob announced the meeting was being broadcast by BNCTV.

Bob publically welcomed new Board member Andrew Girard.

Warrants (*week ending 5/8/2015*)

Bob asked for a motion to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$37,053.35. Motion by Andrew. Second by Bob. Motion carried.

Bob called for a motion to approve the Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$220,853.87. Motion by Andrew to approve, second by Bob. Motion carried. Bob noted the high amount of the vendor warrant is due to the second to last payment of approximately \$174,000 to the PVRs building loan payment.

Minutes

Regular Meeting of April 30, 2015. No motion offered as Lou Bordeaux is no longer a member of the Board. However, Bob noted the minutes are accurate as written.

Special Meeting of May 6, 2015. Motion by Andrew to approve as written, second by Bob. Motion carried.

Calendar & Announcements

Bob read aloud the calendar and announcements.

Building Permits

Bob read the residential building permits issued in April 2015 by the FCCIP.

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Citizen's Concerns

None.

New Business

Alcohol Compliance Checks – Police Chief James Palmeri issued a memorandum to the Board noting there were zero violations for underage purchase of alcohol in Bernardston during the last survey. The underage alcohol prevention program is sponsored by the FRCOG. The Chief noted he appreciates the diligence shown by Town vendors in ensuring ID's are checked every time alcohol is purchased from an establishment. Sergeant Jason Bassett spearheaded the effort locally. The operation was advertised, but checks were made at random.

Newsletter – A draft newsletter submission was reviewed by the Board for the July edition. A section on the Annual Town Meeting was written in anticipation of results but can be changed before the May 21 deadline. Both Bob and Andrew felt the topics covered were sufficient for submission.

Time Off Requests – Three (3) employees submitted requests for time off. Motion by Andrew to approve the requests, second by Bob. Motion carried.

Old Business

Brownfields Site Assessment - The FRCOG has set a date of Wednesday May 27th at 8.30am to meet with Town officials and review the Fryenhagen property on Martindale Rd as a possible Brownfields cleanup site. There is no cost to the Town. The FRCOG received a grant from the federal EPA to hire engineers Tighe & Bond to conduct the site surveys. This property was under consideration in 2008 for a similar assessment for contaminants.

BES Gym Roof – CGKV Architects submitted the following schedule of events for the project:

May 16 – local advertisement

May 20 – publish in the Central Register

May 20 – bid documents available

June 4 – bids due and opened at 2pm

June 10 – Board to award to responsible lowest bidder and issue a notice to proceed

June 22 – project will start not before this date

August 8 – substantial completion

August 21 – final completion

September 11 – project closeout

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Memorial Bench – The memorial bench for John Wiegand will be located near the Fire Station driveway. This is the only feasible location to install a bench that overlooks the Library pond. There is a steep slope surrounding the pond in general limiting options for a safe position. Nearest the Library is obstructed by trees and the northern side nearest the Senior Center has drainage issues with a culvert situated near flat ground. The bench will be portable in nature so it can be removed for winter storage. It will also be secured to the ground to discourage theft. The plaque will read “In Memory of John L. Wiegand.” Cost of the bench including the plaque will be approximately \$700.00. John Wiegand was the original donor of the fountain and strong proponent of its operation to enhance the environmental ambiance of the Town.

FY16 PVRSD Budget – Bob noted the newspaper article that appeared recently erroneously stated the Selectmen were not in favor of the PVRSD FY16 budget assessment increase request of 4.51%. The Board was in agreement, but the Finance Committee had recommended a 2.5% increase. A correction was published.

Town Coordinator Report

Hugh Campbell reported on the following:

- a) Master Plan – the Master Plan Steering Committee met May 5th to review the sections completed by the Conway School of Landscape Design. The committee will be organizing material for the next CLSD students to complete the project by April, 2016. So far so good with the schedule and objectives reached.
- b) VT Yankee Training – The final VT Yankee emergency training took place on May 13th. Observers from a consulting group working with FEMA & MEMA stated they were impressed with the experience that Bernardston’s EMD brought to the training. They were gratified that in the event of a real emergency, Bernardston is well organized and prepared.
- c) Annual Reports – Copies of the 2014 Annual Report have arrived and are ready for distribution. The report was dedicated to Virginia Budness, former Selectmen who resigned in November 2014 to relocate to Delaware.

Adjourn With no further business to be discussed, Andrew made a motion to declare the meeting adjourned at 6.38pm, Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Attest: Hugh Campbell, Town Coordinator

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Robert R. Raymond

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Andrew Girard

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Stanley Garland