



Town of Bernardston
Board of Selectmen

MEETING MINUTES: July 13, 2011

Select Board Members Present: Robert R. Raymond, Chairman - absent
Stanley D. Garland
Virginia M. Budness

Others Present: Finance Committee
See Sign-In Sheet

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

Warrants

The payroll warrant is approved for \$38,450.72. Motion by Stan, second by Virginia. Motion carried.
The vendor warrant for FY11 (ending 6/30/11) is approved for \$59,438.15. Motion by Stan, second by Virginia. Motion carried.
The vendor warrant for FY12 (beginning 7/1/11) is approved for \$57,861.39. Motion by Stan, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

Minutes

- Regular Meeting, June 29, 2011. Motion by Stan. Second by Virginia. Motion carried.

Calendar & Announcements

Stan read aloud the following:

- Bernardston Fire & Water District, 6pm Thursday, July 14 at Water House
- Natural Hazards Mitigation Committee, 10.30am Wednesday July 20 at Town Hall
- Planning Board, 6.30pm Thursday July 21 at Town Hall
- Conservation Commission, 7pm Thursday July 21 at Town Hall

Permits

Stan read aloud the following:

- Kittredge Industries, 47 Cross St – sheet metal for HVAC system
- Kittredge Industries, 7 West Mountain Rd – sheet metal for HVAC system
- Joanne Santos, 84 River St – insulation of attic
- Annette & Ken Johnson, 828 Brattleboro Rd – install Enviro EF3 in fireplace and an HP68 in kitchen

Appointments

6.05pm Ken Johnson.

Mr. Johnson updated the Board regarding his efforts to recycle pellet bags. He is building 5 receptacle bins to be placed at various locations including the Bernardston Transfer Station. Hwy Supt Gary Wetherby and the FCSWMD are supportive of the venture. Stan said a lease agreement of some kind should be drafted to protect the interests of both the Town and Mr. Johnson. Virginia motioned to appoint Mr. Johnson as an attendant for the recycling of pellet bags at the transfer station, so he would be considered a volunteer town worker covered by our liability insurance. Stan seconded. Motion carried.

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6.15pm Public Hearing – Pole Petition

Don Fish from WMECO present.

WMECO is petitioned the town to place a pole on West Mountain Rd, Bernardston, MA numbered 46/E1 on the northerly side of the road, 72' going northwesterly from the centerline of South St. No comment by abutters or the public. Stan motioned to approve the pole petition, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

New Business

Trench Permit - Renaissance Excavating applied for a Trench permit for digging at 247 Fox Hill Rd. Motion by Stan second by Virginia. Motion carried.

State Election Commission – The Board received correspondence from the state Election Commission approving Bernardston as a single precinct political subdivision.

Board of Health- The BOH has requested the Board members presence at a special meeting on July 19 regarding the FRCOG health agent and the Demar property on Brattleboro Rd.

Charity Lot Account – The Board received an application for funds from a resident unable to pay a past heating bill. The amount requested is \$264.62. Motion by Virginia to approve the request subject to direct payment to the vendor, second by Stan. Motion carried.

STRAP Grant Public Hearing – A public hearing will be scheduled for the next Selectmen's meeting July 27, 2011 regarding a grant application for the purpose of repairing and renovation of School Rd.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met with the Board of Selectmen and administered transfers of the following FY11 accounts:

1. Selectmen's Expense – motion by Stan, second by Virginia to transfer \$471.22 from the Town Hall Expense account to the Selectmen's Expense account to cover the cost of a new computer. Motion carried. Motion by Brian Hervieux, second by David Lorenz. Motion carried.
2. Police Dept – motion by Stan, second by Virginia to transfer \$1,071.31 from the Animal Control account to the Police Dept to cover the cost of unforeseen rise in fuel costs. Motion carrier. Motion by Brian Hervieux, second by David Lorenz. Motion carried.
3. Unemployment Insurance - motion by Stan, second by Virginia to transfer \$393.73 from the Medicare Expense account to the Unemployment Insurance account to cover the cost of increase rate in unemployment insurance. Motion carried. Motion by

Brian Hervieux, second by David Lorenz. Motion carried.

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- 4. Assistant Assessor - motion by Stan, second by Virginia to transfer \$257.67 from the Assessors Expense account to the Assistant Assessor account to cover a shortfall. Motion carried. Motion by Brian Hervieux, second by Beth Roberts. Motion carried.
- 5. Treasurers Salary - motion by Stan, second by Virginia to transfer \$128.97 from the Town Hall Expense account to the Treasurer Salary account to cover a shortfall. Motion carried. Motion by Brian Hervieux, second by Beth Roberts. Motion carried.
- 6. Treasurers Expense - motion by Stan, second by Virginia to transfer \$24.44 from the Town Hall Expense account to the Treasurer Expense account to cover a shortfall. Motion carried. Motion by Brian Hervieux, second by Beth Roberts. Motion carried.
- 7. Powers Institute - motion by Stan, second by Virginia to transfer \$104.98 from the Town Hall Expense account to the Powers Institute account to cover a shortfall. Motion carried. Motion by Brian Hervieux, second by Beth Roberts. Motion carried.

Old Business

Library Pond – Stan suggested the pump be on from 2pm-6pm daily through a timer. Virginia said Karen Stinchfield from the Library is looking into solar panels as an energy source for the pump. Motion by Stan, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

Special Town Meeting – The state will not have proper verbiage or costs for the Green Grants for the PVRSD and BES by August 11, the proposed date for a Special Town Meeting. Stan motioned to move the STM to Thursday August 18 at BES. Virginia second. Motion carried,. A specific amount is not needed to approve a warrant and can be provided up until the time of the meeting.

Appointment – Dianne Cornwell was appointed as Franklin Regional Transit Authority Advisory Member (correct title). Motion by Stan, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

Adjourn With no further business to be discussed, Stan made a motion to declare the meeting adjourned at 6.45pm. Virginia seconded. Motion carried.

Attest: Hugh Campbell, Administrative Assistant

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Robert R. Raymond		Stanley D. Garland	Virginia M. Budness