



Town of Bernardston
Board of Selectmen

MEETING MINUTES: for the meeting of April 27, 2016

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

Others Present:
Green Committee
Stephanie Ciccarello, Chair
Chris Wysk
Brian Kier
Deborah Mielke

Chairman Bob Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Meeting held at the auditorium of the Pioneer Valley Regional High School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Drive, Northfield, MA.

Tonight's meeting was not broadcast by BNCTV.

Warrants (*week ending 4/22/2016*)

Bob asked for a motion to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$31,966.85. Motion by Stan, second by Andrew. Motion carried.

Bob requested a motion to approve the Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$32,120.70. Motion by Stan, second by Andrew. Motion carried.

Minutes

- Special Meeting of April 11, 2016. Motion by Stan to approve as written, second by Andrew. Motion carried
- Regular Meeting of April 13, 2016. Motion by Stan to approve as written, second by Andrew. Motion carried

Calendar & Announcements

Bob read aloud all notices pertaining to the calendar of town events and meetings for the upcoming 2-3 weeks.

Citizen's Concerns – None

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Appointments

6:05pm – Green Committee – See Old Business

New Business

Conservation Commission

Conservation Commission Chairman Bob McCollum put forth 2 names, Tim Snow and Dennis Shockro, to add to the Conservation Commission membership to total seven (7.) Motion by Stan to appoint Tim Snow, 73 Oakes Rd, and Dennis Shockro, 256 Huckle Hill Rd, to the Conservation Commission for 3-year terms, second by Andrew. Motion carried.

Time-Off Requests

Motion to approve a request for time-off from an employee by Andrew, second by Stan. Motion carried.

BES Maintenance

Andrew reported on pending maintenance issues at BES including the HVAC air exchanger and the condition of the bleachers in the gymnasium.

State Officials Field Visit

Andrew said he has arranged for a field visit by state Secretary of Tourism Jay Ash to meet with representatives of Kringle Candle and the Crumpin-Fox Club for Thursday May 5th at 3:30pm assembling at Kringle Candle. State Representative Paul Mark and Senator Stanley Rosenberg have been invited to attend.

Old Business

Town Hall Furnace

Members of the Green Committee met with the Selectmen to discuss the status of the Town Hall furnace which ceased operating on March 31st. Quotes sought from local vendors Sandri, Dead River and Townsley Heating and Plumbing to replace the unit including steam, hot water and mini-split options ranged from \$17,000 to \$73,000 depending on the type. The state DOER awarded the Town a \$131,000 grant for green based energy upgrades that included the Town Hall furnace. The budget for the Town Hall furnace in the grant application was \$32,000. Quotes from G&L Energy Services came in at approximately \$60,000 for a steam unit and \$130,000 for a hot water system. The Board agreed to make all quotes received available to the Green Committee for review. The state Department of

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Energy Resources (DOER) would contribute financially through the grant award towards a new heating system that results in energy savings over time. Replacing the current steam unit with another steam unit would not qualify for use of grant award funds because it does not represent an energy savings upgrade. Stan questioned the role of G&L Energy Services in the process given the 2 quotes they provided were substantially high. The Board, through the Town Coordinator, secured far less expensive quotes for similar heating systems. In addition, Andrew would like the state DOER to consider the mini-split option as a cost effective energy conservation measure for a Town Hall HVAC system. The Green Committee will deliberate the next move in the process and report back to the Selectmen. A meeting with Jim Barry from the Green Communities Program (DOER) to choose the best course of action going forward is also an option to consider in the near future.

Town Coordinator Report

Powers Institute – A wildlife removal service will be available at 10:00am Thursday April 28th to inspect and quote removal of bat guano in the attic.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Andrew made a motion to declare the meeting adjourned at 6:33pm, Stan seconded. Motion carried.

Attest: Hugh Campbell, Town Coordinator

_____, Chairman
Robert R. Raymond

Andrew I. Girard

Stanley D. Garland