

Town of Bernardston **Board of Selectmen**

MEETING MINUTES: August 10, 2011

Select Board Members Present: Others Present: Finance Committee

Robert R. Raymond, Chairman See Sign-In Sheet

Stanley D. Garland Virginia M. Budness

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

Warrants

The payroll warrant is approved for \$33,663.16. Motion by Bob, second by Stan. Motion carried.

The vendor warrant is approved for \$96,044.36. Motion by Bob, second by Stan. Motion carried.

Minutes

- Regular Meeting, July 27, 2011. Motion by Bob. Second by Virginia. Motion carried.
- Special Meeting, August 3, 2011. Motion by Bob. Second by Stan. Motion carried.

Calendar & Announcements

Bob read aloud the following:

- Recreation Commission, Thursday August 11, 6.30pm at Town Hall
- Bernardston Fire & Water District, Thursday August 11, 6pm at the Water House
- BOS/FinCom, Tuesday August 16, 6.30pm at Town Hall
- Planning Board, Wednesday August 17, 6.30pm at Town Hall
- Special Town Meeting, Thursday August 18, 7pm at Bernardston Elementary School
- Conservation Commission, Thursday August 25, 6.30pm at Town Hall

Permits

Trench Permit – CL Davenport. Motion by Bob, second Virginia. Motion carried.

Appointments

6.10pm. Bob Clancy, new principal of Bernardston Elementary School (BES) stopped by for a meet and greet with the Board. Bob started his position on August 8th. He was Principal of Rowe Elementary for 14-years and 4-years at Mohawk Trail HS prior to Rowe. The Board discussed ongoing projects such as the HVAC system at BES, the condition of School Road and the tennis courts. Stan emphasized keeping costs in check.

6.15pm Pole Hearing - Cross St

Bob read the pole petition notice submitted by WMECO. Don Fish from WMECO representing. The pole is for Kringle Candle. Motion by Stan to approve the petition, second by Bob. Motion carried.

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New Business

<u>Free Store</u> – An incident occurred at the Transfer Station between a Free Store Representative and a Town employee. The employee is alleged to have been pushed and kicked over an item that was donated to the Free Store. The Board signed a letter to Free Store organizer Alan Pratt to ban the person in question from the Transfer Station. Motion by Bob, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

<u>Town Hall Shrubs</u> – Virginia mentioned the state of the shrubs in front of the Town Hall entrance looks shabby suggesting they be removed. Stan said the siding job will begin soon and maybe they could be dislodged after the project is finished. Stan suggested the plants be removed and replaced with more low maintenance plants. Virginia made a motion to remove the shrubs, second by Stan. Motion carried.

Old Business

<u>PVRSD Lease Agreement</u> - The lease is currently being reviewed by Town Counsel. Specific issues for which the Board is seeking answers is whether the lease can be shortened to 5-years and if the Town can have more control over what happens at BES and when.

<u>Board of Health – Health Agent</u> – The FRCOG has responded to the Board's letter to cancel the FY2012 contract with a provision for 180-days' notice to cancel dating from the FY2011 contract. The Board agreed and will seek a final invoice for services through October 25, 2012.

<u>Police Sign</u> – Bob reported the sign at the Police Station is installed. Thanks you letters to the United Church of Bernardston and the Kiwanis are to be prepared acknowledging their generosity. The ZBA signed off on the installation and waived the 20-day waiting period.

<u>Time Capsule</u> – Bob found himself digging holes near the Library entrance in his quest to locate the buried 1962 Time Capsule. A metal detector was used but no luck in finding the capsule.

<u>Adjourn</u> With no further business to be discussed, Bob made a motion to declare the meeting adjourned at 6.42pm. Stan seconded. Motion carried.

Attest: Hugh Campbell, Administrative Assistant

______, Chairman ______, Member _____, Member Robert R. Raymond Stanley D. Garland Virginia M. Budness