



Town of Bernardston
Board of Selectmen

MEETING MINUTES: August 24, 2011

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

Others Present:
Jane Dutcher
Paul Luther

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.03pm.

Warrants

The payroll warrant is approved for \$26,146.73. Motion by Bob, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

The vendor warrant is approved for \$276,991.20. Motion by Bob, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

Minutes

- Special Meeting, August 17, 2011. Motion by Bob. Second by Virginia. Motion carried.

Calendar & Announcements

Bob read aloud the following:

- Conservation Commission, Thursday August 25, 6.30pm at Town Hall
- 250th Anniversary Committee, Thursday August 25, 6.30pm at Town Hall (BOS member to be present)
- Cushman Library BOD, Tuesday August 30th, 6.30pm at Town Hall
- Board of Health, Wednesday August 31st, 7pm at Town Hall
- Zoning Board of Appeals, Thursday Sept 1, 7pm at Town Hall
- Cable Negotiation Committee, Thursday Sept 1, 7.30pm at Northfield Town Hall

Permits

None.

Appointments

6.05pm. Northfield Area Tourism & Business Association. Joan Stoia and Gerry Shields. Joan stated a visitor's guide has been produced with assistance from the state and the Springfield Office of Tourism with two corporate sponsors: NMH and Lane Construction. The Association wants to broaden their reach to include Bernardston and Gill. The website drives tourists to the region. <http://visitnorthfieldarea.com>
The acronym is NATABA and any questions can be forwarded to Joan at 498-5921.

6.15pm Pole Hearing – Chapin Rd

Bob read the pole petition notice submitted by Verizon. Albert Bessette from Verizon representing. The pole is to bridge line between 2 other poles at a 200 feet distance between poles. The pole distance now is 400ft. The location is at 80 Chapin Rd and identified as Pole T8, west of #74. Motion by Stan to approve the petition, second by

Virginia. Motion carried.

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New Business

Farm Table LLC – ABCC has approved the liquor license for the Farm Table restaurant at the Kringle Candle complex.

Surplus Trailer Bids – 3 bidders for the trailers:

- a. Trailer Vin # 0417: North Greenfield Auto at \$265.00.
- b. Trailer Vin # 0353: North Greenfield Auto at \$165.00, Norman Howard at \$220.00
- c. Kevin Snow bid \$50 for both trailers.

Motion by Bob, second by Stan to award the trailers to the high bidders: Vin#4017 to Nth Greenfield Auto and Vin # 0353 to Norman Howard. Motion carried.

Police Dept- Letters of thanks to donors. Police Chief Jim Palmeri asked the Board read loud letters of appreciation to local business for their generosity with donations to the Department. The businesses include Belle Note, Oak Ridge Marine Corps and Bernardston Storage.

Board of Health – The BOH is seeking the appointment of Rita McConville as the Health Agent effective 8/24/11 thru 6/30/11. Motion by Bob, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

Town Heating Units – The Board issued a memo to all departments to schedule servicing of heating units before the winter sets in.

BOH Meeting Invitation - The BOH sent an invitation to the BOS asking for their presence at a meeting on 8/31/11 to discuss the Demar property.

Old Business

PVRSD Lease Agreement – Bob read aloud a letter drafted to the PVRSD informing them of a 30-day extension to the lease agreement. Motion by Bob to sign, second by Virginia. Motion carried.

BYOB – Hillside Pizza – BYOB is not under the ABCC jurisdiction. The Board discussed various options to provide a license to Hillside Pizza. Hugh Campbell will a) check with other towns and b) draft some guidelines for the Board to review. An invitation to the owner to discuss the guidelines is in order prior to issuing a license.

Chittenden Bank Payroll Service – The Board considered signing a letter to Chittenden Bank regarding errors in deductions for a town employee. Motion by Bob to sign the letter, second by Stan. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report

Hugh Campbell reported the following:

- a. School Rd / South St Improvement – MassWorks Grant - Preparation for the grant continues towards the Sept 1 deadline.
- b. Stratton Manor CDBG – Bruce Hunter from the Franklin County Housing Authority stopped to have paperwork signed to release funds for the work to begin.
- c. Town Hall Siding Project – has begun and second payment issued to tonight’s warrant.

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

Attest: Hugh Campbell, Administrative Assistant

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