

**Town of Bernardston
Selectboard Meeting Minutes**



Board Members

Brian J. Keir

Stanley D. Garland, Chairman

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

Minutes for the meeting of September 20, 2023

Meeting held at Bernardston Town Hall

38 Church St, Bernardston, MA 01337

Selectboard Members Present:

Stan Garland
Ken Bordewieck
Brian Keir

Others Present:

per sign-in sheet

Stan called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Warrants

Ken motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$46,601.71.
Brian seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Ken motioned to approve the Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$82,832.43.
Brian seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Minutes

Ken motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2023. Brian seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Calendar and Announcements

Stan read the calendar and announcements as presented on the attached agenda.

Appointment

Brian McHugh - FCRHRA

Mr. McHugh spoke about the most recent CDBG grant that was awarded to Bernardston, as the lead town, through the efforts for the Franklin County Housing Administration. He discussed the advantages to residents of the program. He also asked for two documents to be signed. One, was a Budget Revision Form and the other was a letter with special conditions which would go back to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. Ken motioned to have Stan sign the documents. Brian seconded and the motion to sign was passed unanimously. Mr. McHugh will follow up as needed.

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New Business

Appointment of Police Service Advisory Committee

The newly formed Bernardston/Leyden Police Service Advisory Committee has asked for appointees from Bernardston. The Selectboard agreed that the representatives should be: Ken Bordewieck (Selectboard), Jane Dutcher (Finance Committee) and Peter Nai (citizen). Brian motioned to appoint all three to the committee. Ken seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ken mentioned that he would not be able to attend the first meeting, scheduled for September 27th at 10am. Stan volunteered to be a Selectboard alternate, and he said that he would attend the meeting.

Old Business

Departmental Maintenance process

Brian Miner provided the Board with a suggested building maintenance proposal. Board members discussed the items included on the list. After agreeing that the process can undergo further refinement, Ken motioned to approve the proposal. Brian seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Highway Superintendent vehicle

Following up from a previous meeting, the topic of a pickup truck for the Highway Superintendent was again discussed. Brian Miner provided some examples to the Board members of what was currently available within an hour of Bernardston. After discussing the topic, Ken motioned for the town to purchase a pickup truck, with snowplow at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. Brian seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Board discussed the stalled landfill solar project. The selected vendor, Ameresco, was to have their counsel negotiate a satisfactory lease with Town Counsel. With no movement on the project since last April, Brian asked the Town Coordinator to make contact with the vendor.

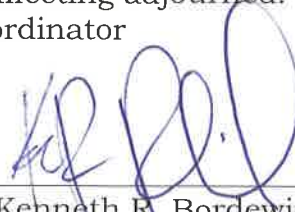
Town Coordinator Report

The Town Coordinator reported that two interns from Greenfield High School recently started working with the Highway Department. He stated that King Information Systems will be here to catalog the files upstairs in mid-October. The CEO of the EDM structural engineering company followed up regarding their work last winter. He will follow up again after researching our concerns.

With no further business to be discussed, Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm. Brian seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Attest: Louis Bordeaux, Town Coordinator

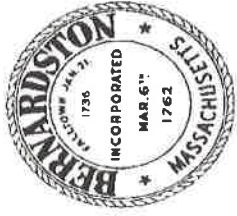

_____, Chairman
Stanley D. Garland



Kenneth R. Bordewieck



Brian J. Keir



BERNARDSTON SELECTBOARD - MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 9/20/23

Meeting Time: 6:00 AM/PM

Name

Address

Phone/Email

Brad McArthur
Janet Blunt

Franklin County Housing Authority

brad@hcaferby.org

Town of Bernardston
Selectboard Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
6:00PM



Bernardston Town Hall, 38 Church Street, Bernardston MA

Board Members

Brian J. Keir

Stanley D. Garland, Chairman

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

Call to Order – 6:00pm

Warrants

- Payroll and Vendor; weeks ending September 16, 2023

Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting of September 6, 2023

Calendar & Announcements

- Green Committee; Monday September 25, 2023 @ 6:30pm; Town Hall
- Board of Assessors; Thursday September 28, 2023 @ 3:15pm; Assessors Office, Town Hall
- Town Clerk's Office Closed on Thursday September 21, 2023

Citizens Concerns

Appointment

- Brian McHugh, FCRHRA – CDBG funding

New Business

- Appointment of Police Service Advisory Committee

Old Business

- Departmental Maintenance process
- Highway Superintendent vehicle

Town Coordinator Report

Other Business Unknown at time of posting

Adjourn