

**Town of Bernardston
Selectboard Meeting Minutes**



Board Members

Brian J. Keir

Stanley D. Garland, Chairman

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

Minutes for the meeting of October 4, 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 6:00pm.

Warrants

Ken motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$49,311.46.
Brian seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Ken motioned to approve the Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$175,596.16.
Brian seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Minutes

Ken motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 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

Jenn Stennes, Recreation Chair

Jenn asked to speak with the Board on a couple of topics. She would like to address the status of the basketball/tennis court at BES and she would also like the Board to consider, for the upcoming budget season, adding a paid Part-time position of a Recreation Department Director.

Christina Slocum-Wysk, Town Clerk

Chris has had an applicant for the position of Town Clerk. She would like to discuss with the Board what a reasonable pay range might look like.

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New Business

Approval of Public Service Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Liz Kidder from Leyden pointed out at the Bernardston Leyden Police Service Advisory Committee last week (9/27/2023) that contained in the Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) for police services that final meeting minutes are to be approved by each town' Selectboard. After reading the minutes aloud, Ken motioned to approve the minutes. Brian seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote to dissolve the Public Service Advisory Committee.

To formalize the end of the former Task Force, the IMA requires each Selectboard to vote to dissolve the committee. Ken motioned to dissolve the Task Force. Brian seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Status.

Stan gave a virtual testimony on 10/3/2023 for House Bill H40064: An act authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of Fire Chief, Peter Shedd. The town continues to await approval of the special legislation.

Other Business

Chairman Garland opted to address Other Business ahead of Old Business. Stan read two BES Facility Usage Requests: Cub Scouts Pac 3 and Recreation Commission Winter Craft Fair. Ken motioned to approve the requests. Brian seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Highway Superintendent vehicle

A pick up truck with a snowplow was found and purchased within the recommended budget. The truck is a 2015 Ford F-350 with 49,000 miles. The plow was included and showed minimal wear.

Town Coordinator Report

The Town Coordinator reported that the cannabis sales tax for the previous quarter was \$54,331.75. Next, he reported that the Cannabis Control Commission had approved their overreaching legislation which will affect existing Host Community Agreements. Also, Ameresco is no closer to commencing the landfill solar project. Some housing issues were then discussed.

With no further business to be discussed, Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. Brian seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Attest: Louis Bordeaux, Town Coordinator


Stanley D. Garland

, Chairman


Kenneth R. Bordewieck


Brian J. Keir



BERNARDSTON SELECTBOARD - MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

BERNARDSTON

Meeting Date: OCT 04 2023

6:00

Meeting Time: SELECTBOARD AM / PM

Name

Address

Phone/Email

Jennifer Spence

338 Baldwin rd - Rec Dept

Town of Bernardston
Selectboard Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 4, 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 30, 2023

Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting of September 20, 2023

Calendar & Announcements

- Board of Assessors; Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 3:15pm; Assessors Office, Town Hall
- Green Committee; Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 6:30pm; Town Hall
- Scarecrow in the Park; Cushman Park – October 20, 21 and 22

Citizens Concerns

Appointment

- Jenn Stennes – Recreation Commission
- Christina Slocum-Wysk – Town Clerk

New Business

- Approval of Public Service Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- Vote to dissolve Public Service Advisory Committee
- Fire Chief status

Old Business

- Highway Superintendent vehicle

Town Coordinator Report

Other Business Unknown at time of posting

Adjourn