

**Town of Bernardston  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes**



**Board Members**

Brian J. Keir

Stanley D. Garland, Chairman

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

***Minutes for the meeting of December 27, 2023***

Meeting held at Bernardston Town Hall  
38 Church St, Bernardston, MA 01337

**Selectboard Members Present:**

Stan Garland  
Ken Bordewieck  
Brian Keir

**Others Present:**

Karen Kelly  
Jen Reynolds

Stan called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

**First order** of business was the finalization of the FY25 Selectboard Budget and reconciliation of the ARPA account. The Selectboard reviewed the other department budgets and had a one-on-one session with Jen Reynolds regarding the Council of Aging/Powers Institute Budgets. During the review of the COA budget, Jen Reynolds mentioned that the COA Van Expense account needs to be leveled at the end of every fiscal year and the remaining money reallocated to the Town general operating fund (free cash). There was a discussion to reallocate money from the ARPA fund into the Renovate/Construct Town Buildings. Ken made a motion to reallocate the Mass Rebate BES of \$33,400.00, Mass Rebate Cushman Library of \$14,350.00 and Jeff Gale refund of \$2195.00 from the ARPA account to the Renovate/Construct Town Buildings. Brian seconded and Stan decided to table the conversation to a later date and have a separate discussion on what to do with the ARPA money.

**Second order of business:** Jen Reynolds asked for permission to hire an Architect to replace the windows in the Senior Center. The Town Coordinator was tasked by the Selectboard to reach out to Brian McHugh, Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and ask if it is required to hire an Architect to quote window replacements at the Senior Center (Historical Building) or can we use a regular, reputable window company regardless if the project is grant funded or not?

**Third order of business:** Items were listed to come out of the ARPA account: BES tennis courts and fence, steps in front of Town Hall, Town Website, sign for the Town Hall, pre-pay the recurring cost of the IT package, shelving for the second floor-Town Hall, bridge and sidewalk at Cushman Park, pavilion on the Foster Lot,  
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BES playground, old salt shed at the Highway Department Garage, repurpose the old Fire Station, Police Station roof, windows at the Powers Institute and the in-field, dug-outs and bleachers at Pratt Field.

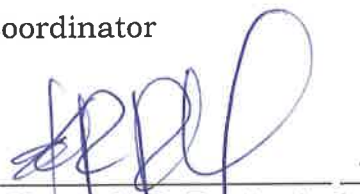
**Fourth order of business:** The Senior Housing Development project has been placed on hold and there will be no meeting rescheduled with Gina Govoni and Alyssa Larose from the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

With no further business to be discussed, Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10pm. Brian seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Attested by: Karen Kelly, Town Coordinator

  
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Stanley D. Garland

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