

**Town of Bernardston
Selectboard Meeting Minutes**



Board Members

Brian J. Keir

Stanley D. Garland, Chairman

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

Minutes for the meeting of March 6, 2024

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

Selectboard Members Present:

Stan Garland
Ken Bordewieck
Brian Keir

Others Present:

See sign-in roster

Stan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Warrants

Stan motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$51,918.01.
Ken seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Stan motioned to approve the Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$68,430.83.
Ken seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Minutes

Stan motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 7, 2024, Special Meeting February 13, and Special Meeting, February 28, 2024.
Ken seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Calendar and Announcements

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

Citizen Concerns: None

Appointments:

-Aaron Budine, Bernardston Fire & Water District: The Bernardston Fire & Water District is asking to purchase gas for their district maintenance truck from the Highway Garage Fuel Pump. The Highway Superintendent, Brian Minor is supportive of the request. In the event of storms or power outages, the Bernardston Fire & Water District would have access to fuel. The GIR Fuel
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Management Software can easily track the usage in order to bill the district. Or, we can consider drafting a memorandum of understanding between the Town and the Bernardston Fire & Water District. The Fire and Water District is a municipality-type organization, certified by the state to be tax free. Ken stated that a memorandum of understanding may be required. Stan wants to make sure it is legal and would like to run it by Town Counsel. The Town Administrator will connect with Town Counsel.

-Town Clerk - Update on Elected and Appointed position vacancies and information on the Town Caucus: Christina provided an update on open elected positions in preparation for the upcoming Town Caucus on March 18. (See attached)

New Business:

-Town Usage Policy: A draft of the Town of Bernardston Property Use Agreement and application form was prepared for Cushman Park and Pratt Field. The intent is to establish a process for any person or organization wishing to utilize Cushman Park or Pratt Field and to protect the Town from destruction of property and damage. The draft agreement was sent out to all department heads and selected committees, board and commissions. The Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, Council on Aging, Town Clerk and the Recreation Commission provided constructive feedback and recommendations to the draft agreement. Ken made a motion to adopt the Town of Bernardston Property Use Agreement and Application Form. Brian seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0.

-Highway Department - Surplus Equipment: The Highway Department Superintendent would like to deem the 1986 Ford 9000 plow truck as surplus equipment. At present, the truck has a blown motor. It would cost the Town anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to fix it. The Highway Department bought the plow truck for \$18,000 so it does not seem prudent to spend any more money on a 1986 model in its current condition. The truck has been stripped and the Highway Department is expecting to get a scrap price for it. Ken made a motion to approve the 1986 Ford 9000 plow truck as surplus equipment and obtain a scrap price for it. Brian seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0.

-Planning Board Resignation - Sarah LaValley: Sarah LaValley has submitted an email resigning from her position as the Planning Board Clerk. Sarah is finding it more difficult to attend the evening meetings. She would love to be able to devote full time efforts to the Town, but neither the structure of the position nor her other professional obligations allow this. On behalf of the
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Selectboard, the Planning Board and the Town of Bernardston, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Sarah and all her hard work over the past seven years and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors! Ken made a motion to accept the email resignation from Sarah LaValley, effective Monday, February 26th, 2024. Brian seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0.

Old Business:

-Municipal Website Design: The Selectboard voted and approved CivicPlus as the Town's Website Design Company at the Joint meeting with the Finance Committee on Monday, February 26th! CivicPlus will design a municipal website that will deliver a positive experience to all the Town's residents. Our residents will be able to pay bills and submit forms and applications on-line. Bernardston residents will be able to find and access the information they need. Recreation activities and resident self-service registrations will also be available on-line. We will be hearing from a CivicPlus Designer and Project Manager. Simultaneously the Designer will initiate the website design process and the Project Manager will begin guiding us through the implementation phases. We are hoping to have the new website up and running late May or early June 2024.

-Network Infrastructure and IT Support Package: On February 15th, the Town invited the remaining IT Vendors (Entre and AdvanTech) to conduct a site survey of all the Town's buildings. The intention of the site survey was to obtain detailed information on what the Town needs in regard to the equipment and user work spaces. Equally important was to ensure that the same information was available to both vendors so they could refine their original quotes for resubmission to the Selectboard. The quotes have been received. Ken made a motion to accept the quote from AdvanTech subject to the approval at the Annual Town Meeting for the recurring IT maintenance package. Brian seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0. (The quote is attached)

-FY25 MVP Grant Update: On February 27th, David Pomerantz and John Lepore sent a letter to the Leyden Selectboard. For several reasons, John and David determined that Bernardston should submit the MVP Action Grant Wildfire Proposal by themselves and not proceed with a regional focused project which would include Leyden. One of the reasons is that the Town of Leyden will be submitting their own MVP Action Grant proposal for engineering services for a project involving the Bog. Based on previous discussion with the Town concerning capacity to administer grants, David and John agree that Leyden should focus on securing and implementing the grant for the Bog project. David and John look forward to submitting a revised MCP Action Grant proposal. The Town of Leyden Selectboard Chair, accepted the letter and
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wished for every success in securing the funding and pulling off first-year implementation! The Town Administrator provided an update on the status of Kurtz Consulting. Mariah Kurtz may or may not be available to provide grant writing/ project management services because she has applied for a job with the Commonwealth. However, in the meantime, Mariah will be available to help with the grant application and submission which will take place thru March and into April 2024. The Selectboard would like the Town Administrator to contact Capital Strategic Solutions to see if they would be interested in executing the project management portion if the grant is awarded.

Town Administrator Report: As read by the Town Administrator

Other Business Unknown at time of posting

BES Usage Agreement: Ken made a motion to approve the BES Usage Agreement for Cub Scout Pack 3 on April 6, 2024 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Brian seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0.

Time Off Request: Ken made a motion to approve a Time Off Request. Brian Seconded and it was approved, 3-0.

Tree Warden: The Tree Warden reported a concern about the row of trees at Pratt Field that are declining in health due to auto parking. Brad asked for permission to post permanent signs to prohibit parking in that area.

-FRCOG Elevator Bid for FY 25 - FY 27, Suspense April 1, 2024: The Franklin Regional Council of Governments has been facilitating a collective bid for Elevator Maintenance since 2010. The FRCOG took this on because towns were being overcharged and automatically renewed for unfair contracts for elevator service. The FRCOG contract is written with the best interest of the municipalities and protects them from things like charges when work is not completed, double charges to fix the same problem, unexpected price increases, etc. The FRCOG has settled on three year contracts. The participation cost is \$100 per elevator. This is a one-time fee that will be billed after July 1, 2024. The fee covers the entity for the three years of participation. The work is primarily inspections and general lube and adjustment, it is not meant for high cost repairs which would have to be bid /quoted separately. Elevators are typically maintained bi-monthly and wheelchair lifts quarterly or semi-annually. Towns must reply by April 1, 2024 so the FRCOG has time to assemble and facilitate the bid. The FRCOG expects to open bids in mid-late May for July 1, 2024 start date. The Selectboard decided to opt-out of participating in the elevator maintenance assessment.


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Adjourn

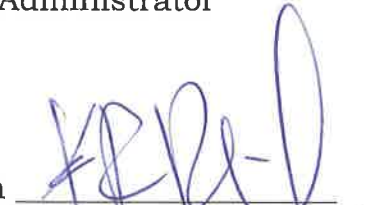
Stan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0.

Attested by: Karen Kelly, Town Administrator



Stanley D. Garland

, Chairman



Kenneth R. Bordewieck



Brian J. Keir



BERNARDSTON SELECTBOARD - MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 3/6/2024

Meeting Time: 6:00 AM/PM

Name

Address

Phone/Email

Aaron Budine
Chris Stacey-Wyck
Jane Blodgett

102 Bald Mountain
Town Clerk
Fair Canaan.

Budine@gmail.com

Town of Bernardston
Selectboard Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 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 March 2, 2024

Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting of February 13, 2024; Regular Meeting February 21, 2024; Special Meeting February 28, 2024

Calendar & Announcements

- Board of Health Meeting and Public Hearing, Thursday, March 7th @3:30 pm, Town Hall. The Public Hearing is scheduled to begin at 3:45 pm.
- A Joint Meeting with the Selectboards and Finance Committees from Bernardston, Leyden and Northfield is scheduled on Thursday, March 7th, @6:30 pm, at the Bernardston Senior Center.
- A Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee and the Selectboard is scheduled on Monday, March 11th @6:30 pm, Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is the FY25 Budget Review with selected departments, boards, committees and commissions.
- The Annual Town Caucus is scheduled on Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 7:00pm, Town Hall
- The Bernardston Photography Club Photo Exhibit & Evening Cafe, "Celebration of Animals and Flowers" is scheduled on Monday, March 18th @3:00pm, at the Bernardston Senior Center.

Citizens Concerns

Appointments

- Aaron Budine, Bernardston Fire & Water District
- Town Clerk - Update on Elected and Appointed position vacancies and information on the Town Caucus.

New Business

- Town Usage Policy
- Highway Department - Surplus Equipment
- Planning Board Resignation - Sarah LaValley

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Old Business

- Municipal Website Design
- Network Infrastructure and IT Support Package
- FY25 MVP Grant Update and John Lepore Disclosure Forms and Exemption Letter

Town Administrator Report

Other Business Unknown at time of posting

Adjourn

This meeting was posted on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 10:50 am.

Subject **Water department fuel**
From Brian Miner <dpw@townofbernardston.org>
To Bernardston Selectboard <bos@townofbernardston.org>
Date 2024-02-28 14:06



After speaking with Aaron about the possibility of them getting fuel at our tanks at the highway garage I do think that it would be something that would work out well. Furthering our working relationship with the water district while providing them a service. For some of the same reasons we installed the tanks it would be beneficial to them. In the event of storms and power outages they could still get fuel. Our fuel management software can easily track the usage in order to bill the district. A few of my concerns would be we did not budget for this and I am not sure how it would work billing an outside entity for a product like this.

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Brian Miner
Superintendent
Bernardston DPW
413-522-8377

TOWN OF BERNARDSTON
Office of the Town Clerk



P.O. Box 504, 38 Church St., Bernardston, MA 01337
Christina Slocum-Wysk, Town Clerk

Email: townclerk@townofbernardston.org
Phone: 413-648-5408

Elected Positions to be nominated at the AT Caucus on March 18th

Assessor, One, one-year remaining on a three year term to end 2025

Assessor, One, three-year term to expire 2027

Board of Health, One, three-year term to expire 2027.

Constable, One, three-year term to expire 2027

Cushman Library Trustees:

One, one-year remaining on a three-year term to end 2025

Four, three-year terms ending in 2027

Powers Institute Trustees:

One, two years remaining on a three-year term to end 2026

Four, three-year terms ending in 2027

Recreation Commission:

One, two years remaining on a three-year term to end 2026

Two, three-year terms ending in 2027

Selectboard:

One, three-year term ending 2027

*Have you contacted
all these individuals?*

*JS/Utters
Came from*

2025

*229 B
130 Donald Tamb.
118 Niki #*

**Town of Bernardston
Property Use Agreement**



Town of Bernardston
Town Property Usage Agreement
*This policy was adopted by the
Bernardston Selectboard on March 6, 2024*

**Town of Bernardston
Property Use Agreement**

___ b. The Selectboard shall approve or deny the Public Facility User Agreement Form request by simple majority vote at the regular Selectboard meeting with all appropriate documentation, proof of appropriate insurance and payment of the applicable fee or deposit.

Acceptable Use and Care of Town Properties: The Selectboard may require the Designated User to coordinate a walk-thru with the Highway Superintendent prior to the scheduled event.

___ 1. **Parking.** All function parking must take place in designated areas. There is no parking on any street in the Town of Bernardston, unless prior approval from the Selectboard or designee is obtained.

___ 2. **Decorations.** The method of installation of all decorations shall be approved by the Selectboard. No staples, tacks, nails or other material that may cause permanent damage shall be used to fasten or affix anything to any Town structure.

___ 3. **Furnishings & Fixtures.** No furnishings or fixtures shall be removed, moved or installed without prior approval of the Selectboard or designee.

___ 4. **Damage.** Any damage to the Town's property, structures, grounds, or any part thereof, caused directly or indirectly by the Designated Users' agents, employees, guests or invitees, shall be the direct responsibility of the Designated User. The Designated User shall be obligated to pay an amount as determined by the Town of Bernardston to correct damages.

___ 5. **Cleaning.** It is the responsibility of the Designated User to restore the function site to its original condition. Failure to clean the areas used for the function (including removal of all decorations, refuse, flowers, bottles, cans, chairs, grills, tents, tables, etc.) will result in a forfeiture of your security deposit.

___ 6. **Trash Removal.** At the conclusion of your function, all garbage and refuse will be removed and taken off site to be properly disposed of.

Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, Firearms, Misc.

___ 1. **Firearms.** The possession and use of firearms is strictly prohibited, unless specifically authorized by law and/or approved by the Chief of Police.

2. **Smoking and the use of Tobacco or Marijuana Products.** There is no smoking or use of any tobacco or marijuana products at any Town of Bernardston properties.

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**Town of Bernardston
Property Use Agreement**

___2. Violation. The Town of Bernardston reserves the right to cancel the function at any time, even when it is in progress, should the terms of the Public Facility User Agreement be violated by the Designated User or his/her agents, employees, guests or invitees. The decision may be made at the Town of Bernardston's sole discretion; and the Town's decision shall be binding and final. In such a case, the Town of Bernardston shall retain all payments and shall not be liable for any charges or forfeited deposits imposed by any caterer or other hired services.

___3. Additional Terms & Conditions. Each Town property may have additional terms & conditions over and above the provision contained in this policy. Any violation of a term or condition shall have the same consequences as a violation of the Public Facility User Agreement.

___4. Release and Indemnification. The Designated User and his/her heirs or assigns shall release and forever discharge the Town of Bernardston, its agents, officers, officials and employees from all suits, claims and demands whatsoever, including for negligence, which he or she, or his/he agents, employees, guests or invitees may ever have for any personal or bodily injury, death or property damage arising out or resulting from, in whole or in part, the use of Town property subject to the Public Facility User Agreement. The Designated User also agrees to defend and indemnify the Town against all such suits, claims and demands by any third party, including but no limit to his/her agents, employees, guests and invitees, and to save the Town forever harmless from any such suits, claims and demands.

___5. The Town of Bernardston may require a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Bernardston as an additional insured. An additional proof of insurance of a minimum of \$50,000 will be required if there is any cooking that will be done on site.

6. Prohibited Functions. It is at the discretion of the Selectboard to reject any and all functions. Decisions may be appealed to the Selectboard and that decision will be made final.

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Town of Bernardston Public Facility Use Application

1. Facility (Please check):

<input type="checkbox"/> Cushman Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Pratt Field
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2. Date of Event: _____

3. Time of Event: Start _____ End _____
(Must include set-up & clean-up time)

3. Description of Event: _____ Number of Guests: _____

4. Contact Information:

Organization: _____

Designated User: _____

Street Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

5. Security Deposit: Yes _____ No _____

6. Proof of Insurance: Yes _____ No _____

7. Official Use.

Processed By:	Date	Initial
Town Clerk		
Selectboard Office		

8. Signatures and date of approval by the Town of Bernardston Selectboard:

Stanley D. Garland: _____

Brian Keir: _____

Kenneth R. Bordewieck: _____

Date of Approval: _____

Subject **Fwd: Surplus equipment**
From Brian Miner <dpw@townofbernardston.org>
Bernardston Selectboard <bos@townofbernardston.org>
Date 2024-02-26 14:44



----- Original Message -----

Subject: Surplus equipment
Date: 2024-02-15 06:58
From: Brian Miner <dpw@townofbernardston.org>
To: Bernardston Selectboard <bos@townofbernardston.org>

Karen, can you add this to the select board meeting for Wednesday please.

Deem 1986 ford 9000 plow truck surplus equipment.

Currently the truck has a blown motor. It would cost \$15,000 - \$20,000 to fix. We bought the truck for \$8,000 so it doesn't seem sensible to spend that much money especially for a 1986 in the condition it is in. We have taken everything of use to us off the truck. Due to the blown motor, we expect to get scrap price for the truck.

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Brian Miner
Superintendent
Bernardston DPW
413-522-8377

Subject **Re: Tonight's Meeting**
From Bernardston Planning Board <bernardstonpb@gmail.com>
Sarah I. LaValley <sizatt14@gmail.com>
Peter <pfnehs@gmail.com>, Pamela Nuovo
<pamyogabinder@gmail.com>, Rawn Fulton <rawnfulton@gmail.com>,
Shannon Wissman <swissman1211@gmail.com>, Future Lands
<futurelandsdesigns@gmail.com>, Bernardston Selectboard
<bos@townofbernardston.org>
Date 2024-02-26 11:10



Sarah,

I totally understand and had a feeling this was coming. Just my intuition. I will be in touch with you after the meeting tonight.

Chris

On Mon, Feb 26, 2024, 10:47 AM Sarah I. LaValley <sizatt14@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello all-

I have an unavoidable conflict with a Northampton meeting this evening and can't make it. To prevent conflicts of interest with two municipal positions, I was required to defer first to my full-time job.

This seems like as good, or as bad, a time as any to submit my resignation. I am finding it more difficult to attend evening meetings, and you should not need to meet around my schedule.

It has been interesting at times to be a mish-mash of an administrative and professional position, but I sincerely hope that it's been beneficial to the Board and to the town to get a bit of a bonus in me, and I hope I have been helpful. I would love to be able to devote full time and efforts to the town, but neither the structure of the position nor my other professional obligations allow this. Building relationships locally and regionally, actively engaging the community, ticking off even more of the goals of the master plan, finding funding for priority actions, and progressing with policy and action towards the community's goals, and just working day to day on the myriad of issues that involve land use and more in a small town are all things I am frustrated by not being able to do on a daily basis.

The Town has accomplished a lot over the seven years, and though I know it feels like slow going you should all be proud of your progress and efforts.

I hope you all know that working in Bernardston was never a financial transaction for me. I love Franklin County, our region, and Bernardston. While I can no longer regularly attend meetings, I would be happy to work with all of you on a pro bono basis - I may be able to help even more this way, if you are interested.

Your dedication to your community is inspiring.

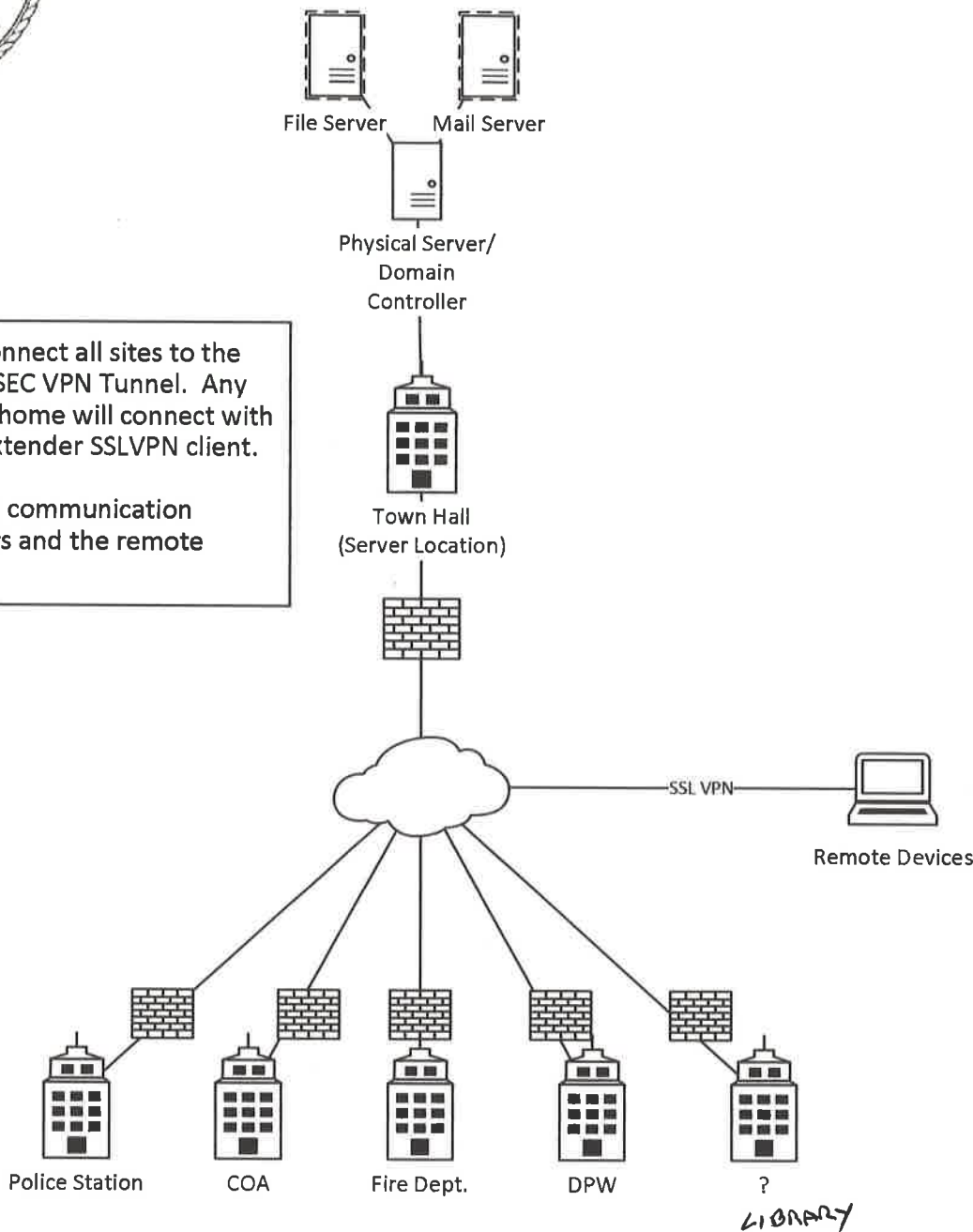
-Sarah LaValley



Network Topology for Town of Bernardston



The network will connect all sites to the Town Hall via an IPSEC VPN Tunnel. Any remote users from home will connect with the Sonicwall NetExtender SSLVPN client. This ensures secure communication between the servers and the remote locations.



-  Firewall – Sonicwall TZ Series
-  Internet/Cloud

USE GRANT TO UPDATE SERVERS

AdvanTech Quote



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Prepared for: Jennifer Reynolds
 Town of Bernardston

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Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
1.00	Poweredge T550	\$20,826.35	\$20,826.35
1.00	Sonicwall TZ570	\$1,598.43	\$1,598.43
5.00	SonicWall TZ270 Network Security/Firewall Appliance - 8 Port - 10/100/1000Base-T	\$529.68	\$2,648.40
6.00	UniFi 6 Long-Range Access Point	\$201.00	\$1,206.00
1.00	Exchange 2019 Standard	\$780.00	\$780.00
1.00	Setup, Configure, install server. Configure Hyper-V, create VM for Mail server and File Server Migrate mail into Exchange, assist in configuring mail login for users. Setup Active Directory and configure Group Policies. Install and configure a sonicwall at each location, linking them with a site to site VPN tunnel. Install a Wireless AP at each location, configure Unifi Network Application to adopt access points. Test and verify connectivity from offices to the server, ensure mail flow functions properly after migration. Configure proper DMARC, SPF and DKIM records.	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
		Subtotal:	\$44,059.18
		Sales Tax:	\$48.75
		Total:	\$44,107.93

Signature: _____

Date: _____

24/7 Remote Monitoring & Alerts

Servers

- ✓ Connectivity
- ✓ CPU usage
- ✓ Clock Drift
- ✓ Disk space
- ✓ Disk I/O
- ✓ Disk queue length
- ✓ Physical Drive
- ✓ Logical Drive
- ✓ Fan status
- ✓ Hardware inventory
- ✓ Local IP
- ✓ Memory Utilization
- ✓ Patch Status
- ✓ SMART Status.
- ✓ Server Temperature
- ✓ Antivirus Status
- ✓ Windows Services
- ✓ Windows Event Log
- ✓ Windows Firewall Status
- ✓ Reboot Required
- ✓ Uptime
- ✓ UAC status
- ✓ Warrantanty Status
- ✓ Specific services & Applications

Network and Core Devices

- ✓ CPU usage
- ✓ Memory
- ✓ Syslog
- ✓ Traffic
- ✓ Query ports
- ✓ Connections
- ✓ Interface health
- ✓ Fan status
- ✓ Connectivity
- ✓ Critical Processes
- ✓ VPN Status
- ✓ Stack Status
- ✓ Wireless access point

Workstations

- ✓ CPU usage
- ✓ Memory
- ✓ Disk Space
- ✓ Hardware Inventory
- ✓ Patch Status
- ✓ SMART Status
- ✓ UAC status
- ✓ Reboot Required
- ✓ Windows Firewall
- ✓ Warranty

Scheduled Preventative Maintenance

Servers

- ✓ Check Disk
- ✓ UAC
- ✓ Temp file cleanup
- ✓ Defrag
- ✓ Disk Maintenance
- ✓ Windows Patch Management
- ✓ Third Party Patch Management
- ✓ Set power plan
- ✓ Clear event log
- ✓ Reboot
- ✓ SQL, Exchange, Active Directory Inclusions

Network and Core Devices

- ✓ Firmware Updates
- ✓ Backup running config
- ✓ Log Analysis

Workstations

- ✓ Check Disk
- ✓ UAC
- ✓ Temp file cleanup
- ✓ Defrag
- ✓ Disk Cleanup
- ✓ Windows Patch Management
- ✓ Third Party Patch Management
- ✓ Set power plan
- ✓ Clear event log
- ✓ Reboot

Advantech monitors the health of your infrastructure and identifies issues that may impact performance. Identified issues are raised to the customer for remediation approval. **Included with Fully Managed IT Support is time spent supporting these technical issues, as well as providing end-user support both remote and onsite when necessary.** If issues arise, either through our own identification via monitoring or maintenance activities or through customer- initiated requests, then our service desk will work to solve your issues.



FULLY MANAGED IT SUPPORT

People-Focused, Comprehensive solutions, that Deliver More Value

Get IT Taken Care Of So You Can Take Care Of Business.

Too many organizations rely on sub-par IT support options that are too slow, lack expertise, or simply don't prioritize their needs. You need IT you can count on. And, while internal IT can be a good fit in some circumstances, if you're looking for an expert to handle all of your technology, you won't find that single person at a feasible cost. You can rely on AdvanTech for trustworthy IT, avoid the high cost of internal IT hires, and plan for a better business technology strategy and future.

Value Added Services Include:

- 24/7 Remote Monitoring and Alerts: Network and Servers
- 24/7 Emergency Remote Support for Monitored Systems
- Preventative Workstation maintenance and monitoring
- **Level 1, 2, 3+ End User Support (Remote & Onsite when needed)**
- Microsoft Patch Management, and EDR
- Asset procurement, planning, infrastructure mapping
- Project Consulting, Planning

Other options:

- Cybersecurity
- O365 Management
- Data Backup
- Project Implementation

Most services provided during business hours.

Our Fully Managed IT Support is Right for Your Organization if:

You can't afford downtime.

Every time an IT problem occurs, it distracts your employees from their work or makes them physically unable to do their job. Our managed services keeps your infrastructure stable.

You're looking for a turnkey solution.

Monitoring and managing an IT infrastructure is a full-time job. When you have business to run, doing it right is nearly impossible. Proactive, intelligent, reliable remote monitoring and management services are the key to unlocking your productivity and efficiency.

You Need Expertise.

We're familiar with the latest technologies, trends, and security threats, ensuring that your company is always ahead in terms of technology. In addition, our services are scalable and robust.

**AdvanTech
Quote**



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Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
14.00	Fully Managed IT: Workstation /Workstation(s): Advanced Performance Monitoring, Real time Optimization, OS & 3rd Party Patch Management, Configuration Management & Enforcement, Managed EDR, Scheduled Preventative Maintenance, Unlimited Remote & Onsite Support.	\$125.00	\$1,750.00
1.00	Fully Managed IT: Server (s): Advanced Performance Monitoring, Configuration Management, Key Application Maintenance, Real Time Server Optimization, License & Asset Management, Managed EDR, Remote & Onsite Support, Emergency priority - Hypervisor, 2 VM's	\$250.00	\$250.00
1.00	Fully Managed IT: Network Device(s): Firewall Management & Maintenance, Router Monitoring, Switch Monitoring, Monthly Network Health Review, Remote & Onsite Support, Emergency priority. (6 sites)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Subtotal:			\$2,250.00
Sales Tax:			\$0.00
Total:			\$2,250.00

Signature: _____

Date: _____



ProActive IT SUPPORT

People-Focused, Comprehensive solutions, that Deliver More Value

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- 24/7 Emergency Remote Support for Monitored Systems
- Preventative Workstation maintenance and monitoring
- Microsoft Patch Management, and EDR

Other options:

- End user support (\$150/hr)
- Consulting
- Cybersecurity
- O365 Management
- Data Backup
- Project Implementation

Most services provided during business hours.

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You Need Expertise.

We're familiar with the latest technologies, trends, and security threats, ensuring that your company is always ahead in terms of technology. In addition, our services are scalable and robust.

**AdvanTech
Quote**



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Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
14.00	Managed IT:ProActive Workstation(s): Availability Monitoring, OS & 3rd Party Patch Management, Hosted Anti-Spam, EDR, Scheduled Preventative Maintenance Any support requests outside of routine maintenance would be billed at \$150/hour with a 15-minute minimum bill and billed at 15 minute increments after that.	\$40.00	\$560.00
1.00	Fully Managed IT: Server (s): Advanced Performance Monitoring, Configuration Management, Key Application Maintenance, Real Time Server Optimization, License & Asset Management, Managed EDR, Remote & Onsite Support, Emergency priority	\$250.00	\$250.00
1.00	Fully Managed IT: Network Device(s): Firewall Management & Maintenance, Router Monitoring, Switch Monitoring, Monthly Network Health Review, Remote & Onsite Support, Emergency priority (6 locations)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Subtotal:			\$1,060.00
Sales Tax:			\$0.00
Total:			\$1,060.00

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Subject **MVP Action Grant Program**
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Dear Selectboard Members-

The state expects to release the FY25 RFP for MVP Action Grants by mid-March and applications will be due around the beginning of May. John Lepore and I have taken a preliminary look at the previous grant proposal and budget in light of restructuring the first-year scope of work.

For the following reasons, we feel that Bernardston should submit the MVP Action Grant wildfire proposal by themselves and not proceed with a regional focused project which would include Leyden:

- The Leyden MVP-HMP adopted and signed plan certainly refers to droughts, temperatures and forest management issues and does discuss the potential for wildfires increasing with these climate induced impacts. However, the plan does not specifically identify and prioritize wildfires as being a town risk.
- Per confirmation from Michelle Giarusso, Leyden is submitting an Action Grant proposal for engineering services for a project involving the Bog. Based on previous discussions with the town concerning capacity to administer grants, we agree that Leyden should focus on securing and implementing the grant for the Bog project.
- While the MVP program states that Action Grant projects are one year in length, time lost for award notification and executing contract documents can reduce available time for actual work down to nine or ten months. There would be a great deal of work covering stakeholder engagement and technical assessments to be completed in both towns in less than a year if both towns were included. Bernardston alone measures about 24 square miles and would require most of that time to assess conditions.
- A key requirement of MVP Action Grants is that the work must be transferable to other communities. Workshops for other Franklin County municipalities would be developed and implemented as part of the first-year scope of work. Climate change does not stop at town borders, so including abutting communities to Bernardston in the workshops would be greatly beneficial to both the individual towns as well as the overall region.

John and I look forward to submitting a revised MVP Action Grant proposal. We want to thank you for your involvement in the recent discussions. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Regards,

David Pomerantz

John Lepore

Subject **MVP Action Grants - opening soon, webinars this week!**
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To Comerford, Joanne (SEN) <Jo.Comerford@masenate.gov>
Date 2024-03-05 09:35



Good morning all,

We just learned about MVP Action Grant webinars happening this week in advance of the FY25 grant round opening in mid-March.

As many of you know, the MVP Action Grant offers critical financial resources to communities that are seeking to advance priority climate adaptation actions to address climate change impacts resulting from extreme weather, sea level rise, inland and coastal flooding, severe heat, and other climate impacts.

More information about the grant opportunity and the webinars is available here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mvp-action-grant>

These webinars provide an overview of the program, review anticipated changes to this round's application, and answer questions (each webinar is the same).

- Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - [Register](#)
- Thursday, March 7, 2024, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - [Register](#)

If you are planning to attend the webinar / apply for MVP Action Grant funding, please let us know. We'd love to be aware of your application and as always, would be glad to submit a letter of support.

Warmly,
Elena

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