

**Town of Bernardston  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes**



**Board Members**

Brian J. Keir

Stanley D. Garland, Chairman

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

***Minutes for the meeting of April 10, 2024***

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

**Selectboard Members Present:**

Stan Garland  
Brian Keir  
Ken Bordewieck

**Others Present:**

Karen Kelly

Stan opened the meeting at 3:35 pm.

**First Order of business.** Citizen petition and concern from Louis Bordeaux about cloud hosting service versus physical server. Stan recommended tabling the topic until the Selectboard had an opportunity to read the articles distributed by the Town Administrator about the pros & cons between a cloud hosting server and a physical server.

**Second order of business.** ARPA earmarks from Jo Comerford's office were discussed. The Town Administrator will respond by sending an email to Jared Freedman, Chief of Staff, Senator Jo Comerford's office, that the funding was accessed and fully expended in June 2023.

**Third order of business.** The Selectboard would like the ARPA spreadsheet to include more detail on what the money was spent on. The Town Administrator will go through the warrants and add the details, add a project column, add a number column, change payroll and re-word to administrative assistant compensation, get rid of all acronyms on the ARPA spreadsheet.

**Fourth order of business.** Capital Strategic Solutions will continue to meet the ARPA reporting requirements to the Treasury Department.

**Fifth order of business.** The following items were added as commitments:

1. Gravel for Pratt Field parking lot: \$3500.00
2. Town Clerk Software (Dog Licenses/Boards, Committees and Commission): \$4491.00 (with 10% discount)
3. Town Roofing Projects: \$15,000.00

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4. Library landscape maintenance: \$2292:00
5. Temporary Repair at Eden Trail Bridge: \$7000.00
6. FY26 audit, Assessors 5 year reevaluation or mosquito control were considered but ARPA funds have to be tracked and reported. Therefore, ARPA funds cannot be used for the FY26 Audit, Assessors 5 year reevaluation and mosquito control.

**Sixth order of business.** The school administrative budget was discussed with regard to the declining school population and administrative budget. If the tax payers want the Town to cut the budget, the school should have to cut their budget too. We may want to show the declining enrollment, cost per student against the increase to the administrative budget.

**Seventh Order of Business.** The Selectboard elected to cut the administrative assistant position (\$15,200).

**Eighth order of Business.** With regard to the Fire Truck, the Town Clerk was asked to provide the details on how to include a 2 ½ debt exclusion vote of the Town's people. This would require scheduling a Special Election after Town meeting. We can't order the fire truck until the Town has voted for the 2 ½ debt exclusion.

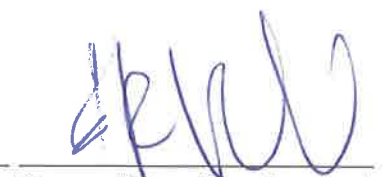
With no further business to be discussed, Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 pm. Brian seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Attested by: Karen Kelly, Town Administrator

  
Stanley D. Garland

, Chairman

  
Brian J. Keir

  
Kenneth R. Bordewieck

**Town of Bernardston**  
**Selectboard Special Meeting Agenda**  
Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, 3:30 PM



Bernardston Town Hall, 38 Church Street, Bernardston MA

**Board Members**

Brian J. Keir

Stanley D. Garland, Chairman

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

**Agenda**

**Call to Order**

ARPA

**Other Business Unknown at time of posting**

**Adjourn**

*This meeting was posted on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 6:47am*

Kenneth R. Bordewieck