

**Town of Bernardston  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes**



**Board Members**

Brian J. Keir

Stanley D. Garland, Chairman

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

***Minutes for the meeting of April 24, 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 3:45 pm.

**First Order of business.** A motion was made by Stan to approve the Annual Town Election Warrant, Brian Seconded and the motion was approved, 3-0.

**Second order of business.** Stan discussed the setup and take-down for the Annual Town Meeting. The set-up will be the same as last year, adding more chairs. The head table will include the Selectboard, Town Administrator and the Finance Committee Chair. Town Counsel and Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk will be off on the side. The meeting time is 2:00 pm at The Barn for set-up.

**Third order of business.** Discussions began about the COPs grant to add a fifth officer. If it goes through, the agreement with Leyden will have to be amended to add the hours of the fifth officer. The Town Administrator will make 150 copies of the COPs handout for Annual Town Meeting.

**Fourth order of business.** Discussions began about the school budget. There are concerns about administrative expenditures (salaries) built into the budget that were not transparent to the Town.

**Fifth order of business.** Discussions began about the \$200,000 playground structure for the elementary school. The concern is about the return of the school assessment. The Town Administrator will call DOR to see if the Town can use the school assessment refund to purchase the playground structure or does the school assessment refund have to go into the General Fund.

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**Sixth Order of business.** Discussion began about adding special legislation to warrant so we can add an alternate member to the Board of Health.

With no further business to be discussed, Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 pm. Brian seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Attested by: Karen Kelly, Town Administrator

 Chairman  
Stanley D. Garland

  
Brian J. Keir

  
Kenneth R. Bordewieck