

**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): \$5211.00
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


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



Bernardston Town Hall, 38 Church Street, Bernardston MA

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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

**Board of Health
Thursday, May 2, 2024@ 3:30pm
Bernardston Town Hall
38 Church Street
Bernardston, MA**

Agenda

Call to order

3:30pm: Approve meeting minutes from May 2, 2024

3:40pm – Public Hearing: Pursuant to M.G.L. 111, Section 31 which states “Boards of Health may make reasonable health regulations,” the Bernardston Board of Health will consider adoption of a local tobacco regulation and permitting process.

New Business

- FRCOG, CPHS Contract Renewal
- Website Development

Old Business

- NARCAN Dispensers

Other business unknown at time of posting

Adjourn