

**Town of Bernardston
Joint Meeting - Selectboard and
Fire Station Building Committee Meeting Minutes**



Board Members

Brian J. Keir

Kenneth R. Bordewieck, Chairman

Brian Hervieux

Minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2024

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

Selectboard Members Present:

Ken Bordewieck
Brian Keir
Brian Hervieux

Others Present:

Karen Kelly Scott DiGeorge
Peter Shedd Lloyd Grover
Jane Dutcher Dennis Shockro
Tim Snow

Ken opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Order of business: Ken started the discussion by providing an update on the status of the USDA Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). On Wednesday, May 8th, the Town Administrator and Chairman Bordewieck took a call with Ms. Anne Correia, Area Director, Southern New England, Rural Development, USDA about the CDS of \$1,000,000 for the Bernardston Fire Station. Ms. Correia is recommending that we utilize the funds to purchase the property that will house the new fire station and she added that it will be the easiest path forward. Ms. Correia suggested that the seller continue with the necessary improvements of the property, so the Town can have a habitable move-in space upon closing. Ms. Correia stated that this would be the best way to use these funds. If the Town agrees, USDA will formulate an application that does not involve construction. The Selectboard and the Fire Station Building Committee agreed with Ms. Correia's recommendation and the Town Administrator will notify the USDA that the Town would like to proceed with completing an application for the \$1,000,000 that does not include construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Attested by: Karen Kelly, Town Administrator

Kenneth R. Bordewieck

, Chairman

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