



***FINANCE COMMITTEE &  
SELECTBOARD***  
TOWN OF BERNARDSTON  
BERNARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 MAY 2024

PRESENT: Jane Dutcher, Stephen Nestanpower, Tammy Powell, Ken Bordewieck, Brian Keir, Brian Hervieux, Karen Kelly

ABSENT: Jody Coleman

GUESTS: Jennifer Stennes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by both Committees

The meeting included the following reviews, observations, concerns and/or discussions held in the order of their occurrence:

1. Mrs. Dutcher announced that the next *Three Town Meeting* has been scheduled for 13 June 2024 beginning at 6:30 PM at the *Bernardston Senior Center*. Mrs. Dutcher asked for emails from anyone who has an item for discussion.
2. The minutes from the meeting held 22 April 2024 were reviewed and accepted, as corrected on a motion made by Mr. Nestanpower and seconded by Mrs. Dutcher.
3. A review of the *Expenditure Ledger*, dated 01 July 2023 – 15 May 2024, was held with attention paid to the following line items that apparently have exceeded their allocated budgets:
  - a. *The Selectboard Contracted Services* [001-122-5200]: \$ 1361.48;
  - b. *Clerks Salary* [001-161-5110]: \$ 2270.94;
  - c. *Powers Institute Kitchen* [001-191-5450]: \$ 1651.95;
  - d. *Town Hall General Expenses* [001-192-5400]: \$ 1734.31;
  - e. *Highway Department Snow & Ice Expenses* [001-423-5400]: \$ 43476.43;
  - f. *Transfer Station Salaries & Wages* [001-433-5110]: \$ 4483.73;
  - g. *Unemployment Compensation* [001-913-5746]: \$ 1587.53;
  - h. *Employee Bonds* [001-946-5740]: \$ 329.00;
  - i. *Accounting Program* [001-001-830-5691]: \$ 750.00.
4. The meeting ended with a thorough review of the Recreation Committee Budget and discussion with Ms. Stennes. Highlights included:
  - a. The omission of the *Assistant Summer Director's* salary line item in the amount of \$ 6,560.00;

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- b. *Senior Counselor* salaries;
- c. The uncertainty of the *Part-Time Recreation Commission Director's* position. A Town Vote will be required to approve the funding of the position and cannot be funded until consideration for FY 26.

The next meeting of the joint *Committees* has been scheduled for 28 May 2024 beginning at 6:30 PM at *Town Hall* for the purpose of the review and discussion of the proposed new *PVRS District contract*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM on the motion made by Mr. Bordewieck and seconded by Mr. Hervieux.

Respectfully,

**Stephen Nestanpower**

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Finance Committee