

NORTH BENNINGTON WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
25 APRIL 2023

PRESENT: David Shaughnessy, Arla Sampsell, Joe Herrmann, Ted Fela and April Paulin

David called this special meeting to order at 5:57 pm.

This meeting was originally scheduled to discuss the solar project and have Jason in attendance, but Steve was unable to make it so that discussion will be held during the regular meeting scheduled for 3 May. Seeing as this meeting was already scheduled it was used to go over a few things to clear up the agenda a bit for the next meeting.

David and Ted looked at the damaged tree next to the booster station that was brought up at the last meeting. Ted received a price of \$1800 from Blake Pike to take it down and remove it. David moved to have Blake Pike take down and remove the tree for a price of \$1800. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Neither Ted nor Vicki will be present at the next meeting, so Ted filled the Board in on a few things going on:

The Town of Bennington was replacing the sewer lines on Pleasant Street and already had 75% of the water lines exposed so Ted went ahead and replaced 3 of the lines at that time. One of the lines had already been changed over to copper. Ted had contacted Craig Weaver beforehand, and he was fine with Ted doing it then. Craig contacted Ted and would like to do the other lines on Prospect Street starting on 15 May. Ted already contacted the homeowners affected about the change in dates. Ted will still have to figure out the patching and/or paving due to the other work being done on those streets.

The Board needs to schedule a kickoff meeting with Craig and a representative regarding the Asset Management plan. The Board will shoot to schedule a meeting after 15 May and for the afternoon.

Ted has received just one estimate for the generator so far. It was suggested by Brookfield that 2 1,000-gallon propane tanks be buried. Blue Flame gas did agree that a buried tank was better due to the fluctuation in air temperatures affecting the propane levels in above ground tanks. Blue Flame said 1 1,000-gallon tank should be plenty for our application.

For the lead service inventory that Ted is working on the State had said there was \$84,000 in loans available to help with the cost but they could not say whether it was guaranteed or not and if so how much would be. Ted received a call from a lady from the State who said it was 100% guaranteed and they were setting it aside for us if we would like to use it. We could use that to pay ourselves back for doing the work. Ted will look into it more and get back to the Board.

Joe moved to move into Executive Session at 6:20 pm to discuss legal matters. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe moved to exit Executive Session at 6:57 pm. There were no decisions or votes made. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:02 pm. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

April A. Paulin
Board Secretary

Approved:

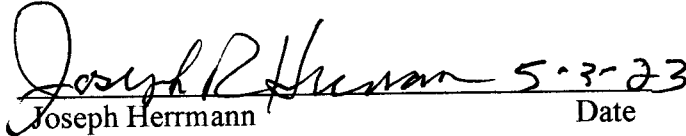


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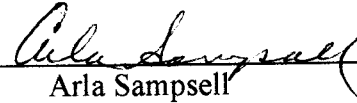
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Joseph Herrmann

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Arla Sampsell

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Steve Goodrich

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