Bantam Board of Warden & Burgesses

August 13, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Bantam Warden & Burgesses was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at Bantam Borough Hall.

Members Present: Warden, Dick Sheldon; Burgesses, Laura Turner, Bruce Turner, Curtis MacKenzie, Marcia MacKenzie, and Kim Griffen (clerk) Absent, Wendy Westcott

Public: Jane Golding

Dick Sheldon read the call.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from July's meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes made by Marcia and 2^{nd} made by Curtis. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report & Paying of the Bills: Motion to pay the bills made by Laura and 2nd made by Curtis. Motion carried unanimously. Short discussion over the bills.

Old Business:

Bantam Annex: Dick informed the board that Bantam's Planning and Zoning is adding a Bantam Municipal use District that will include Borough owned buildings and land, the Annex, and Bantam Fire Co. properties. Bantam Fire Co. will be consulted about the change and a public hearing will be required for the implementation of the new zone.

<u>DeGrasse Scholarship Applications</u>: We would like to congratulate Sophia Latour for her application submitted to the DeGrasse Scholarship and good luck in her studies.

<u>Public Input and Correspondence</u>: Dick received a text to allow a Meet and Greet for this year's Town candidates running for elections in November. More information soon. A person from New Hampshire had contacted Dick about having a carriage to sell if the Borough would have use for it or knows anyone that could have a place to display. Dick has submitted the completion of the LOCIP grant partial to the State. An application for Bantam River Arts District was sent to the State.

<u>New Business</u>: Walking Center- Jane informed the board that she had cleared out some sections at The Bantam River Park and added two picnic tables and some others will be helping update this park as it needs some cleaning up and possible be a resting spot for tourist and visitors. A discussion about if a bathroom porta-potty would be needed. More at next month meeting. A motion made by Marcia and 2nd made by Curtis to let Dick and Marcia use some funds from the Non-recuring Capital Expense Account towards the park. Motion carried unanimously.

Any Other Business: Dick received three pictures of the New Welcome to Bantam signs summited by Wendy Westcott for the board to look at and a decision to be made sometime in the fall. Dick received some quotes from Ron Lee for maintence on the Red Barn Building that is at The Bantam River Park that is in need of repairs. The 1st for the roof repair at \$3,500 the second would be siding at \$2,500 and 3rd for the foundation at \$3,300. A motion to pay for the roof replacement first made by Laura and 2nd made by Marcia. Motion carried unanimously.

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Any Other Business continued:

Dick is working with State Representative to get the Bantam River Arts District on a information sign on RT.8 More at next month meeting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. was made by Curtis and 2nd was made by Marcia. Motion carried.

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Kim Griffen, clerk Dated this 15th day of August 2025