

Bennington Board of Selectmen

February 5, 2024

Meeting Minutes – 6:00 pm

Selectboard: Chairman, James Cleary, Tony Parisi, Tom James

Staff: Deb Davidson, Town Administrator

Public: There was no public present

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:02 pm

Appointments:

No Appointments were scheduled

Minutes: Motion by Chairman Cleary to accept the January 29, 2024 minutes as written. Seconded by Parisi & James. Motion passed 3-0

Financial: Selectmen signed the A/P & Payroll Manifests

Other:

- **Abatements** – Map 10 Lot 11 – water read error
- **Budget Committee Comments** – A member of the Budget Committee reached out to the Town Administrator and commented that the Committee supports the budget as presented. They would like it noted that in 2025 the Recreation line that had additional funds for the fencing will be reduced by the amount of the fencing. They also noted that they would like to see a cap of the number of people to be trained on the Fire Department. They went significantly over on that line and would like to see that avoided in the future. Also commented was a possible contract, if we pay to train the fire personnel, without a commitment to Bennington, what is to stop them from moving on? Selectmen noted these comments and agree with the Budget Committee.

- **Truck & Backhoe** – Selectmen discussed getting seat covers and undercoating both new pieces of equipment. Unanimously voted (3-0) to have the Town Administrator notify the Road Agent to get in touch with the dealers and get seat covers and to get undercoating done as soon as possible.
- **Warrant** – Selectmen reviewed the warrant and determined who would discuss which warrant article during the deliberative session.

Adjournment:

6:25 pm - With nothing further Chairman Cleary adjourned the Selectmen's Meeting. The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator