

Bennington Board of Selectmen
Monday, December 30, 2024
Meeting Minutes – 6:00 pm

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

Staff: Cathy McGillicuddy, Administrative Assistant

6:00 pm motion by Chairman Cleary to call the meeting to order. Seconded by Selectmen James & Parisi. Motion passed 3-0.

Public: There was no public present at this meeting

Appointments: John Mullahy to discuss the full-time position with the highway/transfer station. Mr. Mullahy explained he has experience with snow removal, and operating heavy equipment. The selectmen explained to him that he will need to get a certification for the transfer station. Mr. Mullahy advised he can start any time. The selectmen offered him the position, and to start on Thursday, January 2, 2025. He advised he could do that. They discussed hours and pay (\$23.00/hour) with him, as well.

Minutes: Motion by Selectman Parisi to accept the December 23, 2024 minutes as written. Seconded by Selectmen Cleary & James. Motion passed 3-0.

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were signed

Other:

- **Greenfield and Hancock Meeting** – Chairman Cleary advised the Board that he was made aware that Greenfield Selectmen and Hancock Selectmen would be meeting in Greenfield on January 9th to begin a discussion about the police departments in terms of merging. He advised Cathy to call the Greenfield Town Administrator on Thursday to request that the Bennington Board of Selectmen be included in that discussion.

- **Contract for new fire truck financing** – Selectmen would like the first payment to be made March 13, 2025 (day after voting), and that same day for the remaining four years of payments.
- **Breach in Wall Before Tressel** – Selectman Parisi advised that DJ let him know there is a breach in the wall before the tressel which is causing freezing under the bridge. DJ advised Parisi that he has spoken with Steve Tatro from the papermill to make him aware.
- **Transfer Station Per Diem Position** – Selectmen reviewed an employment application submitted by resident, Cody Reed. They agreed to offer him a per diem position at \$13.00/hour. Cathy will call him on Thursday, January 2, 2025 to let him know.
- **Police Department** – the current contract with Antrim was discussed in terms of whether or not it will continue after the new year. Selectmen requested Chief LePine come to the next meeting to discuss.

Work Session: Budget

Wage increases for town office, library, and transfer station were discussed.

Adjournment:

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm. The next Selectmen’s Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy McGillicuddy, Administrative Assistant