

Bennington Board of Selectmen

Monday, January 6, 2025

Meeting Minutes – 6:00 pm

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

Staff: Debra Davidson, Town Administrator; Cathy McGillicuddy, Administrative Assistant

Public: Jessica Timmons, Monadnock Ledger/Transcript

Appointments:

There were no appointments scheduled for this meeting.

Minutes: Chairman Cleary motioned to accept the minutes of December 30, 2024 as written. Seconded by Selectmen James & Parisi. Motion passed 3-0

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were signed

Work Session: Selectmen worked on the budget, getting it finalized and ready for one last review next week.

- Water/sewer costs were discussed and will be double checked
- NHRS & Benefit costs will be double checked
- Selectmen went line by line and reduced as much of the budget as they possibly could.

Other:

- **Mike Hoyt** – Selectmen invited Mr. Hoyt, Bennington School Board Rep., to the next meeting at 7:00.
- **Conval Budget Hearing** – Thursday, January 16, at 7:00 pm.
- **Oil Tanks** - Ciardelli will be changing out the two oil tanks at the Town Office tomorrow
- **Speeding vehicles** – concerns from residents on N. Bennington Road & Starrett Rd., vehicles on Starrett Rd. have been identified by a resident and the information has been provided to the police. Selectmen discussed this, they

would like some additional signage and for the Town Administrator to ask the Police Chief to do additional patrolling.

- **Flag Protocol** – A policy for flag protocol was reviewed, Selectmen signed the policy. Motion by Chairman Cleary to accept the policy. Seconded by Selectman James. Motion passed 3-0. Department Heads will be provided a copy of the policy.
- **Fire Truck** – the new fire truck financial obligation was discussed. Before the agreement will be signed Selectmen would like the payment date as close to Town Meeting as possible.
- **Greenfield Selectboard** – Bennington and Greenfield Selectmen will meet on Wednesday, January 23, 2025 at 5:45 pm, in Greenfield, to discuss the possibility of merging the police departments.
- **Fire Department** – Selectmen would like Zack Andersen to come in next week for one last overview of the FD budget.
- **Sawyer Park Stage** – The stage was destroyed on 1/2/25 by big winds. A claim will be filed with Primex.
- **Elderly Resident** – Selectmen discussed an elderly resident, a possible abatement and exemption to be looked into.
- **RV at Sawyer Park** – It was brought to Selectmen’s attention that there is an RV that has been staying at Sawyer Park. There is a generator and a second vehicle with the RV. After brief discussion, Selectmen authorized Town Administrator to discuss this with Chief of Police and follow-up with the outcome with Selectmen next week.

Adjournment:

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & James. Motion passed 3-0

The next Selectmen’s meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator