

Bennington Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Selectmen's Minutes – 5:30 pm

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

Staff: Debra Davidson, Town Administrator

Public: Travis McClure, Melissa Clark

Appointments: There were no appointments

Minutes: Chairman Cleary made the motion to accept the minutes of February 11, 2025 as written. Seconded by Selectman Parisi. Motion passed 3-0

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were signed

Other:

- **Resident Concern** - Selectmen discussed a resident who has concerns about how Starrett Road is being cared for. Several e-mails have been received and reviewed. No action to be taken.
- **Right To Know** – The Selectmen reviewed a right – to – know request. Town Counsel provided directive how to move forward with this request.
- **Elevator** – Some minor items needed addressing with the elevator. These items were discovered in the annual State inspection.
- **Stage** – Selectman James mentioned he thought an RFP for the stage should go out. Having the stage completed before June 1, 2025 for the Rhubarb Festival would be good.
- **Barricade** – Selectmen discussed the sidewalk next to the church needs barricading in the future.
- **Key Fobs** – Selectman Parisi mentioned his key fob doesn't work properly, he would like the swipe pads looked at.
- **Ballfield** – Selectmen briefly discussed they would like to get together in the near future with the Wilson's and discuss the intentions of the ballfield and creating more parking. This should have no impact on the Wilson's but as a courtesy, they will be contacted.

- **Police** – Chairman Cleary is expecting a call back from Antrim Selectboard tomorrow. He will report back what they discuss at the next Bennington Selectmen’s Meeting.

Cruiser – Motion by Chairman Cleary when Chief LePine returns from his vacation, the Tahoe is to stay in town. The Chief will no longer be authorized to take the cruiser home, effective March 1, 2025. Seconded by Selectman James. Discussion followed. Motion Passed 3-0.

- **Water/Sewer** – Selectmen would like to know what the highway has taken on as far as water/sewer assistance for the next meeting.
- **Elections** – Selectmen discussed what shifts they can take at the next election
 - Selectman Parisi – Early morning until noon
 - Selectman James – Noon – 4:00
 - Chairman Cleary – 4:00 pm – 7:00

Signatures: Selectmen signed the following:

- Veterans Tax Credits** – Map 17 Lot 5, Map 8 Lot 18-2, Map 12 Lot 1 C18
- Elderly Exemption** – Map 12 Lot 6
- Town Hall Use** – 3/29/25 – Birthday Party – Town Hall Gymnasium
- Building Permit** – Map 20 -9, prefab 2 car garage

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm, seconded by Selectmen James & Parisi. Motion passed 3-0

The next Selectmen’s meeting will be Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator