

Bennington Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Selectmen's Minutes – 6:00 pm

Selectboard: Chairman, James Cleary, Tony Parisi, Travis McClure

Staff: Debra Davidson, Town Administrator

Public: Melissa Clark

Chairman Cleary called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. Motion passed 3-0

Welcome - Selectmen Cleary & Parisi welcomed Travis McClure to the Selectboard. Mr. McClure provided contact information to the Town Administrator.

Election - Selectmen discussed the Conval & Town of Bennington votes. After a discussion about the counting of Town ballots, motion by Chairman Cleary to request a recount on the Town Warrant Article #16. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. Motion passed 3-0.

Police Chief, Bret Sullivan – Selectmen would like to invite Chief Sullivan to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss moving forward with the budget and what each expects. Town Administrator will reach out to Chief Sullivan.

Cleaning Services – Pat Long has resigned as the cleaning person, Becky Lambert will replace her starting next week.

Appointments:

6:02–In accordance with RSA 91A:3 II (c) motion by Chairman Cleary to enter into a non-public session. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. Motion passed 3-0

6:20 pm - Motion by Chairman Cleary to enter out of non-public and to further seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. Motion passed 3-0

Decision: Selectmen authorized Fire Chief, Zack Andersen to handle the personnel matters within the Fire Department how he feels best. Andersen has the Boards support with however he handles the situation.

Dedication: Selectmen and Chief Andersen discussed the dedication of the new truck. Motion by Chairman Cleary to dedicate the new truck to Larry Seneschal & to further put his name on the new truck. Seconded by Parisi & McClure. All in favor, motion passed 3-0

Dispatch: Chief Andersen discussed dispatch. He is going to meet with then next week and is hopeful the cost doesn't increase too much. No decisions at this time.

New Truck: With the new truck being in service, it does need lettering. The old truck is at the highway and is drained of fluids. There has been another hit from a municipality in Kansas. Driving the new truck is limited at this time. Selectman McClure asked about maintenance schedules. Andersen explained the schedule. The new truck will have cummings filters only, this will remain in compliance with the warranty. Everything else uses Ford filters.

Selectmen thanked Chief Andersen for the updates.

6:45 – Melissa Clark – Melissa asked if she could have a few minutes with the Selectmen to discuss the Rhubarb Festival. Selectmen agreed to this request.

Rhubarb Festival - Melissa updated the Selectmen as to the status of the Rhubarb Festival, things are moving forward with organizing the Festival. It is scheduled for June 7, 2025 and will go until 4:00 pm. Melissa asked if there will be electricity at the bottom field. Selectman Parisi replied that the panel will still be at the bottom of the field and a new one will be installed when the stage is rebuilt.

Selectmen thanked Melissa for the update.

Minutes: March 3, 2025 Minutes were accepted as written.

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were signed

Other: Chairman Cleary discussed that Antrim Selectboard will be in touch regarding a weight limit posting they have put on water street. It has caused some confusion for trucks going on North Bennington Road and to the Transfer Station.

Signatures:

- Audit information – Chairman Cleary signed a document for the auditors, Plodzik & Sanderson regarding if there is any litigation against the town, policies and procedures for financial transactions.

With nothing further Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm. The next Selectmen's Meeting is Monday, March 17 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator