

**Bennington Board of Selectmen**  
**Monday, March 24, 2025**  
**Selectmen's Minutes – 6:00 pm**

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

**Staff:** Cathy McGillicuddy, Administrative Assistant

**Public:** Melissa Clark, Jamie McGuire

Chairman Cleary called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Selectmen McClure.

**Appointments:**

6:00pm-Jamie McGuire to discuss access to the railroad tracks behind Balch Farm road. He indicated there is no access for 4wheelers. He requested one be made. After further discussion, it was decided to have Cathy call the selectmen in Antrim to see if one could be made. If there can't be one made, the selectmen advised they would look into allowing 4wheelers on the roads in Bennington. Cathy will make a call to Antrim, and let the selectmen know how that goes.

6:15– Melissa Clark to discuss the Easter event at Newhall Field. Event will be on 4/13/25 at 10am. Selectman Parisi will order, and donate, 600 plastic eggs. Melissa discussed how the event will go in terms of how many eggs, hiding eggs, etc. Melissa will put it out on social media that if anyone wants to donate candy for the event, they can drop it off at the town hall.

Melissa discussed the Rhubarb Fest. She asked Chairman Cleary if he would be willing to do a pig roast at the festival. He advised he would think about it and get back to her by the end of April.

Melissa advised she was contacted by a resident in town who would like her to start a soccer program. There is no money in the budget this year for something like that. It will be revisited the next budget season. Selectmen advised Melissa to have a written plan for how the program would work.

Melissa requested Selectman Parisi attend the ZBA meeting on 3/31/25 at 6:45pm to be an alternate. Selectman Parisi agreed to do so.

Melissa was sworn in as Deputy Treasurer.

6:30pm-Chief Andersen from the Fire Department to give updates. He presented the board with a new payroll policy. He also presented the board with a "Pay Scale Policy" he found showing new hires pay starting higher than what is currently being paid. He presented the employees he is recommending get a pay raise, to include himself, and a pay decrease for one employee. Chairman Cleary made a motion to accept the new pay scale, seconded by Selectman McClure.

Chief Andersen presented a new employee application for review and approval. Brooke Whitcomb is said employee.

Chief Andersen asked the board if they have had a chance to review the ambulance contract with Antrim. The board has not seen it yet. The contract will be found, and shown to the board. Chief Andersen then went on to discuss a contract with Great Brook Ambulance. They will be a back up at no cost to the Town of Bennington. Chairman Cleary made a motion to accept that, seconded by Selectman Parisi.

**Minutes:** March 17, 2025 Minutes were accepted.

**Financial:** A/P & Payroll Manifests were signed

**Signatures:**

- Gravel Permit
- Letter to Bank – new signatures and Deputy Treasurer
- Exemptions

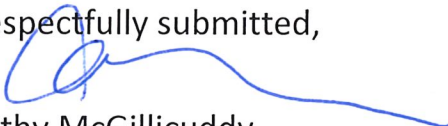
**Other:**

- **Trees at Sawyer Field**-Chairman Cleary advised he spoke with Donnie Trow would said he would remove the trees at no cost to the Town. He then called Trow to find out when he could do it. Trow advised in a month. Chairman Cleary made a motion to have Trow remove the trees, seconded by Selectman Parisi.

- **Stage**-proposals were opened. Selectmen decided to table the discussion for now. They are still figuring out the size, and amount of help they can get for building.

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy McGillicuddy