

Bennington Board of Selectmen
Monday – January 12, 2026
Selectmen’s Agenda – 6:00 pm

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

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:00 pm, 2nd by Selectmen Parisi & McClure.

Other: Administrative Assistant, Cathy McGillicuddy;

6:15 – Mike Hoyte, ConVal School Representative – Mr. Hoyte was before to the Board to provide updates as to the status of ConVal.

Fracestown withdrawing – again Fracestown is going forward and feels confident it will pass, allowing their withdrawing from the district for their elementary grades. They would still tuition 6-12. There are no solid numbers at this time as to the affect it will have on each town. Until a withdrawl is approved, ConVal and/or Fracestown cannot make agreements regarding trusts, freedom accounts, tuition or how the school will be turned back to the Town of Fracestown.

The gain for Fracestown is they would have control of their elementary school.

The largest unknown is special education.

Discussed updates and negotiations, there are no decisions at this time.

Nothing would move forward until July 1, 2027 if the withdrawing from the district passes.

Open enrollment was discussed.

Selectmen’s Advisory committee – Thursday at 6:00 pm. The budget is up only 1.48%, the new Business Administrator did a great job.

Claremont Decision – Briefly discussed, no decisions can be made as the State has not made any solid decisions how any funding will be returned to towns or what the cost of adequate education is.

Conval Deliberative Session – Mr. Hoyte reminded everyone the deliberative session for ConVal is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 pm at the ConVal Highschool.

Selectmen thanked Mr. Hoyte for updating them and let him know they appreciate all he does.

Appointments: There were no appointments scheduled however, Chief Horne did ask in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(a) for a few minutes, Selectmen approved this request.

6:27 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(a) motion by Chairman Cleary to enter into a non-public. Seconded by Selectman Parisi & McClure. All in favor.

6:50 pm motion by Chairman Cleary to enter out of the non-public and reconvene the public session. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. All in favor.

Decision: To hire, effective immediately, Jeff Cote as a full-time police officer. He will attend the academy, beginning May 4, his wage will be \$31.00/hour and he will be offered full benefits.

Other matters: Central Square contract is signed, equipment will be available June/July.

Everything else is going well within the Police Department

Minutes: December 29, 2025 Minutes were accepted as written

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were approved

Other:

Timber Cut – approved for Warren property

Selectmen discussed when the next meeting will be, it is scheduled for Tuesday January 20, 2025 at 5:00 pm, upon adjournment Selectmen will hold the public hearing to review the proposed budget.

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm. Seconded by Selectmen McClure & Parisi. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator