

**Bennington Board of Selectmen**  
**Monday – February 09, 2026**  
**Selectmen’s Minutes – 6:00 pm**

**Selectboard:** Tony Parisi and Travis McClure

Selectman Parisi opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

**Appointments:** Dave Desaulniers and Melissa Clark

**Minutes:** February 2, 2026 Minutes were approved

**Financial:** Payroll Manifest was approved

**Other:**

Reviewed applications for open position at the Transfer Station. After careful review, it was decided that Jeffrey Cote would be hired for the position, and Joseph Bastarache would also be hired to use as a fill in.

**Dave Desaulniers:** Dave was before the Board to discuss the fact that his insurance coverage is changing. He will no longer be able to be contracted and will need to become an employee. Going forward, his equipment will be leased, and he and his worker will be added to the Town’s payroll. Selectmen would like the Town Administrator to write a contract between Dave and the town, outlining these terms. Once written, the Selectmen will review it, and it will be sent to Dave for review.

**Melissa Clark:** Melissa was before the Board to discuss the Rhubarb Fest. She brought it to the Board’s attention that she has filed a police report regarding fraud as someone is misusing the Rhubarb Fest information online to solicit vendors at a higher rate than the Rhubarb Fest is requiring.

She advised that the Rhubarb Fest is on 06.06.26 and would like to make sure the Town Administrator knows the date to avoid any conflicts with the usage of Sawyer Field.

Melissa asked if it was possible to have power at home plate. Selectmen Parisi advised there would be.

With nothing further, Selectman McClure adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cathy McGillicuddy', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cathy McGillicuddy, Administrative Assistant