

Bennington Board of Selectmen
Monday – March 2, 2026
Selectmen’s Minutes – 6:00 pm

Selectboard: Chairman, James Cleary, Travis McClure

Absent: Selectman, Parisi

Public: There was no public present

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

Appointments:

6:00 – Police Chief, Tom Horne – Chief Horne was present to provide an update for the Board. The department has already surpassed last years total arrests. Chief Horne has stated he has mostly caught up in the police department, and is able to look at the future with a little more clarity.

Chief Horne reported that Jeff is doing superbly, he would say that Cote is the highest achiever he has ever trained with.

6:04 pm – In accordance with RSA 91A:3 II (e) motion by Chairman Cleary to enter into a non-public session. Seconded by Selectman McClure. Motion passed

6:14 pm – Motion by Chairman Cleary to enter out of non-public and return to the regular Selectmen’s Meeting. Seconded by Selectman McClure. Motion passed.

Decision: To have the Town Administrator contact Primex and let the insurance go forward how they deem appropriate.

Selectmen thanked Chief Horne for the update.

6:15 – Brian Quinn – Mr. Quinn was before the board and asking for an update for the VFW. Chairman Cleary said they have met with several contractors, they will be voting on one this evening. Work should begin within the next two weeks and will be completed as quickly as possible. The list of improvements should include the following:

- ADA Compliant Bathroom
- Widening the hallway
- Properly insulating the building
- Wall mounted propane unit for heat
- 1 mini split for A/C and heat in the fall
- New Ceiling throughout
- New floors
- Kitchen upgrades

A key for the closet is needed, Mr. Quinn will provide one. Mr. Quinn stated he would like to know a timeline in order to schedule their breakfasts, Memorial Day and other events. Selectmen will keep them informed as things progress. Chairman Cleary mentioned he would like to see the board with past commanders. Mr. Quinn stated the VFW members would also like to hang the commander board, they will work on getting it repaired and finding a good spot at the VFW to hang the board. The VFW will move some items into the closet after the furnace is removed.

With nothing further, Selectmen thanked Mr. Quinn for stopping in.

6:36 – Fire Chief, Zack Andersen – Chief Andersen stopped in to have Selectmen sign the reappointment papers for the Fire Wardens.

Selectmen thanked Andersen for stopping in.

Minutes: February 9, 2026 were not accepted at this time, Selectman Parisi was absent and unable to vote.

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were signed

Other:

- **VFW Update** – Selectmen again discussed the updates to the VFW. After consideration of contractor options, motion by Chairman Cleary to award the updates at the VFW to Ronald McClure. Selectman Parisi voted via a zoom call affirmatively. Selectman McClure abstain from voting. Motion passed 2-0, with Parisi being absent.

- **Website Management** – Selectman Parisi had asked to be allowed access to update the Town Website. Discussion followed as to what the Town Administrator and Aaron Treadwell discussed. Selectmen would like Parisi to be provided the necessary ability to make changes and updates to the website.
- **Conservation Commission** – CD Investment – 6-month CD with interest at 3.60%.

Chairman Cleary motioned to authorize and accept the Treasurer's recommendation to invest the Conservation Commission CD Investment at Bar Harbor Bank for a 6-month CD, interest will be at 3.60%. Seconded by Selectman McClure. Motion passed 2-0.

- **Antrim Board of Selectmen** – Selectmen would like to have a meeting scheduled the first week or two of April.
- **Transfer Station hires, wage, hours etc.** – 2 new hires, \$13.40/hour, one 21 hours/week; the other per-diem.
- **Contract** – a contract for winter services with Pine View Excavation was signed.
- **Voting** – Selectmen discussed who would be available for voting day. Selectmen were reminded they must be available to count ballot. Selectman Parisi will be available, as will the other two Selectmen.

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Seconded by Selectman McClure. Motion passed

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator

