

**Bennington Board of Selectmen**  
**Monday – March 23, 2026**  
**Selectmen’s Minutes – 6:00 pm**

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

**Public:** Kenneth & Stephanie Williams

Chairman Cleary opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. Affirmative Vote 3-0

**Appointments:**

**6:00 – Kenneth & Stephanie Williams** -Selectmen allowed Mr. & Mrs. Williams to speak prior to meeting with Chief Horne. Mr. & Mrs. Williams were present to discuss the facility use form that was submitted for wrestling practice, Monday & Fridays - 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. They need a key fob to get into the building, Chief Horne will be sure they get one. They will begin the practice as soon as possible and it will go through June. Selectmen support this venture and thanked Mr. & Mrs. Williams for coming to the meeting.

**6:10 – Police Chief, Tom Horne** – Staffing Agreement with Hancock, NH.

In accordance with RSA 91 A:3, II (c) Selectman McClure motioned to enter into a non-public session. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & Cleary. Motion passed with an affirmative vote - 3-0

**6:50** – 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:** Chief Horne will do some investigating. Seal the minutes.

**6:15 – Melissa Clark** – Easter Egg Hunt, Rhubarb Festival – Melissa cancelled her meeting and will reschedule.

**7:00 – Zack Parenteau** – Mr. Parenteau was not on the agenda; however, Selectmen allowed his presentation. He is the new representative for the Men’s Baseball League and wanted to discuss some renovations that the league would like to make. They are

a newly established non-profit with an EIN. They would like to turn the league into a program that is a community building program, giving back to kids and the community. Some improvements they are looking for approval to do are renovating the baseball diamond. Landsite Corp. out of Antrim has offered to donate material and equipment in an effort to create an actual baseball diamond.

Mr. Parenteau is obtaining insurance quotes and once secured he will get a certificate of insurance to the office.

Understanding that the Rhubarb Festival weekend isn't available, they would like to put a snow fence around the field, the same as last year. They discussed options for snow fencing, no decision was made.

The league would like to remove the old pitcher mound from right field.

Discussed possible donations.

Selectmen thanked Mr. Parenteau for the update and for his commitment to the league.

**Minutes:** March 10, 2026 & March 18, 2026 minutes were accepted. Motion by Chairman Cleary to amend the March 2, 2026 minutes to reflect the zoom attendance of Parisi. Seconded by Selectmen McClure & Parisi. Motion passed affirmatively 3-0.

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

**Other:**

**Conval** – Selectmen discussed going forward with Conval now that Francestown is withdrawing. They discussed the impact it could have on all the other 8 towns going forward. Nothing is definitive at this time.

**VFW Renovation Update** – Chairman Cleary presented an estimate from Dennis Jewell for foundation work. The estimate is \$3,000.00, a brief discussion followed. Motion by Chairman Cleary to accept the estimate from Dennis Jewell of \$3,000.00, Seconded by Selectmen McClure & Parisi.

Motion passed with an affirmative vote 3-0.

Discussion followed regarding interior improvements, the building is looking very nice, Selectmen discussed vaulted vs. cathedral ceilings.

Keys – There have been too many people in and out of the VFW while work is being done. Selectmen authorized Ron McClure to change the locks on the building. The only keys will be held by Mr. McClure and the Town Office until the project is complete.

**Flood plain ordinance** – Town Administrator reported we may need to hold a special town meeting to update the flood plain ordinance. It hasn't been updated since 2009 the government is wanting all towns that haven't updated their ordinance to update them. An alternative is for Selectmen to sign a referendum, however that could make it more difficult to receive funding from the Federal Government and/or to get insurance for those residents who have flood insurance. The contact from the State is trying to get an answer from FEMA if the referendum can be signed and the warrant article put on the 2027 warrant. FEMA is currently shutdown so they are taking some time to get answers back. A decision as to either special town meeting or referendum needs to be determined before June 10, 2026. A follow-up from the Town Administrator will happen after the State gets an answer from FEMA.

**Memorandum of Understanding** – Police Department was tabled at this time.

**Transfer Station Employees** – an ad for help at the transfer station has been put in the paper. Tom James has given his notice for Saturday shift; effective April 18, 2026 Tom will no longer work Saturdays. We currently have hired two new per-diem employees, we have one per-diem employee who has worked for the town for a few years, more employees are needed.

**Signatures:**

**Facilities Use Agreement** – Wrestling practice in the gymnasium, M & F - 5-8 through June – Selectmen signed the rental agreement.

**MS 232** – Report of appropriations voted on March 10, 2026 was signed and will be submitted to the Dept. of Revenue.

**Municipal Data Assessment Sheet** – The Board of Selectmen signed said sheet and it will be submitted to the Department of Revenue Administration

**Current Use Application** – Cold Spring Land Trust placed the remaining acres of Map 22 Lot 9 into current use. Selectmen signed the A-10, the application will be submitted to the NH Registry of Deeds to be recorded.

**Intent to Excavate** – The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the intent to excavate submitted by Frankestown Sand & Gravel. The intent will be submitted to the Department of Revenue with the \$100.00 application fee.

7:50 pm – With nothing further to discuss, Chairman Cleary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. The next Selectmen’s Meeting will be April 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise needed. Until further notice Selectmen’s Meetings will be bi-weekly.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator