

Bennington Board of Selectmen

Monday – June 1, 2026

Selectmen's Minutes – 6:00 pm

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

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

Appointments:

6:00 – John Kendall – The Code Officer, John Kendall came before the Board with concerns from Crystle Maki regarding JCL's screening of loam and the vibrations causing damage to her home. Mr. Kendall stated he has spoken to the owner of the business who has moved the screening machine to the far end of his property, as far away from the Maki property as possible, over 100 yards away. Kendall stated he has spoken with the property owner closest to the new location who said they have no problems with noise, rattling or the machinery at all. Discussion followed, final decisions are:

- JCL is an established business, in the Commercial/Industrial zoned district
- The screening machine has been relocated to the farthest corner away from the Maki property by at least 100 yards
- Vibrations & wall damage could be from large trucks traveling on Route 202
- Selectboard have no authority on this matter and cannot do anything.
- A letter will be sent to Crystle Maki

6:15 – DJ Wing – Summer Paving Projects were discussed, DJ wanted Selectmen's approval before starting any projects. He has asked for quotes from All State, Advanced Paving and Pike. He has only received written quotes back from All State. Selectmen discussed contacting Advanced Paving and Pike one more time to get three bids, if no one gets back to him by the end of the week, All State will be awarded the bid.

- Old Coach Road – Reclaim & Pave \$22,000.00
- Bible Hill to the Water Department – Reclaim & Pave \$60,000.00; remove trees, two prices Robblee \$7,200; Grant \$5,000. Motion by Chairman Cleary to accept

the price from Grant of \$5,000.00. Seconded by Parisi & McClure – 3-0 motion passed.

- Set a new Culvert & Headwall – Kids Pond on Bible Hill Road - \$17,000.00. Pine View Excavation will do the 12" culvert, ditch & stump. Permitting has been submitted already.
- Brissette to Curtis Home Stead – Chip Sealing \$41,000.00,
- New Scag Mower – Excellent choice, DJ and his crew are very happy with the decision.
- Rhubarb Festival – DJ will provide a generator for the Rhubarb Festival and be sure to get it to Sawyer Field. Tables & Chairs, and anything else that needs to be brought down will also be brought to the field.
- Signage – the signage for Antrim Road should be ready within the next two weeks.
- New Vehicles – DJ stated he is keeping an eye on the trucks mechanically, the trucks are working out very nicely.

Transfer Station – DJ reported Joey is doing very well, working 3 days a week. Bella works every other Saturday and is working out. Everything is good with the Transfer Station.

6:30 - Melissa Clark – Melissa was before the Board to discuss the Rhubarb Festival and the Historical Society.

- Rhubarb Festival will have the green fencing up and it will stay installed throughout the Festival. Food Trucks will go behind the fence. The Highway crew will be asked to bring a generator down to the field. Melissa asked Chief Horne if he could be there by 8:00 am. Selectmen will be pie judges again, the judging will start at approximately 10:00 am.
- Historical Society is planning on a rededication of the VFW and combining it with a 250th celebration in connection with the Town. Selectmen supported this 3-0.

6:45 – Police Chief, Tom Horne – Chief Horne wanted to report that David Bell is interested in the full-time position. Chief would like to make it a sergeant position, with an hourly rate of \$40.00/hour with benefits. Bell brings with him 13 years as a certified officer. Discussion followed. Selectmen are supportive of this decision.

Minutes: Motion by Chairman Cleary to approve the May 18, 2026 as written. Seconded by Selectmen Parisi & McClure. Motion passed 3-0

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were approved

Signatures:

Timber Tax – Adam Warren - Map 14 Lot 1 - approved

Driveway Permit – Sandquist – Map 21 Lot 9; Paradise Drive Properties, LLC – Map 2 Lot 3 were signed off on. Bonds will be returned to the property owners.

Other:

Rain Diverters – Fire Station, Town Hall – remains tabled

Ice Diverter – Town Hall – remains tabled

Edward French Scholarship – Deagan Wing, Remy Kekuewa-Colon. June 10, 2026, ConVal Gymnasium, 6:00 pm – Selectmen cannot attend this event. Town Administrator will notify the school that they can present the scholarships

Hazard mitigation & LEOP – The Town Administrator discussed a request from Keith Nason to apply for two grants to cover 50% of the LEOP and 75% of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Nason would like permission to be the signatory of the grants, Selectmen have approved this in the past. The Selectmen have put this on hold until they know exactly how much funding the town would be responsible for. Town Administrator will report back at the next meeting.

Whittemore Lake raking – Selectmen asked the Town Administrator to contact Steve Osienski and see if he could rake the beach with his tractor.

Adjourn:

7:00 pm, with nothing further Selectman Parisi adjourned the meeting. Seconded by Selectmen McClure & Chairman Cleary.

The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for June 15 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Davidson, Town Administrator