

Bennington Board of Selectmen
Monday – July 13, 2026
Selectmen's Minutes – 6:00 pm

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

Others: Administrative Assistant, Cathy McGillicuddy,

Town Administrator, Deb Davidson

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

Appointments:

6:00 – Police Chief, Tom Horne – Chief Horne presented the appointment for Selectmen's signature. This appointment is for David Bell, who will start working full time for the Bennington Police Department on July 20, 2026.

Selectmen & Chief Horne discussed the trucks on Antrim Road, damage they have caused to Alberto's driveway and the new signage. The driveway is a civil matter, Bennington Police can't do anything about that criminally. Chief Horne is trying to deter trucks from going down Antrim Road when able.

Body Cam & Tasers have been received and Horne is making progress with IT installations.

Minutes: June 29, 2026 minutes were accepted as written.

Financial: A/P & Payroll Manifests were reviewed and approved

Signatures: Intent to cut – Map 8 lot 1; Driveway Permit, David Hardwick – Map 19 Lot 21-B

Other:

Rain Diverters – Fire Station, Town Hall

Ice Diverter – Town Hall

Bible Hill Rd. – Selectmen received a written concern regarding 30 Bible Hill Rd., this is in addition to the previous concerns. Selectmen have written letters to the property

owners that need to clean up their properties for health and safety reasons. There is one that will receive another letter, if compliance isn't met, the next step will be a court order.

Bats – There have been several bats in the town hall. 4 dead ones, 2 live, JP Pest has been contacted and will be here on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 to assess the situation. They had taken care of the bat remediation two years ago, their work is guaranteed until 2029, this will be no cost to the taxpayers to have JP Pest take care of removal of the bats. Discussion of bat houses followed, Selectmen approved installing a few bat houses in an effort to possibly attract the bats to the houses and not the town hall.

Whittemore Lake – Selectmen reviewed a letter from Cathy Roberts regarding Whittemore Lake. Selectmen appreciate her input, a lot has been put into the Lake over the last few years. A letter will be sent to Ms. Roberts outlining recent improvements.

Wrestling – Town Administrator reported wrestling is done for the summer. The team thanked the Selectmen for the support.

VFW - Selectmen discussed the VFW is near completion, it looks great.

Transfer Station – Selectmen discussed the Transfer Station, the need for more employees. Wages were discussed, current employees were discussed.

Chairman Cleary made the motion to hire Clifford Gates to work at the Transfer Station. He will be offered \$18.00/hour and is willing to work, any (all) the hours the Transfer Station is opened. He will get certified as well. Seconded by Selectmen McClure & Parisi. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourn:

With nothing further, Chairman Cleary adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm. The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on July 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Davidson".

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator