

Bennington Board of Selectmen
Monday – August 10, 2026
Selectmen's Minutes – 6:00 pm

Selectboard: Tony Parisi, Travis McClure

Absent: Chairman Cleary

Selectman Parisi 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 discuss trucks using Alberto's parking lot as a turn-around, once they discover they can't fit under the trestle they use Alberto's parking lot, the owner of Alberto's has tried to deter this. Horne explained this is not a criminal offense, the police cannot take action. Suggestions have been made to the owner of Alberto's as to how to deter the trucks from using the business driveway as a turn-around even more. Chief Horne explained this is a civil matter. Selectmen understand.

Sergeant David Bell was present for introductions. Selectmen welcomed him and a brief discussion followed regarding future programs and getting the Bennington Police Department set up in a more masterful capacity. Selectmen thanked Bell for stopping in.

Minutes: June 29, 2026 minutes were accepted as written

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

Signatures:

Facilities use agreement – Kyle Murray, Gazebo was approved to use the gazebo with agreed upon stipulations.

Other:

Rain Diverters – Fire Station, Town Hall – tabled until further notice

Ice Diverter – Town Hall – tabled until further notice

Beach – It is reported that recently there has been vandalism at the beach. Police will be notified - additional police patrol will take place.

Computers – Discussion of a recent cyber-attack in a nearby town followed. A quote was presented to the Board to install a 4-Bay NAS 8 TB storage backup for the town. This would provide the police with 2 drives and the office with 2. It will also provide cloud storage for the town for up to 8 TB of back up. Chief Horne was present and expressed his thoughts on the necessity of being pro-active, rather than re-active with regards to this potential situation of a cyber-attack. The quote presented is for \$2,370.00, this can be paid for in a shared capacity and split between Police, Executive and Town Clerk. Selectmen approved this quote as presented.

Adjourn:

With nothing further, Selectman Parisi motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. Seconded by Selectman McClure.

The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Debra Davidson, Town Administrator