

APPROVED MINUTES  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BENSON, VT  
January 17th, 2023, 7pm

**Selectboard:**

Guy Charlton (Chair), Ron Stewart Jr., John Hill, Jack Helm, and Brad Barrett

**Others:**

Heidi Chandler (Town Clerk/Treasurer) Carrie LaFond (Selectboard Assistant), Lisa Fontaine

**Public:** Dave Bartholomew, Lisa Fontaine

**Call to Order:** Guy Charlton (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Approved Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda as Presented was made by John Hill and seconded by Jack Helm, motion was passed.

**Public Comment: None**

Lisa Fontaine let the selectboard know the library is in need of a new floor, Library floor to be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Heidi Chandler (Town Clerk/Treasure) voiced her concerns about remarks that may have been said about elected or appointed positions could be slanderous and subject to lawsuit.

**Rescue Squad Bids: None**

**Fire Department:**

- Dave Bartholomew presented the fire department budget; no changes were made.

**Budget Reviews:**

Continued to review budgets of the General Fund

Motion by John Hill to stop renting the Creamery when the current lease expires, Second by Jack Helm, Motion passed.

Motion by Brad Barret to continue budget reviews at the next meeting, second by Ron Stewart Jr., Motion passed

Motion By John Hill to transfer funds to a Treasury Bill for the Salt/sand shed for one year, second by Jack Helm, motion passed

**Executive Session:**

Motion by John Hill to move into executive session for an issue that the board has determined that premature public knowledge would clearly place a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Second by Jack Helm, Motion passed

Motion by John Hill to move into executive session per 1. V.S.A 313 (a) (3) for the purpose of appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee at 9:07 pm Second Ron Stewart Jr, Motion passed.

Motion by John, 2nd by Brad to change the Health Insurance line in the General Fund budget to "Health Insurance and benefits" and increase the budget for the line by \$4,100 for FY 23-24.

Motion passed.

Motion by John, 2nd by Ron to approve wage rates for employees and elected officials. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Ron Stewart Jr to adjourn at 10:20 second by Brad Barrett. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted.  
Carrie LaFond  
Selectboard Assistant