

APPROVED MINUTES  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BENSON, VT  
DECEMBER 22nd, 2025, 5:00pm

**Selectboard Present:**

Brad Barrett, Jim Pritchard, Daric Brown, Guy Charlton, Daryl Burlett

**Others Present:**

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

**Public Present:** Paul LaFond, Jack Helm, Roxy Helm, Jon Dodd

**Call to Order:**

Brad Barrett (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

**Approve Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Daryl Burlett second by Guy Charlton motion passed unanimously.

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

Added Law Enforcement to Old Business

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve Selectboard Minutes:**

Motion to approve December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes as presented by Jim Pritchard, second by Guy Charlton, motion carried.

**Pay Bills:**

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay MERP Grant expenses in the amount of \$260.18 second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried.

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Regular Payroll in the amount of \$8,848.30 second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried.

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Highway Payroll in the amount of \$5,978.00 second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried, Brad Barrett abstained.

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Regular Bills in the amount of \$19,724.67 second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried

**Highway Department:**

Road Foreman Report

- The Mac is back from being repaired at Avalanche
- V- Trans Calibrated the trucks for salt
- V- Trans has a safety grant available to apply for, can be used to help remove the canopy of trees covering the road
- Public need to only take sand from the public sand pile, individuals are taking it from the Road sand pile and putting themselves and the highway department at risk of the pile falling on them

Road Commissioner

- Two bids for the air exchanger, one for \$24,500 from Landon and \$ 19,272.73 from JDW Mechanical
- JDW Mechanical will hook up the pressure washer and the generator when working on the air exchanger

Motion by Jim Pritchard, second by Daric Brown to proceed with the quote provided by JDW Mechanical in the amount of \$19,272.73 to be paid for from the sale of the auctioned items, the balance to be paid out of the building maintenance fund, motion carried

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Jim Pritchard to authorize the Chair to sign the excess weight permit for Midnight Express, motion carried

**Transfer Station:**

- Fence has been fixed and Hubbard's will be billed
- Transfer Station open 12/24 from 11am to 3pm and 12/31 from 11am to 3pm
- The Town received a check in the amount of \$129.12 for electronics recycling

**Treasurer Report:**

- Supplied to the board with current Profit and Loss Statement for Highway and a comparative budget report
- Supplied Treasurer Report
- NEMRC software will be up and running on January 1, 2026
- Received a thank you note for the Rd Crew from Mrs. Burleson

**Town Clerk Report:**

- Another dog complaint

**Old Business:**

MERP Grant Discussion-

- MERP Grant everything is moving forward

Law Enforcement

- The Town Manager in Fair Haven has approved moving forward with contract for law enforcement services for Benson

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Jim Pritchard to move budget review to the end of the meeting, motion carried

**New Business:**

Appoint Jacqueline Lussier Library Trustee

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Jim Pritchard to appoint Jacqueline Lussier Library Trustee for the remainder of the term, motion carried

LHMP

Motion by Daryl Burlett second by Jim Pritchard for the Chair to sign the LHMP amendment, motion carried

**Correspondence:**

ACT 250 Permit Outright VT

- Outright VT has applied for an ACT 250 permit

FEMA Flood Map Meeting

- There will be a FEMA meeting on 1/12/25 for remapping flood areas

Budget Review

- Review of the Highway budget

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Daric Brown at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie LaFond  
Selectboard Assistant

***Documents referenced in these minutes can be found at the Benson Town Office.***