

APPROVED MINUTES  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BENSON, VT  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, 5:00pm

**Selectboard Present:**

Brad Barrett, Jim Pritchard, Guy Charlton, Daryl Burlett

**Selectboard Absent:**

Daric Brown

**Others Present:**

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

**Public Present:** Diane Drake, Roxy Helm, Jack Helm

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approve Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Daryl Burlett, second by Guy Charlton, carried.

**Board of Civil Authority:**

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Daryl Burlett to recess the Board of Selectpersons at 5:05pm and reconvene as the Board of Civil Authority, motion carried.

Motion to recess the Board of Civil Authority at 5:15 and reconvene as the Board of Selectpersons by Guy Charlton, second by Daryl Burlett, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve Selectboard Minutes:**

Motion to approve January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, minutes as presented by Daryl Burlett, second by Jim Pritchard motion carried.

Motion to approve January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, minutes as amended by Guy Charlton, second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried, Brad Barrett abstained.

**Pay Bills:**

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Payroll in the amount of \$13,965.25 second by Daric Brown, motion carried, Brad Barrett abstained.

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Regular Bills in the amount of \$37,158.26 second by Daryl Burlett, motion carried.

## Highway Department:

### Road Foreman Report

- Contractor is working on the air exchanger
- Little truck is back up and running
- Parts are ordered for the Mac.
- Working on scraping the roads, cutting some brush

### Excess Weight Permits

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Jim Pritchard for the Chair to sign excess weight permits for Dead River dba -Bournes Energy and Parker Water Wells, motion carried.

### Road Commissioner

- Commissioner Jim Pritchard presented a quote he has been working on for the salt shed
- Ben Bartholomew contacted him and is available for hauling

## Transfer Station:

- Daryl Burlett met with Wade from VLCT at the transfer station and he has a list of things that need to be remedied by spring.
- Transfer station does need some clean up.

## Treasurer Report:

- NEMRC will be here on Thursday to help with the continued setting up of the new accounting software.
- CD for Fire Department- Tabled for next meeting.

## Town Clerk Report:

### Glen Munger Scholarship

- Received a letter from the family of Glen Munger and they would like to see the scholarship in his name closed out and transferred to the Benson Community Scholarship as it hasn't been used in years.

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Daryl Burlett to close out the Glen Munger Scholarship fund and transfer the remaining funds to the Benson Community Scholarship, motion carried.

- Auditors Pay

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Jim Pritchard to raise the Auditors pay by \$200.00, motion carried.

## Old Business:

- Addendum For RRPC Culvert Inventory

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Guy Charlton for the Board to sign Addendum 1 for RRPC in the amount of \$9,880.00 for work done on the culvert inventory, motion carried.

## New Business:

- Maintenance Contract JDW

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Guy Charlton to sign the preventive maintenance contract with JDW for the air exchange unit installed in the Town garage, motion carried.

**Correspondence: None**

Motion to adjourn by Daryl Burlett at 5:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie LaFond  
Selectboard Assistant

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