

AMENDED APPROVED MINUTES  
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BENSON, VT  
MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, 6:00pm

**Selectboard Present:**

Ben Bartholomew, Jim Pritchard, Guy Charlton, Daryl Burlett

**Selectboard Absent:**

Brad Barrett

**Others Present:**

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

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

**Call to Order:**

Guy Charlton (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Approve Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Ben Bartholomew second Jim Pritchard, motion carried.

**Approval of Purchase of Excavator-Transfer Station:**

- Discussion on Equipment Options
- Question was asked about whether the board had decided on an excavator instead of a backhoe. Answer: A mini excavator would be able to be utilized by both the transfer station and the highway department

Motion by Jim Pritchard, second by Daryl Burlett to approve the purchase of a mini excavator not to exceed \$40,000 for the Town of Benson, motion carried

Motion by Jim Pritchard, second by Ben Bartholomew for Daryl Burlett to negotiate and purchase a mini excavator not to exceed \$40,000 that was looked at in Chester, VT, motion carried

**Approval For Guy Charlton to secure Loan at Orwell Bank:**

Motion to authorize Guy Charlton to secure a note from the Orwell bank not to exceed \$290,000 for the purchase of the new international truck for a term of 5 years at 3.25% interest rate, semiannual payments in April and October (accrued interest is separate payment in April and October) by Daryl Burlett, second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried

**Approval For Application of Municipal Loan:**

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Ben Bartholomew for Daryl Burlett to apply for the Municipal Equipment Loan for the new International truck, motion carried

**Approval of Municipal Roads General Permit and Authorize Payment:**

Motion by Jim Pritchard, second by Ben Bartholomew for Guy Charlton (Vice Chair) to sign the Municipal Roads General Permit, motion carried

Motion by Jim Pritchard, second by Ben Bartholomew to authorize the payment of \$1,350.00 for the Municipal Roads General Permit, motion carried

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Jim Pritchard at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie LaFond

Selectboard Assistant

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