

APPROVED MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
MARCH 2nd, 2026, 5:00pm

Selectboard Present:

Brad Barrett, Guy Charlton, Daryl Burlett

Selectboard Absent:

Daric Brown, Jim Pritchard

Others Present:

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

Public Present: Dan Ryan, Adam Stewart, Nany Elkington, Paul LaFond

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 carried.

Public Comment:

- Dan Ryan asked about what happens with the Declaration of Inclusion now. **Answer:** Nothing, tabled until someone petitions again. Also asked about paving on Lake Rd. **Answer:** Not in the future
- Nancy Elkington thanked Guy Charlton for his courageous comments regarding the declaration at Town Meeting. More discussion on the Declaration, and the board agreed they did not have definite answers about the process (if any), and they would discuss it with VLCT Attorney.

Approve Selectboard Minutes:

Motion by Daryl Burlett to approve February 17th, 2026, minutes as presented, second by Guy Charlton, motion carried.

Motion by Daryl Burlett to approve February 27th, 2026, minutes as presented, second by Guy Charlton, motion carried.

Fire Department:

CD Renewal-

- Adam Stewart thanked Guy for his 50 years of service and support.
- Adam spoke that JS Valois has been working on information regarding investing the Fire Department CD into Treasury Bonds instead of the CD.
- The Selectboard stated that nothing could be done this year because the CD automatically renewed, the time was up. Also, the board had investigated possible options other than CDs and felt the Town could not diversify because a broker would have to be involved.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Payroll in the amount of \$12,203.83 second by Daryl Burlett, motion carried, Brad Barrett abstained.

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Regular Bills in the amount of \$30,456.66 second by Daryl Burlett, motion carried.

*Note: Jim Pritchard had previously reviewed and signed the orders for payroll and regular bills prior to the select board meeting

Highway Department:Road Foreman Report

- Winter weather operations continue
- Start of mud season

Excess Weight Permits

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Guy Charlton for the Chair to sign excess weight permits for Jackman Fuels, J.P Carrara and Markowski Excavation, motion carried.

Road Commissioner- Absent**Transfer Station:**

- Wesley Gates will be installing the safety kick plates at the transfer station when it warms up.

Treasurer Report/Town Clerk

- Continuing with NEMRC installation.
- Back door needs to be fixed for a second exit from the museum space, Daryl to address this.

Old Business:

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Daryl Burlett for the board to sign the corrected pay scale document, motion passed

New Business: None

Correspondence:RRPC Future Land Use Map Update/Email- TabledCarrie LaFond/Letter

- Letter From Carrie LaFond (Selectboard assistant) apologizing for violating the social media policy on the Town of Benson Facebook page, read into the minutes.

Motion to adjourn by Brad Barrett at 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie LaFond
Selectboard Assistant

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