

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
MAY 11th 2026, 5:00pm

Selectboard Present:

Brad Barrett, Guy Charlton, Daryl Burlett, Jim Pritchard, Ben Bartholomew (Phoned in)

Others Present:

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

Public Present: Heath Perkins, Scott Perron, Adam Stewart, Paul LaFond, Jon Dodd

Call to Order:

Brad Barrett (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:08pm

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Jim Pritchard to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Tabled LHMP and Purchasing Policy

Approve Selectboard Minutes:

Motion by Daryl Burlett to approve April 27th, 2026, minutes as presented, second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried.

Motion by Daryl Burlett to approve April 29th, 2026, minutes as amended, second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried.

Amendment To Minutes 4/29/26

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Jim Pritchard to sign the regular bills for All Point Construction in the amount of \$57,519.22 contingent upon being in Good Standing with the State of Vermont, motion carried.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Daryl Burlett to pay Payroll in the amount of \$11,356.65 second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried, Brad Barrett abstained.

Motion by Brad Barrett to pay Regular Bills in the amount of \$50,263.80 second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried.

Motion by Brad Barrett to pay ACH Bank Fees in the amount of \$2.00 second by Daryl Burlett, motion carried.

Motion by Daryl Burlett to pay ACH Payments in the amount of \$1,914.00 second Jim Pritchard, motion carried.

Highway Department:

Road Foreman Report

1. Grading and putting gravel down
2. Will be working on stump removal

Bid Opening Boiler Replacement

1. JDW Mechanical \$26,013.56
 2. Dundons \$37,283.00
 3. LaDuc's \$29,989.91
- Scott Perron will through the bid specs and give his professional recommendation on who to hire to replace the boiler at the Town office and report back at the end of the meeting (see below under New Business).

Excess Weight Permits

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Jim Pritchard for Brad Barrett (Chair) to sign excess weight permits for McElwain Contractors and Ken Winning transport, motion carried.

Transfer Station: Nothing to report

Fire Department:

- Engine 1 will be going to Central Vermont for repairs, mutual departments have been notified
- Discussion on process for posting minutes and agendas and recording meetings per the Open Meeting Law
- Discussion the House in the village that burned cannot be re-burned due to EPA guidelines

Treasurer Report/ Town Clerk

- Town office will be closed June 23rd for mandatory election training

Old Business:

Fence Between Bowen's and Town Office

- The fence has been put on hold due to the need to replace the boiler at the Town Office.
- Mark Norris and crew will be putting up the flags in town again this year, the Board thanks them very much.

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Ben Bartholomew to purchase a gift certificate for the Wheel Inn, in the amount of \$75.00 as a thank you to Mark Norris and team, motion carried.

New Business:

Policy Review Purchasing Tabled until 5/26/26

Sign Mutual Aid Agreement

Motion by Ben Bartholomew, second by Guy Charlton for Brad Barrett (Chair) to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement, motion carried

Sign LEMP Adoption Form:

Motion by Brad Barrett for Brad Barrett and Jim Pritchard to sign the Local Emergency Management Plan, second by Ben Bartholomew, motion carried.

Reimbursement Form Culvert Inventory

Motion by Guy Charton to table until 5/26/26, second by Jim Pritchard, motion carried

Review Fair Haven PD Police Log

- 12 Contacts
- 8 Traffic Stops
- 5 Tickets
- 3 Warnings

Boiler Quotes

Motion by Ben Bartholomew, second by Jim Pritchard to award the contract to LaDuc's in the amount of \$29, 989.91 for the boiler replacement as recommended by Scott Perron, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Email Terry Williams Act 181 Update

"I have received the letter from the Benson Select Board and have forwarded it to the Chair of the Senate Natural resources and Energy Committee and the governor's office.

I have been out of the office for scheduled surgery this week, but I understand that the House passed S.325 which was drafted to develop model by-laws to Act 181 and removed the road rule and tier 3. I have not seen the actual language of the passed bill."

Email Kristopher Lubinski – Re: Road Work Notification

- Road closures will be posted on the Town Website and Town Facebook page; road work will not be posted.

Letter Wayne Simek – Resignation Development Review Board

Wayne Simek is retiring from the Development Review Board after 20 years of service, the Selectboard and residents thank him for his many years of service.

Motion to adjourn by Daryl Burlett at 6:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie LaFond
Selectboard Assistant

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