

APPROVED MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
JUNE 22nd, 2026, 5:00pm

Selectboard Present:

Brad Barrett, Guy Charlton, Daryl Burlett, Ben Bartholomew (By Phone), Jim Pritchard

Others Present:

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

Public Present: Jon Dodd

Call to Order:

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

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Daryl Burlett to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Added Live Ammunition in Cemetery to New Business by request of Guy Charlton

Added Police Report to Old Business by request of Jon Dodd

Approve Selectboard Minutes:

Motion by Daryl Burlett to approve June 8th, 2026, minutes as presented, second by Ben Bartholomew, motion carried.

Motion by Guy Charlton to approve June 17th, 2026, minutes as presented, second by Ben Bartholomew, motion carried.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Payroll in the amount of \$14,611.50 second by Daryl Burlett, motion carried, Brad Barrett abstained.

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Regular Bills in the amount of \$40,862.93 second Daryl Burlett, motion carried, Ben Bartholomew abstained.

Highway Department:

Road Foreman Report

1. Coates Hill grant project complete
2. Started ditching on Lake Road
3. Working on roadside mowing

New Truck

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Jim Pritchard for the Chair to sign the promissory note with the State of Vermont for the new truck purchase for \$150,000 at an interest rate of 2%, motion carried.

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Guy Charlton to transfer \$39,310 from the Orwell bank loan to the regular Town account towards the purchase of the new truck when the funds are available from the Vermont State loan, motion carried.

Excess Weight Permits: None

Road Commissioner:

- There has been some reorganization in VTRANS and Districts 1 and 2 are now combined and Districts 3 and 4 are combined. This may result in roads not being addressed as soon as in past years.

Transfer Station:

- A battery needs to be purchased for the grease gun, Brad Barrett to purchase.

Treasurer Report/ Town Clerk

- Review of Internal Financial Control Check list, revisions need to be made and presented at the next board meeting
- Discussion on the purchase of a ten-year warranty for the Generac generator

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Guy Charlton to purchase a ten-year warranty for the Generac generator in the amount of \$1,035.00, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Jon Dodd inquired about why Fair Haven PD was at the CATS Club meeting and whether they planned to enforce laws or the Town's ordinance.
- Daryl Burlett clarified that the police can only ticket for VT state law offenses and the Traffic Ordinance was designed around Vermont state law.

New Business:

Town Plan Hearing

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Jim Pritchard to hold the Selectboard hearing for comments on the updated Town Plan on July 20th, 2026, at 4:30, motion carried.

Live Ammunition in Cemetery

- Live ammunition was discovered in the cemetery, which is a violation of the cemetery rules.
- Discussion on the proper protocol for dealing with this matter.
- Decision the owner of the stone would be contacted to see if they had any information on who put it there and if they were aware of the cemetery rules.

Correspondence:

- Stormwater permit for the State of Vermont is overdue, Daryl Burlett to investigate exactly what the permit covers.

Motion to adjourn by Daryl Burlett at 6:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie LaFond

Selectboard Assistant

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