

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
MAY 26th, 2026, 5:00pm

Selectboard Present:

Brad Barrett, Guy Charlton, Daryl Burlett, Ben Bartholomew

Selectboard Absent:

Jim Pritchard

Others Present:

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

Public Present: Wayne Fletcher, Jon Dodd

Call to Order:

Brad Barrett (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Approve Agenda:

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

Amendments to the Agenda:

Added executive Session- Legal Correspondence at the end of meeting

Approve Selectboard Minutes:

Motion by Daryl Burlett to approve May 11th, 2026, minutes as amended, second by Guy Charlton, motion carried.

Motion by Daryl Burlett to approve May 21st, 2026, minutes as presented, second by Charlton, motion carried.

Amendment To Minutes 4/29/26

Correct ACH payment to \$1,900.14

Pay Bills:

Motion by Daryl Burlett to pay Payroll in the amount of \$12,366.81 second by Guy Charlton, motion carried, Brad Barrett abstained.

Motion by Brad Barrett to pay Regular Bills in the amount of \$55,877.70 second by Guy Charlton, motion carried.

Highway Department:

Road Foreman Report

1. Things are going very well, lots of progress on roads
2. Working in Pleasant Valley and Ledge Rd next
3. New truck to be equipped in July
4. Grant for Coates Hill project was \$24,000 with \$4,000 in kind
5. Possibility of putting the Mack on Auctions international

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Guy Charlton for Brad Barrett to purchase a 14' bar for the grader, motion carried .

Excess Weight Permits

Motion by Ben Bartholomew, second by Guy Charlton for Brad Barrett (Chair) to sign excess weight permit for Structural Wood Corp dba Roll Lock Truss, motion carried.

Bid Opening Paving Bids

1. Pike- \$83,205.15
2. Wilk- \$75,735.00
3. Peckham- \$82,200.00

Note: All bidders bid on the same quality asphalt and same quantity

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Guy Charlton to accept the bid from Wilk Paving in the amount of \$75,735.00 for paving on Sunset Lake Road after July 1st, 2026, motion carried

Road Commissioner:

- The backhoe has been listed on Auctions International along with some miscellaneous equipment from the Highway Department.

Motion by Guy Charlton for the proceeds from the sale of the backhoe should be applied to the transfer station excavator loan and proceeds from the sale of the highway equipment should be applied to the highway equipment fund, second by Ben Bartholomew, motion carried.

Transfer Station:

- New 305 Excavator is working great, getting at least 9 tons per pull now
- Greg has been doing a great job
- New kick plates have been installed
- Trash has been picked up around the facility
- Weed whacking has been kept up
- Excavator has been serviced
- Daryl will contact Wade from VLCT to let him know all the corrections from the inspection have been completed

Treasurer Report/ Town Clerk

- Supplied the Board with a current P&L, all appropriations should be entered soon and financials cleaned up by Friday.

Board of Liquor Control

Motion by Daryl Burlett, second by Ben Bartholomew to approve the liquor license for Benson General Store, motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Sign LEMP- (Local Emergency Management Plan)-

Motion by Daryl, second by Guy Charlton to adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan, motion carried.

Sign LHMP- (Local Hazard Mitigation Plan)-

Motion by Daryl, second by Ben Bartholomew to adopt the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, motion carried.

Reimbursement of Culvert Inventory-

- Culvert inventory form has been processed for reimbursement. Amount of \$7,960 will go back into the highway account this was paid out of Better Roads Grant fund originally.

Executive Session- Legal Correspondence:

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Daryl Burlett to have an executive session for an issue that the Board has determined that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the state, municipality, other public body, or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage, motion carried.

Guy Charlton made motion that the Board enter Executive Session with Wayne Fletcher per 1. V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1) for the purpose of discussing Confidential Legal Correspondence at 5:58 pm, second by Daryl Burlett, motion carried.

Out of Executive Session at 6:20pm

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Daryl Burlett to leave executive session, motion carried.

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Daryl Burlett to research records on the Turkey Farm Rd plowing incident, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Daryl Burlett at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie LaFond
Selectboard Assistant

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