

Town of Bennington
Special Session
August 4, 2026 – 5:30 pm
Draft #1

In attendance: Supervisor Mark Prior, Council Members Deborah Anstett, Maria Prior.
Clerk Joanne Rosenthal.

Supervisor Prior opened meeting at 5:35 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by D. Anstett.

Resolution #2026-8-1 Appointments (2) to Fill Vacancies on Bennington Town Board

1. The Town Board acknowledges the resignations of Council Members Joyce Mohun (June 10, 2026) and Bernard Frounick (July 10, 2026), creating two vacancies on the Town Board.
2. In accordance with New York Town Law, Section 64 (5), the Town Board is authorized to fill vacancies in elective offices until December 31 of the year in which the next biennial town election occurs.
3. The Town Board, hereby, appoints Danielle Lampart to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joyce Mohun. This appointment shall continue through December 31, 2026.
4. The Town Board, hereby, appoints Lynn Dusen to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bernard Frounick. This appointment shall continue through December 31, 2026.
5. The Town Clerk is directed to update the Oath of Office record book and notify Wyoming County Board of Elections.

Motion by: D. Anstett. Seconded by: Maria Prior.

Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0. Vacant: 2.

Resolution #2026-8-2 Establish Working Parameters for Positions Throughout the Town's Employment System.

1. The Town Board acknowledges that various positions within the Town's employment system currently lack clearly established working parameters, a condition resulting from previous administrations not defining such standards.
2. The absence of structured parameters has created uncertainty, inconsistency, and inefficiency throughout multiple areas of Town operations. The Town Board finds that this situation is unfair, both to the Town and to its employees, who require clarity and stability to perform their duties effectively.
3. The Town Board declares its intention to establish formal working parameters for positions throughout the Town's employment system. These parameters will be designed to provide stability, accountability, and increased production and efficiency at all levels of Town operations

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4. In developing these parameters, the Town Board will consult with the New York State Comptroller's Office and the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services to ensure compliance with all applicable legal requirements, best practices, and statutory obligations associated with various Town positions.
5. The Town Board directs that this initiative be undertaken promptly and systematically, with updates provided to the Board as guidance is received and draft parameters are prepared.

Motion by: Maria Prior. Second by: D. Anstett

Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0. Vacant: 2.

Motion to adjourn: 5:40 pm. Maria Prior

Attendance: 7.