Town of Bennington

Special Session

October 8, 2026

In attendance: Supervisor Mark Prior, Council Members Deborah Anstett, Danielle Lampart, Lynn Dusen, Maria Prior. Peter Sorgi town attorney. Supervisor Prior opened meeting at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by D. Anstett.

Call Meeting to Order; pledge of allegiance.

Petitions and public concerns:

Town Board of the Town of Bennington, New York

Resolution filling Town Clerk Vacancy

Bennington Special Town Board Meeting – October 8, 2026

The following resolution was introduced: as Resolution 10-1-26

WHEREAS, Joanne Rosenthal has vacated her position as Bennington Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, New York Town Law § 64(5) provides the procedures for Town Boards to fill vacancies of elected officers such as Town Clerk as follows:

> Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy shall occur or exist in any town office, the town board or a majority of the members thereof, may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. If the appointment be made to fill a vacancy in an appointive office, the person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the appointment be made to fill a vacancy in an elective office, the person so appointed shall hold office until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled. A person, otherwise qualified, who is a member of the town board at the time the vacancy occurs may be appointed to fill the vacancy provided that he shall have resigned prior to such appointment.

WHEREAS, the Bennington Town Board finds it in the public interest to fill the position of Town Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BENNINGTON TOWN BOARD hereby finds Frank Brombos to be a qualified person to fill the vacancy of Bennington Town Clerk and hereby appoints Frank Brombos to the position of Bennington Town Clerk until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled, with said date being January 1, 2027.

Motion by: Danielle Lampart

Seconded by: Debbie Anstett

Upon roll call vote:

	Vote (Aye, Nay, Abstain or Absent)
Mark Prior, Town Supervisor	Aye
Deborah Anstett, Town Council Member	Aye
Lynn Dusen, Town Council Member	Aye
Danielle Lampart, Town Council Member	Aye
Maria Prior, Town Council Member	Aye

I hereby certify that at a Special Meeting of the Town Board of Town of Bennington, New York held at its offices at 905 Old Alleghany Road, in the Town of Bennington, New York, on the 8th day of October, 2026, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bennington.

Certified by the Bennington Town Attorney[1] on October 8, 2026

[1] Bennington Town Attorney assumed the duties of Town Clerk for the Special Town Board Meeting due to position of Town Clerk being vacant.

Resolution filling Tax Collector Vacancy

Bennington Special Town Board Meeting – October 8, 2026

The following resolution was introduced: as Resolution 10-2-26

WHEREAS, Joanne Rosenthal has vacated her position as Bennington Town Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, New York Town Law § 64(5) provides the procedures for Town Boards to fill vacancies of elected officers such as Tax Collector as follows:

> Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy shall occur or exist in any town office, the town board or a majority of the members thereof, may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. If the appointment be made to fill a vacancy in an appointive office, the person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the appointment be made to fill a vacancy in an elective office, the person so appointed shall hold office until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled. A person, otherwise qualified, who is a member of the town board at the time the vacancy occurs may be appointed to fill the vacancy provided that he shall have resigned prior to such appointment.

WHEREAS, the Bennington Town Board finds it in the public interest to fill the position of Tax Collector.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BENNINGTON TOWN BOARD hereby finds Frank Brombos to be a qualified person to fill the vacancy of Bennington Town Tax Collector and hereby appoints Frank Brombos to the position of Bennington Town Tax Collector for the remainder of the unexpired term of Bennington Town Tax Collector, with said date being January 1, 2027.

Motion by: Lynn Dusen

Seconded by: Maria Prior

Upon roll call vote:

	Vote (Aye, Nay, Abstain or Absent)
Mark Prior, Town Supervisor	Aye
Deborah Anstett, Town Council Member	Aye
Lynn Dusen, Town Council Member	Aye
Danielle Lampart, Town Council Member	Aye
Maria Prior, Town Council Member	Aye

I hereby certify that at a Special Meeting of the Town Board of Town of Bennington, New York held at its offices at 905 Old Alleghany Road, in the Town of Bennington, New York, on the 8th day of October, 2026, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bennington.

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Motion to move to Executive Session for employee discipline and discussion of current or pending litigation by Danielle Lampart Second by Debbie Anstett

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Return from Executive session with no action taken

Adjourn

6:18pm

5 present

[2] Bennington Town Attorney assumed the duties of Town Clerk for the Special Town Board Meeting due to position of Town Clerk being vacant.