

Process for Adoption of Bennington Policy Advisory Committee Policies

1. The seven-member Policy Advisory Committee (Committee) will include four community members appointed to draft specific policy and three permanent members to include Town of Bennington management, the Bennington Police Department and the Select Board.
2. Policies to be reviewed and adopted will be determined by the Bennington Police Department (BPD) in collaboration with the Bennington Select Board.
3. The Town of Bennington will provide policy materials such as model policies, related policy background papers, and relevant Bennington Police Department (BPD) policies on its website at least 10 days prior to review by the Committee.
4. The Committee will review policy materials, conduct their own research as needed, and meet to draft the identified policy.
5. The public may attend the policy drafting meeting of the Committee as observers. During the meeting, they will not be allowed to comment, confer with members of the committee or in any way participate in the Committee's work.
6. After completion of the Committee's work on each draft policy, the policy will be sent to the Town of Bennington's attorney, the State's Attorney's Office, and to the Chief of the Bennington Police Department for review and comment.
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 - a. If significant concerns are noted during review by the Town's attorney or the Chief of Police, the policy would go back to the Committee for further review.
 - b. If no significant concerns are noted in review, the policy goes to Select Board for adoption.
8. The first reading of the draft policy at a Select Board meeting will include time for comment by Select Board members and the public.
9. A vote to adopt the policy will occur at the second Select Board meeting and, after adoption, be signed by the Bennington Chief of Police and Chair of the Select Board.
10. Adopted policies will be available to the public on the BPD website.

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