

**Town of Benton**  
**Annual Budget Hearing**  
**January 24, 2018**

The annual budget hearing was called to order at 6:54 PM, at the conclusion of the Benton Board of Education budget hearing. Present were the following persons:

William Darcy	Regina Elliott	Dwight Swauger
Wayne Chevalier	Kristina Harris	Joseph Boutin
Laura Richardson	Gil Richardson	Tim Hickey
Scott Matz	Ken Kealey	

Copies of the budget and a discussion draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan were distributed to everyone present. Selectboard Chairman Darcy outlined the operating budget, which is less than the previous year's despite increased expenses for an audit of Town finances and the 5 year property reevaluation. The warrant articles concerning finances and other matters were also discussed. A wide variety of questions and comments were made with no specific or general objections to the budget. Attention was directed to the discussion draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and comments and participation were solicited. Gil and Laura Richardson volunteered to participate on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM