

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday March 4, 2019**

**Select Board Members:** William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott, Carol Vincelette

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, road contractor.

*These draft minutes of the Town of Benton Select Board are believed accurate and correct, but they are subject to additions, deletions and corrections by the Select Board at the next meeting when the Board votes its final approval of the minutes. These minutes are made available at this time to conform to the requirements of New Hampshire RSA 91-A:2.*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:44 PM

Member Vincelette moved approval of the February 25, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

Chairman Darcy reported on the Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Association meeting held on February 27 in Franconia. As expected, the Association voted to eliminate Associate Members from the bylaws, thus excluding Benton and Lyman from membership. While some members of the Association stated they could always charge Associate Members for mutual aid under the bylaws, they conceded that they had never done so. It thus appears the change was to make clear the members could charge for mutual aid rendered to the fire departments contracted with Benton and Lyman for service in those towns.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the operating account balance is \$236,075.29 and the ICS account balance is \$220,426,91.

The DOT annual road survey was received and the Chairman stated he would inform DOT of the addition of part of Long Pond Road to the roads maintained by the Town.

The US Census Bureau sent a request for a listing of residential building permits issued in 2018 and the Board discussed the relevant permits that had been issued.

The Chairman noted the annual DRA timber and excavation tax cards were received and turned over to Joe Boutin.

The Board established the following future meeting schedule, all for 6:30 PM at Town Hall:

April 8 and 29;  
May 6 and 20; and  
June 10 and 24.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.