

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2026**

Select Board Members: William Darcy, Chair, Regina Elliott, and Phillip Chicoine

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Tax Collector and Town Clerk; Joe Boutin, III, Chair of the Planning Board and School Board member.

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Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Member Chicoine moved approval of the amended July 6, 2026, minutes, seconded by Member Elliott, and the motion was approved.

The Chair noted he sent an email and certified letter to the Attorney General asking for litigation help with our illegal junkyards.

Mike Stiebitz reported on the status of the Town Hall ramp and door project. He also reported on a proposed donation of a flagpole.

Treasurer Swauger noted that the operating account at Bar Harbor Bank had a balance of \$189,830.88 and the NH PDIP balance was \$403,722.96. Checks prepared by the Treasurer were signed by the Board.

There was a discussion of new legislation which affects the school board budget process.

Joe Boutin reported on the culvert replacement on the upper part of Howe Hill Road.

Tax Collector Stiebitz reported on a request concerning payment of taxes by a person currently in jail.

There was discussion of a new Bradley Hill Road property owner who was disturbing neighbors with loud evening noises emanating from the property.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.