

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday January 10, 2022**

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

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

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the December 20, 2021 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

Chairman Darcy explained that Haverhill Town Manager transmitted a renewal of the Fire Services contract for 2022-2025 on substantially the same terms as the prior contract. He moved approval of the contract, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

A budget workshop is scheduled for January 17 at 6:30 and Treasurer Swauger handed out expenditure and revenue sheets with past period results to the members. The Board will also discuss recommended warrant articles for the Town Meeting to act upon. The joint budget hearing with the School Board is scheduled for January 24 at 6:30.

Treasurer Swauger discussed the Board of Education meeting he attended and the proposed Board and State education budgets which contained a 15% increase from the actual results in the prior year and a slight decrease from the last budget, for FY 2022.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance of \$333,419.85 and the ICS account balance of \$233,670.68. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

The Chairman reported that the Planning Board considered two building permit applications for a tiny house on the Thurston property on Long Pond Road and Craig Henry's residential building expansion on Tunnel Stream Road. In both cases the Planning Board is asking for further information before making a recommendation to the Selectboard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.