

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday December 9, 2019**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; and 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 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the November 25, 2019 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

Chairman Darcy reviewed a proposed use of excess administrative expenses grant (\$1,146.76) that arose from the October 2017 storm and resulting FEMA grants. The attached proposal to NH HSEM and FEMA is attached to these minutes and was approved by the Board.

Treasurer Swauger reported an operating account balance of \$295,820.48 and an ICS balance of \$233,088.52. Checks for bills prepared by the Treasurer were signed by the Board.

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the building permit application which the Planning Board is working on.

The Board noted the Beautify Benton Committee Memory Tree event is scheduled for December 18 at 7 PM.

The Board scheduled a budget workshop meeting for Wednesday January 8 at 6:30 PM

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

**Town of Benton**  
Grafton County, New Hampshire

December 9, 2019

**Proposal to NHHSEM/ FEMA for Use of PAAP DAC Excess Funds**  
**Disaster DR 4355**

The Town of Benton proposes to use the excess funds from its PAAP DAC grant award in the amount of \$1,146.76

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1. Participating in federal grants management and procurement courses (Hotel, transportation, etc.).	\$250
2. Selectboard and Town road contactor training by Horizon Engineering for environmental compliance with state and federal permit conditions for Town's primary flood mitigation project, the Tunnel Stream Road culvert project (3 hours x construction manager rate @ \$180/hr x 5 hours	\$810
3. Preliminary site preparation for Tunnel Stream Road culvert project for flood mitigation, primary construction project for Hazard mitigation identified in 8.1.2019 FEMA approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, including removal of trees (4 hours x @30/hour).	\$120
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,180</b>

The timeline for these activities is the following:

Activity1: Next NH HSEM training seminar for cost benefit calculator and mitigation grants.

Activity 2. Construction season Spring 2020.

Activity 3. Winter 2020 when environmental permits allow land clearing.

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William R. Darcy, Chairman