

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 20, 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; and Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor.

These draft minutes of the Town of Benton Select Board are believed to be 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.

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 certified mail 2nd notice to cease and desist operation of a junkyard sent to the Chaput/Mountain View Estates property was returned undelivered and will be resent. The certified mail notices to the Hickey property trust for the first notice to cease and desist operation of a junkyard was delivered to Hickey and the trustee in Nevada.

Mike Steibitz agreed to be the carpenter on the Town Hall ramp and door project, possibly with the help of a young helper.

No response has been received to recent correspondence with the Littleton Fire Department.

The second quarter report was received from the Trustees of the Trust Funds showing a balance of \$575 thousand.

There was discussion of how to respond to an inquiry from a potential resident of Tunnel Stream Road about snow plowing practices.

The Chair noted the receipt from state of a driveway permit application for the Partain property on Coventry Road, next to the property of Scott Matz.

School Board Chair Swauger reported that the latest estimate of the school board end of year unassigned fund balance is \$68 thousand.

Treasurer Swauger noted that the operating account at Bar Harbor Bank had a balance of \$174,718.17 and the NH PDIP balance was \$403,722.96. Checks prepared by the Treasurer were signed by the Board.

Member Chicoine reported that Tom Mayo has agreed to work on repairing the gravestones at Mountain View Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.