

**Town of Benton**  
**Budget Hearing and Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 20, 2023**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; and Joe Boutin III, Chairman of the Benton Board of Education.

*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 March 6, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and passed.

Member Elliott nominated William Darcy to Chair the Selectboard, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

Member Carpenter nominated William Darcy to be the Selectboard's representative on the Planning Board for the next 3 years, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

Chairman Darcy swore in Joseph Boutin III to his position as a School Board member for a new term of office.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the operating account balance was \$289,820.81 and the NH PDIP account had \$409,023.41.

The Board discussed some follow up from the Town Meeting, including transfers of funds to and from the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

The Board discussed the upcoming meetings concerning the Mountain View Cemetery, including the meeting with John Lord on Saturday, April 8.

The Board approved the meeting schedule for the next three months:

April 3 and 17

May 8 and 22

June 5 and 19

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.