

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday April 30, 2018

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

Also Present: Joseph Boutin, Jr., road contractor; Steve Allen, contract assessor; Bill Saffo and David Scott, NH DOT (Rte. 25 bridge repair); and Laura and Gil Richardson (bridge repair)

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:35 PM

Chairman Darcy moved approval of the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

The Board discussed with Steve Allen properties that may have been improved but escaped the inventory or building permit process. Mr. Allen presented 4 current use applications which he represented met all statutory criteria, which the Board approved/signed.

NH DOT representatives Bill Saffo and David Scott made a presentation on the repair work they intend to do on the Route 25 bridge over Oliverian Brook next to Learned Farm Road. There was discussion on the schedule, traffic control, lighting, etc. and the residents of Learned Farm Road asked questions as well as the Board. The DOT presented the Board with a Municipal Project Work Zone Agreement which the Board agreed to consider.

The Board considered the revised building permit application of Ralph Croswell for 67 Tunnel Stream Road. Since the driveway permit was approved by the Planning Board, the Board approved the building permit.

The Treasurer reported that after a \$50,000 ICS transfer and payment of the Board of Education invoice the operating account had \$42,940 and the ICS account had \$250,218.48. Checks were signed to pay bills.

Chairman Darcy reported that since the last meeting the NH Historical Commission approved our Davis Brook Bridge project and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has issued a permit for the repair work. The ACOE compliance certificate was signed and FEMA has informed us that no other steps are required for funding the bridge repair (unless some upper tier FEMA bureaucrat wants more information).

The Board discussed the text of a request for proposals for road maintenance.

Among the items on the Board's to do list are completion of the DOT road survey and adoption of financial, fraud and fund balance policies and salary documentation for audit and statutory compliance.

Joe Boutin provided information on the easement necessary for the culvert across private property on Tunnel Stream Road to mitigate runoff to Noble Road

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.