

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2025**

Select Board Members: William Darcy, Chair; and Regina Elliott

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; Joe Boutin, III, Planning 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 6:31 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the draft June 23, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy, and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Darcy reported on the successful conclusion of ARPA grant reporting, which avoided a threatened penalty of \$138,000.

Treasurer Swauger reported \$130,134.48 in the Woodsville Bank operating account and \$438,554.86 in the NH PDIP account. The Treasurer submitted checks for the Board to sign for payments.

Member Elliott reported that the cemetery gravestone repair contractor will be working in the cemetery to repair more stones.

There was a discussion of Town Hall rentals and notice of residents borrowing chairs.

The United States Secretary of the Interior informed us by letter that they will be depositing a payment in lieu of taxes of about \$81,000.

Next meeting is July 21, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.