

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2023**

Select Board Members: William R. Darcy, Chair; and Kim Carpenter

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; and Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

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. He noted that Member Elliott was unable to connect to the meeting via landline phone or internet because the Benton phone and internet was down along with cellphone WIFI calling capability.

Member Carpenter moved approval of the December 4, 2023 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy, and approved.

The Board further discussed the Avitar property assessment services contract with input from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

The Board signed the ratio analysis of property values which came out to 1.02, indicating the town properties were being assessed at market values.

Treasurer Swauger reported that there was \$225,721.34 in the operating fund at Woodsville Savings Bank Guaranty Trust and \$274,657.29 in the NH PDIP account

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.