

**Town of Benton  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2026**

Select Board Members: William Darcy, Chair, Regina Elliott, and Philip Chicoine

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Mike Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; and Joe Boutin, III, Planning Board Chair and School Board member.

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Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Member Chicoine moved approval of the February 3, 2026, minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy, and the motion was approved.

There was a discussion of the Town Meeting and potential budget and other questions that may be raised at the meeting.

There was a discussion of the need for a Moderator and the successful recruitment of Ally Noble. Mr. Elliott may be able to continue as Moderator for the Town Meeting next week.

Treasurer Swauger noted the operating account at Bar Harbor bank had \$254,697.97 and the NH PDIP balance was \$398,847.82. The Treasurer passed out checks for signing by the Board members.

The Town Clerk discussed the new Accessible Voting System required for the handicapped voting booth, but the state decided to forego that process for the Town Meeting because our voting format did not require ballots.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.