

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2025**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer, and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; 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 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the draft April 7, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy, and approved (Member Chicoine abstained because he was not at the meeting).

Chair Darcy stated he had made contact with our cemetery and town hall lawn mowing and trimming contractor and that he would be providing an insurance certificate.

Mike Stiebitz reported that he and Marty Noble were making arrangements to contract out the Town Hall building entrance ramp and door.

Chair Darcy reported that Scott Matz is arranging for a grant for someone to complete the Hazard Management Plan. He also reported that the ambulance contracts and fire warden paperwork were mailed, and the Planning Board would be meeting on the same day as our next Board meeting to consider some shed and driveway permit applications.

The Chair reported on the National Grid notice of work they would be doing on the transmission lines around Benton Flats, adding new insulators, which should increase their tax payments.

Treasurer Swauger reported \$207,589.20 in the Woodsville Bank operating account and \$433,857.61 in the NH PDIP account. The Treasurer submitted checks for payment. The Treasurer also reported on a \$97.27 delinquency notice from the IRS, which he would take care of by contacting them.

Joe Boutin presented a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber from Cersosimo Lumber off of Tunnel Stream Road on National Forest land, which the Board signed.

Member Elliott reported on some cemetery arrangements for the Finn family. She also reported there would be a birthday party at Town Hall on May 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.