

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor.

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.

Member Elliott moved approval of the March 4, 2024 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

The Chair informed the Members of the difficulties the Trustees of the Trust Funds are having with the State concerning the \$1,500 “savings account.”

The Chair noted his inquiries with Woodsville Savings Bank about securing new checks and found we needed more information about what type of checks we wanted. Treasurer Swauger provided an example of what we want. The Chair also informed the Board of a bounced tax payment check.

The State issued a report on the Long Pond dam which was circulated to Members for review. It concluded that the dam was in acceptable condition after repair work.

A building permit application for a new parsonage was submitted by the Benton Bible Chapel and referred to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

The Board completed the contact information requested by the State Police.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the operating account at the Woodsville bank had \$253,353.57 and the NH PDIP had \$459,324.87.

Member Elliott reported that the Benton Beautification Committee would be purchasing new ceiling fans, and shades and drapes for the windows.

The next meeting is April 1 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.