

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2023

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; 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 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 Carpenter moved approval of the October 23, 2023 minutes, seconded by Member Elliott, and approved.

Chairman Darcy noted that the Planning Board was holding a hearing and meeting November 20 on a lot line adjustment on the lots adjacent to the Town Hall between property owned by Albert Boutin and Billy Jo Sackett.

The Board discussed a 5-year contract proposal for property assessing services from Avitar Associates, including the costs compared to prior years. No decision was reached.

Treasurer Swauger reported that there was \$80,953.95 in the operating fund at Woodsville Savings Guaranty Trust and \$423,137.17 in the NH PDIP account. The Treasurer requested the Chair transfer money from the NH PDIP account to the operating account to pay for expected bills in the next month and the Chair agreed to do so.

The Chair stated that Blaktop had requested of Joe Boutin that the Town reserve a time slot for next year's paving work and the Board agreed.

Joe Boutin reported that he created a berm in front of the frog pond on Tunnel Stream Road to prevent the overflow from washing out the road.

Tax Collector Stiebitz and Chair Darcy both reported that they had inquired of DRA's Jamie Dow on when we could expect the tax rate to be set.

Member Carpenter reported on scanning the cemetery map.

Member Elliott reported on a welfare inquiry to help with a home repair and informed the citizen of alternatives for assistance.

The next meeting will be November 20, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.