

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday August 23, 2021**

**Select Board Members:** William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott, Kimberli Carpenter

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, Jr., Road Contractor

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the August 9, 2021 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

Chairman Darcy provided information on the progress of broadband internet efforts by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, the Grafton County Broadband Committee and the Northern Grafton Communications District.

The Treasurer was asked to segregate any expenditures against the grant funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in order to comply with federal reporting requirements. No expenditures have been made to date.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance of \$273,492.43 and the ICS account balance of \$233,592.60. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

Joe Boutin will be calling the paving company to get on their schedule to pave the portion of Howe Hill Road authorized at the Town Meeting.

The Board's next meeting is September 13, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.