

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Tax Collector and Town Clerk; Joe Boutin, III, Chair of the Planning Board and School Board member; 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 6:37 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the amended August 3, 2026, minutes, seconded by Member Chicoine, and the motion was approved.

Mike Stiebitz reported on the status of the Town Hall ramp and door project, with construction beginning after the primary election.

There was a discussion of the next meeting, with it planned for 4:00 PM on primary election day, Tuesday, September 8.

Treasurer Swauger noted that the operating account at Bar Harbor Bank had a balance of \$187,999.04 and the NH PDIP balance was \$404,985.74. Checks prepared by the Treasurer were signed by the Board.

There was a discussion of new legislation, HB 1300 which affects the school board budget process. School Board Chair Swauger reported that the Benton School Board's year end surplus (revenues exceeding expenses) was \$68,007.

Mike Stiebitz discussed the National Grid annual asset reports and failure to copy him on their filings.

Linda Gregory reported to Board members that Glencliff Home was intending on replacing the bridge to the Benton cemetery on High Street.

Member Chicoine informed the Board that Tom Mayo intends on working on the cemetery in September.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.