

**Town of Benton  
Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday September 12, 2022**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Gilbert Richardson, Town Moderator; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector and Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor and Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

*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 minutes for the meetings of August 22, 2022, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

The building permit request by Mr. Wells for a new residence on Tunnel Stream Road was referred to the Planning Board.

The Chairman noted he had sent information on the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool to Members and the Treasurer and asked them to review. He noted the current interest rate for Pool funds was 2.37%, considerably higher than we are getting from our operating and ICS accounts.

There was discussion with Gil Richardson and Mike Stiebitz about the primary election that would be held the next day.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance was \$345,947.41 and the ICS account had \$233,826.24.

Joe Boutin submitted his road maintenance bills for July and August.

Mr. Swauger, as Board of Education Member, discussed his intent to attend the SAU 23 Board meeting to object to transgender policies of the SAU.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.