

**Town of Benton  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2024**

**Select Board Members:** William R. Darcy, Chair; Kim Carpenter, and Gina Elliott (via phone)

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

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:32 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the February 19, 2024 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

DRA forms MS-60W and MS-535 were signed.

Chair Darcy requested a vote to intervene in the Public Utility Commission proceeding concerning the sale of the telephone company for, among other reasons, assuring the maintenance and service of copper wires providing telephone and DSL internet service to Benton residents and to assure the capability and willingness of the successor company to honor all legal obligations. The vote was unanimous.

The Chair reported that Granite State Energy Link would update us on their progress at our next meeting.

The Chair noted that NH Broadband fiber internet has been installed at Town Hall with 100/100 Mbps service.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the operating account at the Woodsville bank had \$250,984.50 and the NH PDIP had \$459,324.87. The Treasurer requested new checks and deposit slips for the Woodsville account.

Road contractor Joe Boutin provided a bill for road maintenance services for the last few months.

School Board member Swauger discussed some SAU 23 meetings, votes and activities.

The next meeting is March 18 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.