

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday April 27, 2020

Select Board Members: William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott; Carol Vincelette

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, 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.

The Board discussed the Coronavirus (COVID-19): No deaths north of Concord; still no infections in Benton, Landaff, Easton, Woodstock or Lincoln and only a few in Warren, Haverhill & Littleton; Governor's "non-essential" business closures in effect until at least May 11; White Mountain National Park hiking trailheads largely closed, but not some local ones such as Black Mountain. Member Vincelette reported that there were two new infections at the County nursing home in North Haverhill.

The NHEC broadband internet petition many Benton residents signed received the required 300 signatures and will be on the ballot. The Chairman participated in the NHEC Board of Directors meeting reacting to the broadband petition on April 21 and listened to the March 31 meeting tape. The Chairman received the requisite 100 signatures from NHEC members to be on the ballot for election as a NHEC Director.

Building permit for Harris property shed on Coventry road was approved.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$191,638.99 and the ICS account \$383,203.38. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

Tunnel Stream Road winter barrier is now down. Logging of Benton State forest is complete.

Assessment of utility property and the new law were discussed as well as the request by contract assessor Steve Allen for contract modification.

The Board reviewed and approved an elderly tax exemption application by Dwight Swauger.

Member Elliott noted a nuisance over the weekend at the property on the corner of Rte 116 and Bradley Hill Road. She also noted we may have a proposal coming for the repair of the cemetery wall from Alden and Nowell Brown. It was agreed to republish RFP ads in *The Bridge Weekly*.

Joe Boutin provided an inventory of culverts on Town roads (attached). Member Vincelette asked if they could be worked on without DES approval and Joe said all were small enough that they did not require DES approval, but they must be reported to the DES.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Tunnel Stream Rd beginning 91 RT 116

- ① 241' 15" x 50' Plastic 44° 5' 51" N 71° 52' 32" W
- ② 749' 18" x 40' Plastic 44° 5' 48" N 71° 52' 26" W
- ③ 1015' 18" x 40' Plastic 44° 5' 47" N 71° 52' 23" W
- ④ 1159' 18" x 45' 44° 5' 45" N 71° 52' 22" W
- ⑤ 1402' 18" x 40' 44° 5' 47" N 71° 52' 19" W
- ⑥ 1612' 18" x 40' 44° 5' 43" N 71° 52' 16" W
- ⑦ 2026' 24" x 40' Plastic 44° 5' 38" N 71° 52' 6" W
- ⑧ 2996' 24" x 30' Plastic 44° 5' 37" N 71° 52' 0" W
- ⑨ 3402' 15" x 30' Plastic 44° 5' 38" N 71° 51' 54" W
- ⑩ 3720' 15" x 30' Plastic 44° 5' 38" N 71° 51' 50" W
- ⑪ 4023' 15" x 35' 44° 5' 38" N 71° 51' 46" W
- ⑫ 4882' 18" x 50' Plastic 44° 5' 35" N 71° 51' 36" W
- ⑬ 5413' 30" x 40' Metal 44° 5' 35" N 71° 51' 35" W
- ⑭ 6398' 15" x 40' Plastic 44° 5' 27" N 71° 51' 18" W
- ⑮ 6829' 15" x 30' Plastic 44° 5' 25" N 71° 51' 13" W
- ⑯ 7565' 24" x 30' Plastic 44° 5' 22" N 71° 51' 4" W
- ⑰ 8587' 18" x 30' Plastic 44° 5' 16" N 71° 50' 53" W
- ⑱ 9040' 18" x 30' Plastic 44° 5' 14" N 71° 50' 48" W
- ⑲ 9870' 12" x 30' metal 44° 5' 8" N 71° 50' 39" W
- ⑳ 10,044' 15" x 34' Plastic 44° 5' 7" N 71° 50' 37" W
- ㉑ 10,376' 12" x 30' metal 44° 5' 4" N 71° 50' 35" W
- ㉒ 11,134' 30" x 28' Plastic 44° 4' 58" N 71° 50' 29" W
- ㉓ 12,055' 24" x 40' Plastic 44° 4' 52" N 71° 50' 25" W
- ㉔ 12,204' 15" x 33' metal 44° 4' 52" N 71° 50' 25" W
- ㉕ 13,426' 24" x 20' Plastic 44° 4' 40" N 71° 50' 10" W
- ㉖ 13,963' 15" x 35' Concrete 44° 4' 34" N 71° 50' 10" W
- ㉗ 14,475' 15" x 34' Concrete 44° 4' 30" N 71° 50' 10" W
- ㉘ 14,697' 18" x 50' Concrete 44° 4' 29" N 71° 50' 11" W
- ㉙ 14,958' 12" x 40' metal 44° 4' 27" N 71° 50' 9" W
- ㉚ 15,103' 15" x 24' concrete 44° 4' 28" N 71° 50' 7" W
- ㉛ 15,287' 15" x 30' metal 44° 4' 30" N 71° 50' 2" W

③② 15,581' 15" x 32 Concrete 44 4 32 N 71 50 3 W

③③ 18,008 18" x 28 Concrete 44 4 55 N 71 ~~49~~ 55 W

Tunnel Road 18,580'

April 2020

Howe Hill Rd 4240' 10 culverts

- ① 913' 15" x 36 plastic 44 6 2 71 54 9
- ② 1330' 15" x 36 plastic 44 5 58 71 54 10
- ③ 2168' 30" x 30' Plastic 44 5 51 71 54 16
- ④ 2496' 24" x 34 Plastic 44 5 49 71 54 19
- ⑤ 2684' 24" x 30' Plastic 44 5 48 71 54 21
- ⑥ 3300' 15" x 60' metal 44 5 46 71 54 28
- ⑦ 3353 15" x 40 Plastic 44 5 46 71 54 29
- ⑧ 3526 15" x 40 Plastic 44 5 44 71 54 31
- ⑨ 3590 15" x 20 metal 44 5 44 71 54 31
- ⑩ 3770 18" x 30' Plastic 44 5 42 71 54 33

Bowles Rd 850' 1 culvert

- ① 312' 18" x 20' Plastic 44 5 47 71 54 34

Page Rd 1700' 1 culvert

- ① 1063' 15" x 20' 44 2 25 71 56 24

Flat Iron Rd 3115' to town line 3518' to end 4 culverts

- ① 1056' 3' x 20' Concrete 44 1 16 71 56 51
- ② 1460' 24" x 30' Plastic 44 1 20 71 56 54
- ③ 2295 12" x 20' Plastic 44 1 28 71 56 59
- ④ 2496 15" x 20' metal 44 1 29 71 56 60

1584' no culverts

North South Rd 1524' 4 culverts

- ① 327' 18" x 30' Plastic 44 5 50 71 52 53
- ② 706' 18" x 50 Plastic 44 5 42 71 52 56
- ③ 917' 18" x 37 metal 44 5 45 71 52 58
- ④ 1324' 15" x 30' Plastic 44 5 42 71 52 59