

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2022**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; 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 September 12, 2022, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

The building permit request by Mr. Wells for a new residence on Tunnel Stream Road, which was recommended by the Planning Board, was approved.

The building permit for a shed on the Churchill property on the lot next to the Town Hall was approved.

The Planning Board found incomplete a building permit application for a pole barn on Coventry Road submitted by David Boutin and they have requested additional information.

The Board discussed replacing the very low interest earning ICS account at Woodsville Savings Bank with an account at the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, currently earning 2.37%, interest. A motion was made by Chairman Darcy, seconded by member Carpenter and unanimously approved to transfer the money from the ICS account to the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance has \$278,380.93 and the ICS account has \$233,826.24.

The Board renewed the authorization of the Chairman to purchase a Town Hall side door canopy, for a cost not to exceed \$500, pursuant to a Town Meeting approved warrant article.

The Board authorized the Chairman to attend the New Hampshire Municipal Association Annual Meeting and pay the expenses (registration, mileage and hotel).

Member Elliott discussed the need for speed control signs on the state highway.

The Board discussed an inquiry about the Town's rules on short term rentals (e.g., Airbnb).

The Board signed a DRA assessment form option recommended by the Tax Collector.

The Board set the following meeting schedule:

October 17, 2022

November 7 and 21

December 5 and 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.