

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2025**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Mike Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; 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 6:31 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the January 20, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter, and approved.

The Board discussed the budget and warrant articles, which must be entered into the DRA system, approved by DRA, and posted by February 24, 2025. The Chair reported that he can not be in Benton on March 11, the day of the Annual Meeting, but will be available via telephone to outline and answer questions about the budget and warrant articles.

The Board also discussed the Annual Report. The Board agreed to dedicate the Report to the recently deceased Daniel Finn. The Chair agreed to draft the Select Board's Report for review by the Board at the next meeting.

Member Carpenter reported that she will be resigning from the Select Board as of the Annual Meeting, so there will be two Select Board positions that must be elected at the Meeting.

Lara Saffo also informed the Chair and Town Clerk that she would not like to continue as interim Moderator, so the Annual Meeting will have to elect someone else to serve in that position.

Treasurer Swauger reported \$252,354.04 in the operating account and \$430,786.26 in the NH PDIP account. The Treasurer submitted checks for payment.

The Board had a discussion of the President's Executive Orders.

Joe Boutin submitted notices to cut timber and wood on properties own by Paul Scott on Coventry Road and Joseph Boutin on Tunnel Stream Road, which the Board signed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

