

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2023**

Select Board Members: William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliot, and Kimberli Carpenter
Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; 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 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 6:32 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the June 5 and 19, 2023 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved. Member Carpenter moved approval of the July 3 and July 17, 2023 minutes, which were approved with Chair Darcy abstaining because he was out of state.

Chair Darcy stated the Planning Board had recommended approval of the permit application for a garage on the McMahan property on Coventry Road, behind the Town Hall. The Board approved and signed the building permit.

Chair Darcy stated he would see to the completion of a contract with Daryl Brooks for maintaining the Mountain View Cemetery and Town Hall lawns, along with a securing a current insurance certificate.

Scott Matz reported that the FEMA process for reimbursement of the December 2022 storm is complete, with the help of Joe Boutin and Mike Stiebitz, and a payment should be forthcoming.

Chair Darcy noted he had sent the invoices for Primex general liability and workers compensation insurance to the Treasurer.

There was a discussion of a schedule of rates for the road maintenance contract.

Treasurer Swauger reported that there was \$232,405.88 in the operating fund at Woodsville Guaranty Trust and \$417,388.07 in the NH PDIP account.

There was a discussion of fences for the Town Hall side yard and cemetery retaining wall.

Member Elliott had met with and secured a reasonable bid for repair of gravestones and work would commence next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM