

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday August 3, 2020

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

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.

Member Elliott moved approval of the July 20, 2020 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

There was little to report of Coronavirus (COVID-19); no infections in Benton, or North of us to Canada, South of us until Lebanon and East of us to Bartlett.

Building permits were reviewed and approved for April Boutin for a manufactured house on Coventry Road and for Betty Nickles for a small addition to a mini house behind the main house. on Howe Hill Road.

As to the broadband initiative, NHEC did a survey with positive results for members wanting broadband and some Board of Directors votes in favor of proceeding with seeking grants.

The cemetery wall repair is proceeding on schedule and it looks great.

The low bidder on the Tunnel Stream Road paving project, Blaktop, will be starting later this month. Our road contractor Joe Boutin has completed road paving preparations.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$132,974.88 and the ICS account \$383,298.83. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

A pistol permit was issued to Dwight Swauger.

The Chairman reported that a deed has been prepared for the land conveyed behind Town Hall by Attorney Bruno of Woodsville. Ken Bullard and Sam Boutin will be signing it and the deed will be filed at Grafton County deeds office.

The next meeting will be August 17 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.