

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday July 10, 2019

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor and Surveyor of Wood and Lumber; Alan Pelissey (building permit)

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

Chairman Darcy moved approval of the June 24, 2019 meeting minutes, with the addition that the first August meeting date was changed from August 12 to August 5, seconded by Member Vincelette and approved.

Chairman Darcy noted an irate telephone call received from Chip Ulery after the town posted the sign on Oliverian Road alerting vehicles that the road was not maintained by the town and the subsequent email he sent informing Mr. Ulery of court and legislative developments which may assist the upkeep of the road by other means.

The Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan is nearly complete after a final meeting with New Hampshire Emergency Management last week. We expect an approval letter shortly. The next step will be an acceptance resolution by the Selectboard.

Treasurer Swauger reported an operating account balance of \$263,500.21 and an ICS balance of \$232,990.86.

Chairman Darcy noted a conversation with the School Board Chairman in which another \$35,000 was added to the projected budget surplus, bringing the surplus to about \$65,000, more than six times what was represented at the March 2019 Town Meeting.

The Long Pond Road reconstruction is in full swing and may be complete in August. The snow plow turnaround area approval from the USFS is still pending, but the USFS engineer offered another area closer to the gate that is now used as an equipment staging area by the road reconstruction contractor.

A building permit for a minor addition to the 456 Bradley Hill Road residence (enclosing the porch/deck) was submitted by Alan Pelissey and referred to the Planning Board.

Another building permit was submitted by Jeremy Elliott for a more extensive addition to his residence at 142 Coventry Road, which was also referred to the Planning Board.

Member Elliott brought up the need to repair the cemetery stone wall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.