

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday July 11, 2022

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Mike Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor and Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:30 PM.

The Board signed a variety of assessment and tax reporting forms.

Chairman Darcy reported that with the help of Treasurer Swauger we successfully completed and submitted the grant application to replace the faulty Tunnel Stream Road Culvert, for approximately \$171,000. We don't know when the grant decisions will be made.

Chairman Darcy reported on the receipt of the annual payment from the federal government for the payment in lieu of taxes for the White Mountain National Forest land, which is reflected in the increased operating account balance.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance was \$321,671.06 and the ICS account had \$233,806.39.

There was a further discussion of the road contract to account for the large increase in the costs of fuel. The Board agreed to increase the excavator rate by \$10 per hours in addition to the previously approved hourly rate for the 2014 Weston Star 10 wheeler from \$75 to \$90.

Blaktop paving company submitted their certificate of insurance in preparation for the paving work on Tunnel Stream Road. Joe Boutin reported that in conjunction with the paving project he would be replacing some culverts on the road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.15 PM.