

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2024**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; Joe Boutin III, road contractor and school board member; and Susan Welch and Jeff Davis.

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 6:30 PM.

Chair Darcy noted he had transmitted all building permit approvals from the last meeting to the applicants. He also noted that changes have been made to the building permit application, including a prominent notice that construction cannot commence until a permit is approved, requiring an email address of the applicants, and having the applicant certify “**THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL COMPLY WITH ALL RELEVANT BUILDING CODES.**”

The Board discussed providing estimated revenues to DRA. The Board signed the MS-1 form to be sent to DRA that states property values. Both estimated revenues and property values are components used by DRA to establish a preliminary tax rate.

The Chair noted that Town mail is now delivered to the mailbox across the street from Town Hall.

There was a discussion about building a new ramp entrance to Town Hall. Marty Noble and Mike Stiebitz will be responsible for that project.

Treasurer Swauger reported the account at Woodsville Guaranty Bank had \$190,324.42, and the NH PDIP account had \$471,816.53. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

Joe Boutin, III submitted a building permit application for a shed containing winter sand for the Town’s roads to be erected on their property on Tunnel Stream Road which was approved by the Board. Joe also noted that the paving was completed on Tunnel Stream Road and a culvert was replaced on Howe Hill Road.

Susan Welch and Jeff Davis appeared to discuss their intent to add a recreational vehicle trailer to their site on Tunnel Stream Road which they represented would be for their own recreational use and not for rental purposes. They were advised to submit a building permit application.

School Board Chair Swauger reported that he will be seeking a cap on school board expenditures.

The Board approved the following schedule of meetings:

October 7 and 21; November 4 and 18; and December 9 and 23.

Member Elliott noted she will be in Florida on October 21 and that the election is on November 5.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.