

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, October 7, 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, Jr., road contractor; and Greg Mathieson

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Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Chair Darcy noted the Ms-434 estimated revenues has been uploaded to the DRA portal and the 2023 dwelling using survey of BEA has been completed.

The project for a new Town Hall ramp by Marty Noble and Mike Stiebitz will be done next year.

There was a discussion of the Welch RV building permit on Tunnel Stream Road, which was referred to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

There was a discussion of transferring the Consolidated phone account to Ooma and terminating the internet account. The Consolidated account pin is unknown, so that may cause a problem.

Treasurer Swauger reported the account at Woodsville Guaranty Bank had \$105,196.94, and the NH PDIP account had \$473,835.17. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer. The Chair was asked to transfer \$50,000 from the NH PDIP account to the Woodsville bank account.

Joe Boutin submitted a bill for three months of road work, including the replacement of four culverts, the paving preparation work, repairing various road washouts, and mowing the new area of the cemetery.

Town Clerk Stiebitz reported that he had issued 36 abstentee ballots, 32 of which went to Glenclyff residents. As Tax Collector Stiebitz reported, two tax liens were issued, which the Town purchased for \$3,800.

Member Elliott reported that the cemetery repair firm, Greystone Services, was contacted, and they are willing to repair more gravestones next spring.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.