

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday October 25, 2021

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Mike Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; and Joe Boutin, Jr., 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 October 11, 2021 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved. Member Carpenter abstained as she was not in attendance at the October 11 meeting.

The Board discussed the DRA proposed tax rate and the adjustments to estimated revenues and overlay that were possible in setting the tax rate. The Board agreed that the Chairman could work with DRA to set the tax rate between \$17 and \$17.50 per thousand dollars of property value.

The Board discussed the conclusion of the gravesite survey of the Mountain View Cemetery and the bill received from Harry Burgess.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance of \$124,689.01 and the ICS account balance of \$233,631.64. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

The Chairman noted the receipt of a proposed assessment contract from Avitar with a fixed price for the next year and the 5-year reassessment of the entire property roles of the Town.

There was a report on the most recent Benton School Board meeting from Treasurer Swauger.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.