

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday September 23, 2019

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, 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 September 9, 2019 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

Chairman Darcy reported that at a meeting with USFS representatives and Joe Boutin the USFS agreed to repair the damage to the Benton maintained portion of Long Pond Road caused by the heavy equipment being used to repair the USFS portion of Long Pond Road. They also reported further delays in the Long Pond Road repair, apparently because of contractor personnel problems.

USFS also informed us that they had referred the matter of the snowplow turnaround area on Long Pond Road to their grants manager for drafting an agreement. Having not heard from the grants manager, Chairman Darcy reported that earlier in the day he had emailed the USFS District Ranger Brooke Brown requesting that Benton be given permission to build the turnaround area now, before the winter, subject to later written agreement. His request was approved by the District Ranger.

The Board approved the application of Colin and Elizabeth Thurston to build a gravel pad and put a mini-home RV on the pad at their lot on 33 Long Pond Road, which had previously been recommended for approval by the Planning Board.

Treasurer Swauger reported an operating account balance of \$169,967.67 and an ICS balance of \$233,030.43. Checks for bills prepared by the Treasurer were signed by the Board.

Member Elliott reported that a former Selectboard member had contacted her concerning the discussion of moving the Welcome to Benton sign to the corner of Route 116 and Bradley Hill and Howe Hill roads and the difficult issues it would create with NH DOT. Member Elliott suggested that the Welcome to Benton sign be moved to the Town Hall side of the road and that a new sign for Mountain View Cemetery be erected at the current location of the Welcome to Benton sign. Chairman Darcy agreed.

The Board approved a previously posted Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber requested by Cersosimo Lumber on a 1200 acre wood lot off Tunnel Stream Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.