

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, July21, 2025**

Select Board Members: William Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott, and Philip Chicoine

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; Joe Boutin, III, Planning and School Board member; and Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor.

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 6:33 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the draft July 7, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy, and the minutes were approved.

There was a discussion of the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance closure.

The quarterly report of the Trustees of the Trust Fund was posted on our website.

Joe Boutin requested that the Town set up an account with Ferguson.com so that he could purchase some culverts. Ferguson was awarded the state contract, and municipalities can receive the same prices.

Treasurer Swauger reported \$196,021.48 in the Woodsville Savings Bank operating account and \$438,554.86 in the NH PDIP account. The Treasurer submitted checks for the Board to sign.

Members of the Selectboard were informed that they need to sign new signature cards with the Woodsville Savings Bank.

Member Elliott reported that the cemetery gravestone repair contractor arrived to do his work and was told to leave because a funeral was in progress. Apologies were provided, and he was asked to return. The Town Clerk will tell local funeral homes of the need to alert the Town in advance of their funeral schedules.

The next meeting is on August 4, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.