

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2022**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor and Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

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 6:33 PM.

Member Carpenter moved approval of the December 5, 2022 minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

The Board set the following meeting schedule for the next few months:

January 9 and 23 (budget hearing)
February 6 and 20
March 6 and 20

Treasurer Swauger reported the balance in the operating account of \$435,480.16 and the ICS account of \$233,981.31. He also reported that he has started work on the Annual Report.

Board of Education member Swauger reported that the board of education budget looks favorable, with a possible reduction in net costs.

Member Elliott reported on the Memory Tree event, which had the best turnout in years, including many new residents. The event raised \$2,290 and the money will be used for new Christmas lights, a replacement Memory board and primarily for cemetery renovations.

Member Elliott reported that the New Hampshire old cemetery leader, John Lord, would be in Benton for a seminar on cemetery restorations on April 8, 2023.

The next Board meeting will be January 9th at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.