

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday September 8, 2026**

Select Board Members: Regina Elliott, and Phillip Chicoine

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Tax Collector and Town Clerk.

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.

Treasurer Swauger called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Draft minutes from August 24, 2026 were not available for approval.

Building permit was applied for by R. Croswell for renewal of former building application that has expired. Member Elliott and Member Chicoine agreed it will be forwarded to the Planning Board.

Member Elliott submitted two checks to the Treasurer. One from the Elliott family for town hall rental and a check for a baby shower at town hall to be deposited.

Mike Stiebitz reported that the Town Hall ramp will be started this week. Keys to the side door entrance were provided until work is completed.

Treasurer Swauger noted that the operating account at Bar Harbor Bank had a balance of \$192,365.12 and the NH PDIP balance was \$406,267.90. Checks prepared by the Treasurer were signed by the Board.

There was a discussion of new legislation which affects the school board budget process. Chairman Swauger also reported the meeting dates for the Benton School District will be moved to Tuesday night at 6:00 PM to accommodate members with conflicts. Next school board meeting will be September 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Next meeting is September 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.