

**Town of Benton  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday, November 11, 2022**

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

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

*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 Elliott noted the adjournment time for the last meeting should be 6:55 PM and as so amended moved approval of the minutes for the meeting of October 17, 2022, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

Chairman Darcy noted that a public hearing is required to accept unanticipated grant funds, in this case the supplemental road maintenance grant received earlier this year.

The Board signed the tax reevaluation contract for next year, which occurs every 5 years. The cost is consistent with the Town Meeting approved warrant article and budget.

The Board signed the tax warrant proposed by the Town Clerk based on a tax rate of \$17.05 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance has \$192,960.90 and the ICS account has \$233,901.84.

The Town Clerk reported on a successful election, with 41 absentee ballots and 190 residents who voted of the 259 eligible registered voters, for an election turnout of 73.36%.

School Board Member Swauger noted that the SAU 23 preliminary budget has an 8% decrease.

The next Board meeting will be November 21 at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.