

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, March 17, 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; 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 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the draft March 3, 2025 meeting minutes seconded by Chairman Darcy, and approved (Member Chicoine abstained because he was not a Selectman at the time of the meeting).

The Chair noted the Conexon telephone service will be installed on March 20, thus lowering the Town's telephone bill.

The Board signed a number of post-Annual Meeting reports to the NH Department Revenue Administration (DRA), including forms MS-232, 535 and 636.

The Chair explained the Board's budget and tax policy of maintaining citizen tax bills with minimal fluctuation from year to year.

Treasurer Swauger reported \$271,167.86 in the Woodsville Bank operating account and \$432,251.02 in the NH PDIP account. The Treasurer submitted checks for payment.

School Board Chair Swauger discussed recent SAU and Benton school board budgetary matters.

Member Elliot nominated Member Darcy as Board Chair, seconded by Member Chicoine, and approved.

The Board set future meetings of the Board for 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, and June 9 & 23

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.