

**Town of Benton**  
**Budget Hearing and Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 22, 2023**

**Select Board Members:** William R. Darcy, Chair and Regina Elliott

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; and Joe Boutin, Road Contractor and Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:31 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the February 6, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and passed.

Chairman Darcy noted he submitted a “permissions” form to add Member Elliott to the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NH PDIP) account to make transactions, and provided her with the form she needed to complete and fax to them to consummate her addition to the account. The Chairman noted he had transferred \$10,000 into the account to see how fast the transactions into and out of the account take before transferring more into the new account.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the operating account balance was \$678,752.64 and the NH PDIP account had \$10,000.

School Board member Swauger noted that the SAU business office is now estimating the year end surplus to be \$107,000, up from \$60,000 in late January.

Joe Boutin presented a notice of intent to cut wood or timber for a USFS site off of Oliverian Road, which the Board signed.

There was a brief discussion of speeding signs, with Member Elliott stating she would be getting some more information on the topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.