

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday July 20, 2020**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, road contractor

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the July 6, 2020 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

The Chairman swore in Kimberli Carpenter who took the oath as Selectman. Arrangements will be made with our bank to enable Member Carpenter to sign checks with the other Selectboard members.

There was little to report of Coronavirus (COVID-19); Haverhill had a case last week that was resolved and now there is not a single case of infection North until Lancaster, West until Bartlett and South until Orford.

As to broadband initiative, NHEC, Carroll, Coos and Grafton County are doing customer surveys; NH CARES broadband grant RFP decisions not yet made by state.

Chairman Darcy reported that the cemetery wall repair contract had been signed and was to start this week.

The Chairman reported that the USFS finally opened Long Pond Road after repairs.

Bids have been received from two contractors for the Tunnel Stream Road paving project authorized by the Town Meeting. The Chairman will review the bids, calculate the costs and report on the low bidder.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$140,185.65 and the ICS account \$383,298.83. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

A building permit to expand the residence at 64 Howe Hill Road was referred to the Planning Board.

A request was received for use of the Town Hall parking area for a wedding party, which was granted.

Joe Boutin submitted bills for recent work preparing for the paving of Tunnel Stream Road and work on the roads on Benton Flats. He will be putting in three new culverts on the stretch of road being prepared for paving.

The next meeting will be August 3 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.