

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday June 22, 2020

Select Board Members: William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott; Carol Vincelette

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, road contractor; the Benton Beautification Committee

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 moved approval of the June 8, 2020 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

The Benton Beautification Committee joined the Board for a discussion of improvements to the Town Hall and Mountain View Cemetery properties. The discussion included the cemetery wall and stairs; the Town Hall sign proposed by the Town Clerk, possibly adding a book kiosk, and moving the sign in the cemetery to the front of the Town Hall above the foyer; the cemetery and Town Hall fences; the door and outside roof for the Town Hall kitchen entrance and the triangle of land between Bradley Hill Road, Coventry Road and Howe Hill Road. The Beautification Committee agreed to donate \$3,800 of their funds to these efforts to beautify and improve Town properties.

Selectboard Member Carol Vincelette submitted her resignation from the Board.

There was nothing new of Coronavirus (COVID-19; there are still very few infections in our area, with none currently in Benton, Haverhill, Warren, Woodstock, Piermont, Easton, Landaff, Bath or Littleton.

The broadband initiative at New Hampshire Electric Cooperative gained momentum with the 64% vote of the members in favor of broadband implementation and the election of William Darcy to the Board of Directors.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$76,735.44 and the ICS account \$383,267.40. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

The Board reviewed the building permit application to erect a garage by Nowell Brown, which was previously recommended by the Planning Board. The Board approved the permit.

Chairman Darcy reported that the Planning Board conducted a public hearing on the subdivision and Planning Board rules of procedure earlier today and approved the two lot subdivision adjacent to Town Hall owned by Bullard and Boutin. The Planning Board is helping April Boutin to complete her application for a building permit for a manufactured home.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.