

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

Select Board Members: William R. Darcy, Chair; Gina Elliott (via phone) and Kim Carpenter
Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; and Joe Boutin, road contractor.

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 6:35 PM.

Member Carpenter moved approval of the December 18, 2023 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy, and approved.

The Board discussed and then approved a one-year contract with Avitar for property assessment services.

The Board approved a \$100 contribution to the Woodsville/Wells River 4th of July celebration.

The joint budget hearing with the Board of Education is scheduled for January 31, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

The Board discussed the receipt of more state funds for bridge repair and maintenance and the need for a warrant article to transfer the funds to the dedicated reserve fund.

Treasurer Swauger reported that there was \$426,630.14 in the operating fund at Woodsville Savings Bank Guaranty Trust and \$275,932 in the NH PDIP account. Chairman Darcy agreed to transfer some of the Woodsville funds into the NH PDIP account.

The Board agreed to the following schedule of meetings:

January 9 and 22; February 5 and 19; and March 4 and 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.