

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2022**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor and Surveyor of Wood and Lumber; and Scott Roden.

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 6:34 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the November 7, 2022 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

Scott Roden appeared and submitted a tax abatement application because the building at 172 Tunnel Stream Road he owns had been demolished before April 1, 2022. The Board will consider the application at its next meeting.

Member Elliott reported on her efforts to get appropriate highway signage from DOT to encourage lower speeds on Route 116 (Coventry Road).

Chairman Darcy noted that a public hearing on the receipt of unanticipated grant funds was noticed for a public hearing to be held at the last December meeting, December 19 at 6:30 PM, and the notice will be duly published in *The Bridge Weekly*.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance has \$140,756.35 and the ICS account has \$233,981.31.

The Board reviewed Avitar's reports on property sales to assessment ratios.

The Board reviewed and signed four Notices of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber, from Kennebec Lumber Company for the Indigo WMNF sale on Tunnel Stream Road and the Basin WMNF sale on North/South (Long Pond) Road; for the Ossipee Mountain Land Company for WMNF Sale # 116 off Tunnel Stream Road; and for the Faletra property on Bowles Road to be logged by Michael Clark.

The next Board meeting will be December 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.