

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday May 14, 2018**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joseph Boutin, Jr., road contractor.

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

Chairman Darcy moved approval of the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved (Member Vincelette abstaining).

The Treasurer reported that the operating account had \$58,016.33 and the ICS account had \$250,218.48. Checks were signed to pay bills. The Board signed DRA forms MS-535 (2017 financial report) and MS-232 (2018 budget) for uploading to the DRA Municipal Web Portal.

Chairman Darcy reported that he had a conference call with FEMA and NH Emergency Management concerning the October 2017 storm and that a more detailed “scoping” meeting would be held at Town Hall at the end of the month.

The Board signed a Municipal Project Work Zone Agreement with the NH DOT concerning the bridge construction on Route 25.

The Board approved the revised text of the request for proposals for road maintenance which will be published in local papers with proposals due on May 31.

The Board assigned the DOT road survey to the Town’s road contractor Joe Boutin.

The Board approved a draft letter to the Trustees of the Trust Accounts requesting the money approved in the Town Meeting warrant articles be sent to the Town.

Chairman Darcy said the recent NH Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin noted that the bill concerning postponement of Town Meetings was in conference committee. Both our local state representatives had voted to take away local control of the power to postpone meetings. He suggested we write a letter to our State representatives and senator expressing our support for local control and all members agreed.

The Board agreed to a meeting schedule of June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 13 and 27 and September 13 and 27.

Joe Boutin asked to take down the 5-ton weight limit sign for the recently repaired Davis Brook Bridge on Tunnel Stream Road and make a more reasonable weight limit. There was an extended discussion of the weight of various service vehicles that use the road and the capability of the bridge to handle them. NH DOT imposes no weight limit on the bridge. There was also a discussion of putting up a seasonal barrier to protect the Easton end of Tunnel Stream Road during mud season. Chairman Darcy moved that we order new 20-ton weight limit signs, seconded my Member Vincelette and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.