Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2026

Select Board Members: William Darcy, Chair, Gina Elliott and Phillip Chicoine

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Tax Collector and Town Clerk; Joe Boutin, III, Chair of the Planning Board and School Board member; and Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor.

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Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Member Chicoine moved approval of the October 12, 2026 minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

Chair Darcy discussed strategy regarding junkyards and the Attorney General.

Chair Darcy proposed a letter of thanks to Glencliff Home Administrator Todd Bickford for his staff on the High Street Cemetery grounds, bridge and sign, which the Board approved and signed.

The Town Hall ramp and door project status update included work on the metal railing and the expected delivery of the door on November 16.

Members were advised to be at Town Hall for election responsibilities at 10:30 AM on November 3.

Treasurer Swauger noted that the operating account at Bar Harbor Bank had a balance of $73,039.11 and the NH PDIP balance was $407,541.95. Checks prepared by the Treasurer were signed by the Board.

There was a discussion of potential Town Hall rentals and some complaints about campers being used as residences.

Mr. Mayo repaired ten gravestones at the Mountain View Cemetery and will be back in the Spring to do more work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.