Town of Benton Minutes May 22, 2023

Board of Selectmen: Gina Elliott and Kimberli Carpenter

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer, Joe Boutin, Surveyor of Wood & Timber.

Public: John Fox, 491 Coventry Road, Benton, NH

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.

Member Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Member Carpenter moved to approve minutes from May 5, 2023 meeting, seconded by Member Elliott, and approved.

Public Input: John Fox presented a problem with neighbors barking dogs being heard inside his house from inside a house across the street at 506 Coventry Road owned by Steve Mohr owner of Coventry Garage and landlord of the property involved. Tenants have 4 dogs and not sure if they have been registered in the town or if the renters are residents of Benton now and do they need their vehicles registered as such. Discussion ensued with other dog issues from Ingerson Road being discussed also. Town of Benton does not have an animal control officer and this problem needs to be handled by the select board. Further investigation and discussion will continue to next meeting.

Discussion raised about the trailer being occupied next to town hall as to where are waste being dumped and grey water issues. Discussion will continue.

Members signed Town Warrant, MS-636, MS-232, MS-535 for upload to Municipal portal. Signed letter for agreement with Twin States Clean Energy Link.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance as \$146,367.85 and the NHPDIP account balance is \$412,048.67.Bills were signed and distributed.

Members signed Intent to Cut presented by Joe Boutin for lumber cut by Cersosimo Lumber Co.

Next meeting date June 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Dwight Swauger, Treasurer