

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday September 27, 2021

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, Jr., Road Contractor; Benton Beautification Committee: Marguerite Christopher; Stephanie Saffo; and Fran Hadden

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 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the September 13, 2021 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

The Benton Beautification Committee appeared to discuss the transfer of the checking account from a Town affiliated account to an independent non-profit status. Chairman Darcy agreed to undertake the business registration first step before the Committee applied for the new checking account.

There was a discussion of the tiny lending library kiosk and Marguerite Christopher agreed to send a picture of what her son had built for that purpose.

The Board discussed allowing ATVs to use Coventry Road (Route 116) to get to the Black Mountain trails. The Chairman stated he would research the matter as to what the State required to authorize ATVs on the state road.

There was discussion of the notice received from the State about the lack of a filing by Cersosimo lumber and Joe Boutin agreed to take care of the matter. Joe also reported that the Howe Hill paving project authorized by the Town Meeting was substantially complete

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance of \$209,228.09 and the ICS account balance of \$233,612.44. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

There was a discussion of the difficulties filing the tax related documents in the DRA web portal, specifically the MS-1 (assessed property values) and MS-434 (estimated revenues) forms. The Chairman will work to resolve the matter.

The Board established a schedule of meetings for the next three months: October 11 and 25; November 8 and 22 and December 6 and 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.