

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2023

Select Board Members: William R. Darcy (via telephone), Chair; Regina Elliot, and Kimberli Carpenter

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Mike Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; Joe Boutin, Jr., Surveyor of Wood and Lumber; and John Fox

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:31 PM.

There was a discussion of dogs barking at the trailer above Coventry Garage disturbing John Fox and family across the street, and what could be done about it.

There was a discussion on the availability of maps for the cemetery plots and their possible location and copying. Also discussed was the need to mark the boundaries of all the grave plots.

The Board signed the timber tax warrant.

Chairman Darcy noted that he and Scott Matz filed a statement of intent for a hazard mitigation grant, which was determined to be eligible by the state emergency management office. The final grant application is due in early November.

There was agreement that Chairman Darcy would be responsible for securing the Town Hall side yard fence and Mike Stiebitz the outside bulletin board.

There was a discussion of cemetery rules.

Treasurer Swauger reported that there was \$154,455.74 in the operating fund at Woodsville Guaranty Trust and \$413,812.52 in NH PDIP.

There was a discussion of whether off road vehicles were permitted on Howe Hill Road in response to a request from a regional ATV and UTV club. The Town Clerk reported that he found no warrant article authorizing such vehicles on town roads.

Member Elliott discussed the work on the triangle separating Coventry Road, Howe Hill Road, and Bradley Hill Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM