

**Town of Benton  
Select Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

**Select Board Members:** William R. Darcy, Chair; and Regina Elliot  
Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; and Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor

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

Member Elliott moved approval of the September 11, 2023 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

There was a discussion of the property equalization report from DRA which was based on the existing property cards before the Avitar reevaluation.

The Board signed a two-year contract with Joe Boutin, Jr. for road maintenance.

Treasurer Swauger reported that there was \$234,006.78 in the operating fund at Woodsville Savings Guaranty Trust and \$419,309.12 in the NH PDIP account.

There was discussion of the need of an outside faucet at Town Hall to help with cemetery maintenance.

Joe Boutin reported that the paving work on Tunnel Stream Road and Howe Hill Road will likely start in the second week of October.

The Benton Beautification Committee completed the spraying of Town Hall for cluster flies and there was a noticeable improvement.

The Board agreed to the following meeting schedule for the coming months:

October 9 and 23  
November 6 and 20  
December 4 and 18

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM