**Town of Benton**
**Select Board Meeting**
**Monday, November 9, 2026**

Select Board Members: William Darcy, Chair, 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 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 26, 2026 minutes, seconded by Member Darcy and approved.

The Board signed the tax warrant and certification of ½% variance compliance so the tax bills could be issued by the Tax Collector.

The Chair noted the voters of SAU 23 towns as a whole approved the tax cap by the required 60%. How that will work out in practice is still under discussion.

The Board approve shed building permit applications for Bullard on Coventry Road and Harris on Bradley Hill Road.

The Board discussed the Town Hall project, some increased costs for the railings, and the remaining component of a new door that is expected later this month.

Treasurer Swauger noted that the operating account at Bar Harbor Bank had a balance of $73,192.73 and the NH PDIP balance was $408,894,91. Checks prepared by the Treasurer were signed by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.