

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday May 10, 2021**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Gil Richardson, Moderator; and Joe Boutin, road contractor

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the April 26, 2021 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

Town Moderator Gil Richardson discussed with the Board options for the conduct of the Town Meeting in June. There was agreement that in view of the vaccinations of most of the elderly and other residents and the revised state and medical guidance, that the meeting would be held inside Town Hall with masks optional and social distancing practiced.

Chairman Darcy stated he contacted Harry Burgess about doing a gravesite survey for the new cemetery area and he is scheduled to meet with him on Friday, May 21 at 9 AM.

Chairman Darcy reviewed the money that will be coming to the Town (about \$36,000) from the federal American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) and the limited purposes for which it can be used. The absence of Benton employees, significant pandemic costs or water and sewer projects makes it likely that the only productive use is for broadband infrastructure.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$276,942.32 and the ICS account \$233,514.57. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

May 24 is the next scheduled meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.