

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor; Joseph Boutin III; Gil Richardson, Moderator; Laura Richardson, Chair, Trustees of the Trust Funds; Rick Ladd, State Representative; and Greg Mathieson, State Representative candidate.

These draft minutes of the Town of Benton Select Board are believed to be 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 6:31 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the June 3, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Chair Darcy and approved.

State Representative Rick Ladd gave a summary of his activities at the state legislature, including his work as Chair of the Education Committee, including school funding issues, higher education, and other issues. State Representative candidate Greg Mathieson also gave a presentation on his priorities.

The Board of Adjustment approved a variance for a garage on the Carpenter property on Tunnel Stream Road and the Select Board approved the building permit.

Chair Darcy noted his election as the Chair of the New Hampshire Election Cooperative and his withdrawal from the Public Utilities Commission proceeding on the purchase of Consolidated Communications.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank operating account balance was \$83,427.78 and the NH PDIP account had \$465,539.84. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

The Board authorized giving a Town Hall key to Diana Roden.

School Board member Dwight Swauger reported that the SAU will be withdrawing from \$53,000 to \$75,000 from the school's expendable trust fund.

The Board set the following schedule for meetings in the next few months:

July 8 and 22; August 5 and 19; and September 9 and 23.

The next meeting is July 8, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

