

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025**

Select Board Members: William Darcy, Chair; Gina Elliott, and Philip Chicoine

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer and School Board Chair; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; and Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor.

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.

Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Member Chicoine moved approval of the draft August 18, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott, and the minutes were approved.

The Chair informed the Board that Marty Noble has submitted his written resignation from the Planning Board, effective at the end of September. There was a discussion of the need for the Select Board to appoint a replacement until the next Town Meeting.

There was a discussion of the recently received proposal for an ADA-compliant entrance ramp and door assembly for the Town Hall. It was decided to defer the decision on the proposal to the next meeting, allowing time for another bid to be submitted by a town resident interested in the matter.

After receipt of information that the School Board's end-of-year surplus was larger than expected, there was a discussion of the mechanics of maintaining tax rate stability.

Treasurer Swauger reported \$228,379.89 in the Woodsville Savings Bank operating account and \$441,774.94 in the NH PDIP account. The Treasurer submitted checks for the Board to sign.

The Chair passed out the proposal of Gil and Laura Richardson for a cemetery on Benton Flats at the end of Boucher Road on land they own. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The next meeting is on September 22, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.