

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday July 22, 2019

Select Board Members: William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott, Carol Vincelette

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor and Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

These draft minutes of the Town of Benton Select Board are believed 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 6:32 PM

Member Elliott moved approval of the July 8, 2019 minutes, seconded by member Vincelette and approved.

The Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the State Emergency Management agency, subject to approval by the governing body. The next step is formally adopting the plan by resolution. The Board signed the attached Certificate of Adoption.

The Board appointed Ken Kealey as Fire Marshal and Scott Matz as Deputy Fire Marshal.

Treasurer Swauger reported an operating account balance of \$253,752.97 and an ICS balance of \$232,990.86. He stated our expenditures to date, halfway through the year, were less overall than budgeted and only a few line items are over budget, such as the cemetery because of the additional work done.

The Planning Board recommended approval of the building permit for 456 Bradley Hill Road, which was for enclosing porch and deck areas on the small cabin. The Selectboard approved the permit.

The Planning Board recommended approval of the building permit for 142 Coventry Road subject to satisfactory answers concerning the septic system. The Planning Board's concern was that since a bedroom and bathroom were being added to the residence whether the existing septic system was sufficient. The owner responded that two people would be living in the house and that it had a 750 gallon septic system. While that was a bit undersized for the square footage, the Board was satisfied that it was sufficient and approved the permit requesting an expansion of the residence.

The Board discussed recent correspondence from the Governor and legislative leaders concerning the budget. The Board decided to take no action.

Joe Boutin said Blaktop Paving would be doing the work in August on the Tunnel Stream Road section that he had prepared for paving. He also submitted Blaktop's certificate of insurance. He said he had also recently repaired part of Tunnel Stream Road near the turnaround area before the section of road not maintained in winter.

Member Vincelette recounted some of the lessons from a disaster preparedness conference she recently attended. She also provided a list of follow-up items for the Board:

- 1) Cemetery wall repair bids
- 2) Benton sign in cemetery – paint and correct leaning
- 3) Level Town Hall front entrance ramp
- 4) Removal of trees from Cemetery corner lot
- 5) Inventory of town road culverts
- 6) Beautify Benton Committee-set meeting
- 7) Numbering building permits
- 8) Calendar of dates for state DRA reporting purposes
- 9) Property tax exemptions – review and update requirements
- 10) Fix fallen gravestones, clean stones, create brochure on cemetery rules

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

C. Signed Certificate of Adoption

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

BENTON, NH

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN OF BENTON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
UPDATE 2019

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in this Plan, resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Benton has developed and received conditional approval from the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management for its Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2019; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held between December 13, 2017 and November 19, 2018 regarding the development and review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of Benton; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of Benton with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Benton eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Benton;

2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation action items of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;

3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution;

4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Emergency Management Director.

Adopted this day, the 22nd day of July, 2019

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his signature and the corporate seal of the Town of Benton on this day, July 22, 2019

Michael P. Stiebitz

Notary

MICHAEL P. STIEBITZ



Expiration

3/7/2023

Date

7/22/2019

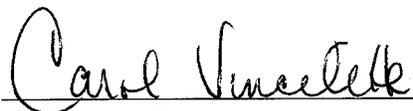
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

William R. Darcy
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Member of the Board of Selectmen

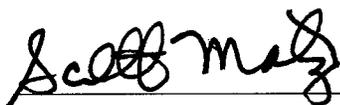
Regina Elliot
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Member of the Board of Selectmen

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Carol Vincelette

Emergency Management Director

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Scott Matz